

Cluny Primary School

Class Newsletter



Term Three

January to End March 2026

Primary 5 / 6

Mr Schofield

Term 3 has started under a blanket of snow - 2026 has been quite memorable so far. We thank everyone in our Cluny community for their patience and co-operation during this period of closure and uncertainty. This is another busy term for us with Scottish Opera, cross country, Bikeability, another Open Morning for parents/carers (Maths/Numeracy this time) and not to mention.... a new Head Teacher starting! Phew... Thank you in advance for your support as we make the most of these great opportunities and continue covering all areas of the primary curriculum. Please see below for more information:

Our classroom has been recruited by the **Multi-Agency Research Squad (MARS)**. Our classroom has transformed into a high-security research base to investigate a massive sinkhole discovered right here in Scotland. The students are no longer just pupils—they are now lead **Archaeologists, Geneticists, and Forensic Historians** tasked with uncovering why the "Dawn People" disappeared.

Literacy and Language

- **Literacy: Forensic Reporting & Analysis**
- **Technical Vocabulary:** We are building a "Scientist's Dictionary," mastering complex terms like *Archaeology*, *Sedimentation*, *Inheritance*, and *Chronological* to use in formal reporting.
- **Evidence Analysis:** Students are analyzing "Official Sensitive" documents and primary sources (simulated artifacts and bone fragments) to piece together life in the Ice Age.

Dates for your Diary:

- Monday 19 January 2026 – Community Action Group 3 – Pupils meeting during assembly time
- Thursday 5 February 2026 – All Teach, All Learn Open Morning (Numeracy) – Meet in Hall 9.15am
- Thursday 12 February 2026 – In-service Day – no pupils in school
- Friday 13 February 2026 – Tuesday 17 February 2026 (inclusive) – School Holidays
- Wednesday 18 February 2026 – ASN Tea and Talk session – details to come (9.30 – 10.30am)
- Miss Karam's last day around first week of March (TBC)
- Thursday 12 March 2026 - Scottish Opera – P6s and P7s
- Week beginning 23 March 2026 – Bikeability for P4 and P6s
- Our last day of Term 3 is Friday 27 March 2026, we return for Term 4 on Monday 13 April 2026

- **The Field Journal:** Every investigator is maintaining a daily journal, blending **Narrative Writing** (imagining life as a Dawn Person) with **Discursive Writing** (debating the causes of the Mammoth's extinction).

Number Processes and Beyond Number

- **Coordinate Geometry:** Using a 1-meter grid system, students are plotting the exact X and Y coordinates of "finds" within the classroom sinkhole to create a professional site map.
- **Data & Statistics:** We are conducting biological surveys on inherited traits (like earlobe attachment and tongue rolling) and using **Bar Charts and Line Graphs** to compare ancient DNA data with our modern class population.
- **Measurement & Scale:** Students are applying estimation and precision skills to calculate the volume of the cavern and the scale of the "Sample X" remains found at the site.

Other Curricular News

Science: Genetics & Adaptation We are conducting a **Strawberry DNA Extraction** experiment to visualize the "blueprint" of life. We are also studying **Fossilization** by creating plaster casts and researching how the Dawn People physically adapted to the freezing Scottish tundra.

PE: Tactical Training (Badminton) We are undertaking a block of **Badminton**.

Art & RME: Culture & Belief

- **The First Marks:** Using willow charcoal and earth-tone pigments (ochres and olives), we are exploring how humans communicated through **Cave Art** before writing existed.
- **World Beliefs:** We are comparing the social structures of the Dawn People with modern world religions. This includes studying **Hinduism** (The story of the Ganges) and **Christianity**, looking at how different cultures find meaning in the world around them.

We continue on our journey as a Rights Respecting School, with a fresh focus on specific UNCRC Articles (Rights) across the school each month.

Right of the Month:

January 2026

*Article 3 – **Adults must always do what is best for you** – When adults make decisions that affect you, they should think about what is best for you..*

February 2026

*Article 12 – **You have the right to be listened to** – Your opinions matter, and adults should take them seriously as much as possible.*

March 2026

*Article 27 – **You have the right to a good standard of living** – food, clothes and a safe home.*

Our Class Timetable for Term Three of Academic Year 2025 - 2026:

9am – 3.10pm	Events/Activities
<i>Monday</i>	Math Workshop, Literacy Lab, Site Launch & Assembly (14:30)
<i>Tuesday</i>	Math Workshop, Literacy Lab, Society & RME Investigations
<i>Wednesday</i>	Math Workshop, Literacy Lab, The Science Lab & Badminton (PE)
<i>Thursday</i>	Math Workshop, French, Literacy Lab, Art: The First Marks
<i>Friday</i>	Math Workshop, Badminton (PE), Health & Wellbeing (HWB)

This timetable is subject to change. Thank you for ensuring personal items – bottles and clothing – are labelled.