



EDUCATION, HOUSING & COMMUNITIES

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Head Teacher Newsletter March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is sadly my final newsletter to you as I pass over responsibilities to our new Head Teacher, Mrs Lisa Campbell. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the staff and pupils as a teacher and Depute last year, and as the Acting Head Teacher this school year. I will still be in on occasion as supply cover until it is safer to travel to new adventures (this includes being in next week to cover some classes!).

This week we marked **International Women's Day** in assembly on Monday and welcomed Rosie who came to talk to us about her roots in Egypt and her cultural heritage. The children and staff really enjoyed her input and she loved seeing many of our classes' art work as part of their Ancient Egypt topic work. Thank you to Rosie for coming to spend time with us and answering our questions so enthusiastically.



We are so proud of three of our pupils for raising hundreds of pounds for their chosen charity, Macmillan. We loved hearing about your weekend stalls at home and all you did to raise money for this important cause – well done.

We are delighted to announce that **FIVE of our staff were nominated for Primary Teacher of the Year and Support Staff of the Year in the Moray and Banffshire Heroes 2026!**

Huge congratulations go to **Miss Addison, Mr Ewen and Mrs McLeay and to PSA Mrs Taylor and PSW Ms McLeod.** You are an inspiration to us all and we are so proud to work with you and learn from you.

Following this, our P4/5 teacher, Lisa Addison, has gone through to the final three in line for Teacher of the Year. The winner is now chosen by public vote.

We hope a number of you/your children would like to vote for Miss Addison so we are attaching the voting link below: (apparently you can vote more than once – hint, hint!)

<https://www.hnmedia.co.uk/morayheroes/primary-teacher-of-the-year/>

Thank you in advance for your support. It would be an honour for Moray and Banffshire Teacher of the Year to be from Cluny Primary School.

We hope Miss Addison enjoys the award ceremony irrespective of the result.

In sad news I am also letting you know that **Moray School Bank are closing.**

They have surplus stock, new shirts and trousers and shoes (size dependant) They do also have winter coats.

They are prepared, with confirmation that the receipt is to genuine in need, to issue next size items for the coming winter for those genuinely in need. Please let the school know if you would like more information regarding this – all requests will be treated confidentially.

They do hope to have a fun event in Buckie (perhaps Library) after Easter break.

We would like to thank the Moray School Bank for all the work they have done.

Children have been enjoying several lunchtime clubs recently, including Lego Club, Play Makers (for P1-3s) and **Boccia** (run by Active Schools). Boccia uses weighted balls and is an inclusive and fun sport that anyone of any age can participate in.



The **Parent Council/Friends of Cluny** met on Thursday 12 March to discuss a number of issues including the setting up of a sensory/memorial garden area and buddy bench with planters and perhaps bird houses. If you have any skills which may help us develop this project, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Also discussed were sports kits – if you have a company who would like to sponsor/donate to new sports kits, please let us know. We are very thankful for donations from Forsyths and William Grant that have allowed us to start the process of procuring the new sports kits for future local school sport events. The next PC/FOC meeting is on Thursday 14 May 2026 at 6.30pm in the school, which is before our Tombola on Wednesday 27 May from 6pm in the Fisherman's Hall for FOC funds.

Thank you again for all your support over the months. I leave you in Mrs Campbell's capable hands and with some photos of World Book Day and P6 and P7 Scottish Opera performance (below). Also below are posters for a couple of upcoming events we would love you to support.

With best wishes,

Kim

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World
Book
Day 2026



Scottish Opera 2026 – Primary 6 and 7 spent weeks learning the key moves and the songs for this year's performance.

The show, ***Dragon of the Western Seas***, was phenomenal.

Thank you to all our upper school staff who supported this initiative and helped the children prepare for the big day. I felt so proud of all our pupils while watching the dress rehearsal and the final show. Wow!







Cluny Primary School Coffee Morning

★ 9:30 - 11:30 ★

21st March

North Church Hall Buckie
Adults £3 • Children £1.50

Raffles, bottle stalls, chocolate tombola,
face painting, glitter tattoos and more.

Raising funds for Primary 7 leavers activities

Friends of Cluny Primary School

TOMBOLA!

Wednesday 27th May 2026

Doors Open 6pm - Starts 6.30pm

Fisherman's Hall, Buckie

BINGO

10	23	44	44	20
8	31	31	55	31
52	50	33	52	70
7		7	70	3



Bring Your Own Cup!

Entry £3 a Ticket