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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is really lovely to be back at school, and able to write our final newsletter of this year, June comes quicker every year it seems! I want to express my heartfelt thanks and I am sure yours as well to Mrs Mather, for being the Acting Head Teacher and Mrs Stockwell for being the Acting Depute Head Teacher and all of the staff team for their hard work and dedication to our school whilst I was recovering from my operation. We truly have an amazing staff team at Kinloss Primary School and really wonderful pupils and it has been great to see their progress and how much they have grown and learned since I was last in school. I know that all of the teachers are incredibly proud of how much they have achieved this academic year. It is also sadly that time of the year, when we think about classes. Moving on and transitions and say sad farewells to the children and families who are moving on and continuing their academic journey away from Kinloss, we wish them all the very best.

Primary 7 have been on their transition days at Forres Academy this week and it has been great to have positive feedback from Mrs Sinclair about how they have been getting on at the Academy. We all hope they have had a great time and it has helped prepare them for next year, as they sadly leave us at the end of term.

Staffing Update:



We were thrilled that Mrs Fyfe has been successful at interview and will be the new Dandelion Project Education Support Officer for Moray. She will take over the post in August 2025 on a secondment basis, when Pri Chard sadly moves away. During the time Pri has been in post we have worked very closely with her and we have had some fantastic opportunities for our children from Service Families. We are excited that this strong connection will continue with Mrs Fyfe in the role next year, and know this is an amazing opportunity for her.

We are also really pleased to be welcoming new staff to Kinloss Primary School in August 2025. Mrs Miller will be joining us as a permanent teacher. She is a very experienced Early Years teacher and has recently met our new P1s at their transition days. We are looking forward to her working with Mrs Stockwell in the Early Years classes. We will also be welcoming two Newly Qualified Teachers, Mrs Chalmers and Mrs Sutcliffe to the school in August 2025, and I know they will be warmly welcomed by our school community.

Classes for 2025 / 2026

This year more than any other year, our school roll has fluctuated frequently with lots of children joining and leaving across the academic year. As a school staff we work together to identify potential classes for next year. With that in mind, children's new classes are in the process of being formed and will be issued on Wednesday 18th June, ahead of our step up / meet the new teacher visit on Friday 20th June. Whilst informing you, before the end of term, of your child's class and teacher please be aware that if there is either an increase or decrease in the current enrolled pupils during the summer break, we may need to reconfigure classes on either of the In-Service Days, Monday 18th or Tuesday 19th August (school returns on Wednesday 20th August 2025). Any changes that are made will be communicated via telephone to the parents on this day.

If your child is in a composite class, this has been created using reading ability groups, and not friendship groups. From year-to-year class compositions change and some composite classes are required due to pupil numbers. All teachers at Kinloss Primary School are trained at teaching across the curriculum to meet the needs of the spread of ability within their classes either through challenge or support. Our teachers work together to plan enriching learning experiences that are differentiated to meet all learners' needs regardless of the class composition. As a school we will continue to have our Numeracy Flexibility groups and Literacy Flexibility groups that provide greater opportunities to challenge and support pupils as required.

Primary 7 – Online Residential Meeting Alltncriche



On Tuesday 17th June at 6.30pm we will be holding an information session for current Primary 6 parents/ carers (next year's Primary 7s) for the P7 residential trip to Alltancriche in October 2025. An email with the link to the meeting has been sent to all P6 parents and we look forward to sharing more information about this great trip on the 17th June.

Primary 7 Leavers' Show – Friday 20th June 1.15pm

This year our Primary 7s have been working incredibly hard on their Leavers' Show with Mrs Rothnie, Mrs O'Shane and Mrs Robertson. They are excited to be presenting this to the whole school and their families on Friday 20th June at 1.15pm and then piped out after the show. On their last day of term, we will be out in the playground a bit earlier to sing Summer holiday and say goodbye to all of our Primary 7s, and all parents are welcome to join us in the playground for this final event. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Rothnie and Mrs O'Shane for their dedication and





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enthusiasm in teaching the class in their final term at Kinloss Primary school.

Nursery to Primary 1 Transition

We have almost completed our new Primary 1 transitions this year and it has been great to meet the new children and their families. The final transition event for all of the new Primary 1 pupils will take place on our step-up day, when they visit the P1 class rooms during the morning. We



have a large cohort of Primary 1 children joining us next year and we know that Primary 6s are very excited to be buddies to them in August when we return.

Kwik Cricket – Primary 6

Congratulations to our Kwik Cricket team who took part in the Forres ASG festival last month at Grant Park in Forres and won! They travelled to Grant Park and played against several other teams from across Moray and finished in the top 5 teams, an excellent achievement, and we are very proud of them.



Sports Day – 3rd June



Thank you to everyone who joined us for Sports' Day this year and congratulations to Rinnes House who won by 1 point!

The final scores were:

1st : Rinnes – 153

2nd : Wyvis – 152

3rd : Morven – 116

4th : Aigan – 114

Whole School Trip to Roseisle – 3rd June

We all had a fantastic day at Roseisle Forest and Beach and the weather even stayed dry for us! Our staff worked incredibly hard to plan some really great activities in the forest and also on the beach for their classes during the day. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who joined us and helped make this a really great day out. Thank you to the Parent Council who supported the trip by contributing towards the cost of the buses for the trip.



Family Picnic and Summer Fayre Friday 6th June



Thank you to all of our families who were able to join us for our Family picnic and Summer Fayre on the 6th June. All of the classes had worked hard to create their activities for our Summer Fayre, and a big thank you to everyone who joined us and donated for any of the stalls. We raised over £825, which is a great achievement for us. Thank you to everyone involved for making it such a fantastic afternoon.

DIARY DATES



17th – P6 Online Residential meeting 6.30pm

18th – New Class letters issued

19th – Primary 7 Dress Rehearsal for the Leavers' Show

20th – 9.15 – 10.15 Meet your new teacher visit

1.15pm Primary 7 Leavers' Show

24th – Never Such Innocence workshop with P4 - 7

25th – Primary 7 trip to Landmark

27th – Last day of term – dress down day end at 3pm, in the playground for goodbyes at 2.45pm



Return:

18th August - In Service Training

19th August – In Service Training

20th August – Wednesday at 8.45am school reopens for all pupils.



10th – October last day of term

27th – October first day of new term

Thank you to everyone for supporting Kinloss Primary School over the last year, it has been so valuable. A very big thank you to our teachers, support staff and children for their enthusiasm and hard work this year to make it such a success. Hoping everyone has a fantastic last few weeks at school and a wonderful summer holiday when it comes.
Mrs Wolford, Head Teacher