



Lighting the Paths of Learning - Learn, Include, Global Citizenship, Health, Together

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MARCH 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is wonderful to welcome March and the beginning of spring! It has been fantastic to have lighter mornings and evenings as we see more sun and even the playground has felt a bit warmer before school! I am sure we are all looking forward to the warmer weather and can't wait for summer!



We only have four weeks left of this term and as usual they are pretty busy. We are really excited to be celebrating World Book Day on Friday, followed by STEM / Science week, Dandelion Coffee afternoon, shared learning visits, school reports and our Easter Service before we finish for the holidays. We hope that you can join us for some of the events we have coming up and hope you have a great month of March.

Staffing Update:

Last week we said a sad farewell to Mrs Atkinson as she joined the Moray Council's Education team as a Support for Learning teacher. Successful interviews were held for her post last week and I pleased to inform you that Hannah Ward, a very experienced teacher, will be joining us as our Support for Learning Teacher after the holidays.



Communication



Class Dojo is a great way for us to communicate and share with families the learning that is taking place in classes. This is a great tool for teachers to use,

however during the school day they do not always have access to Class Dojo and messages from parents. Recently, we have had an increase in absences and complaints being communicated through Class Dojo to Class Teachers. This has resulted in some messages being missed and due to this, we are asking for any messages about absences and any complaints to be sent to the school admin office email:

admin.stgerardinesp@moraydunet.gov.uk

This will ensure that we are able to account for all children quickly in the mornings. We will always try to resolve any complaint as soon as possible, within five working days if we can. Teachers will be setting quiet hours on their Class Dojos and have been asked to remind parents to send any complaints to the school admin email address for the Senior Leadership Team to respond to, thank you for your help in this matter.

School Gates

Thank you to everyone who has supported our change to the back gate being locked Monday – Friday, 9.15am – 2.45pm term time only. We have been really pleased with the positive responses we have received and also the support from the Lossiemouth Community Council with our changes to ensure the safety and security of all children at St. Gerardine Primary School.

NO THROUGH ACCESS

BACK GATE LOCKED

(TERM TIME ONLY)
Monday to Friday
9.15am to 2.45pm

01543 812201

St Gerardine School

Footwear at school



Please can we remind all children to wear the correct school shoes or trainers in school and not astro turf trainers. Sadly we have had some unfortunate football accidents caused by the studs during football games at lunch times and an increase in mud as it is trapped between the studs. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Toys in School

Staff have been noticing that a lot of toys are coming into school again and becoming quite a distraction in lessons and at lunchtimes. Please can we ensure all toys stay at home and any fidgets in school need to be discussed with the school as an agreed strategy to support your child before they come into school, thank you.



Primary 7 Leaver Hoodies



Primary 7 hoodies have been issued to all of the Primary 7s this week. We would like all of our children to be wearing their school uniform during STEM week as there are several local excursions planned and it is easier to identify our children if they are wearing their red school jumpers. We also don't want any children damaging their hoodies during Science / STEM week as well. With that in mind, we are then asking for the children not to wear them until Monday 16th March, thank you.



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World Book Day – Friday 6th March

Even though the official day for World Book Day is Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating with a dress up or come in pyjamas day on Friday 6th March. All children will be receiving their World Book Day £1 token this week, towards the cost of a book, or to purchase the specially released £1 World Book Day Books.



Parent Council



We are incredibly grateful to the Parent Council for their ongoing support across the school year. At our most recent meeting, some of our members who are Primary 7 parents will be leaving our Parent Council when their children leave this year. Our Parent Council not only represents all of our parents, but also works with the school on consultations, school improvement and interviewing for promoted posts. Would you be interested in supporting the school through joining our Parent Council? We really hope so! Get in touch with the school office if you would like more information, thank you.

DIARY DATES

MARCH

STEM Week / Moray Pathways



It is very nearly our Science / STEM week and this year we will be focusing on achieving the Crest Awards through our STEM experiments. A really big thank you to Mrs Mackenzie-Copp who has been organising our amazing STEM visitors for the classes across the week. On Friday 13th in the afternoon we will be holding our STEM Open afternoon for families to visit their child's class for activities and also the hall where Primary 7s will be demonstrating other experiments to try out. We are also joining up with Moray Pathways who with other partners will be available in the school hall for families to visit, more information will follow and we hope you can join us.



Mother's Day Shop – Friday 13th March

This will be a very busy day as the children are invited to dress down for a donation to the Mother's Day Stall, which will be available for all children in the hall from 3pm.



- 6th – World Book Day
- 9th – STEM Week
- 13th – Dress down/ STEM afternoon /Mother's Day Shop
- 17th – Easter Fun Event for local Nurseries
- 18th – Primary 7 Transition Project
Easter Fun Event for local Nurseries
- 20th – Red Nose Day – dress down and wear something red
School reports issued home
- 24th – P1 Shared Learning 2.30pm
- 25th – Dandelion Coffee afternoon
- 26th – Easter Service 9.30am
- 27th – End of term – dress down day

APRIL

- 13th – School reopens at 8.55am
- 15th – Reading Force with Dandelions
- 20th – Book Fair – more information to follow
- 24th – #MOTMC Purple up day

There are lots of exciting things happening in March and we hope all of the children really enjoy the learning experiences and you get to join us too for some of them. Hoping you have a great holiday when it comes,
Best wishes,
Mrs Wolford, Head Teacher.