



September 2026 Newsletter



Now that we are settled into our new classes and have found our feet, here are a few updates and pieces of information that you might find useful.

Parent's Drop-In Session

Instead of holding a Meet the Teacher event or a Parents' Evening this term, we are hosting a Parents' Drop-In Session on Friday 25th September from 12.30pm to 2.00pm.

During this time, you are welcome to come along and have a look around your child's classroom, ask their class teacher any brief questions and allow your child to show you their work so far.

Cluster Information Hub Event

Come along to Kelso High School on the Friday 18th September from 1:00pm to find out what is on offer for your family in the Kelso area. From sporting activities and clubs to family support groups this fair will allow you to explore and get information about the many different agencies that operate in and around the Kelso area.

Pupil Roles and Responsibilities

Last week, our new pupil groups were established and pupils applied for a place on the group that they felt best matched their interests and strengths.

The pupil groups are as follows:

Pupil Council	Outdoor Learning	Eco Committee
Eliza Holmes	Alfie Hogarth	Eilidh Stark
Antonious Angouras	Callum Holmes	Lily Brewis
Maverick Pinder	Hugo Stark	Tobyn Brewis
Eilidh Townsend	Ruby Chapman	Blair Hogarth
Thomas Chapman		

School Improvement

The staff have recently been reviewing the Homework Policy which will be sent to you alongside this newsletter. Please take some time to read the policy and, if you have any comments or feedback, email them to Mrs Shiel. Thank you.

Communication

School to Home

We are aware that not all parents/carers collect their children from school each day, so we would like to know how you would prefer class teachers to contact you if they need to discuss something that has happened during the school day.

Please note that our more formal communications, such as newsletters, reports and information about trips, will continue to be sent via email or through the Xpressions/Eduspot app.

Please follow this link to fill in a short questionnaire about your preferences.

[Communication From Teachers – Fill in form](#)

Home to School

Here is a short guide to who to contact at school and when:

Issue	Time	Who to Contact
Questions about homework/classwork	During and out of school hours	Email Miss Jamieson
Questions about school lunch choices/payments, school trip details	During school time	Xpressions/Eduspot App
	Out of school hours	Xpressions/Eduspot App
Telling the school your child will be absent or has an appointment	During school time	Xpressions/Eduspot App
	Out of school hours	Xpressions/Eduspot App
Questions about behaviour/incidents	During school time	Email or phone Miss Jamieson
	Out of school hours	Email Miss Jamieson
Any other issue	During school time	Email or phone Mrs Shiel
	Out of school hours	Email Mrs Shiel

If you would like to quickly pass on a message to the class teachers, as always, please feel free to catch them before or after school. Or if you need to get in touch with the school in an emergency then please phone Mrs Ashby.

If you would like to discuss something more formally, please get in touch with Mrs Ashby to make an appointment.

Please note that, due to our new phone system, we are unable to answer the phone after 3.15pm. However, there is an answering machine if you would like to leave a message that will be picked up by Mrs Ashby the next day.

Facebook

We will continue to use Facebook to promote the school. However, moving forward, we will not include children's faces in posts. Instead, we will share close-up photographs of activities or anonymise all children within images.

Showbie

The best way to stay up to date with your child's progress and learning is through the Showbie app. There are two parts to the app:

- Your child's class – this is where the children access, complete and store the class work they do on Showbie throughout the day. Parents can view posts but cannot contribute to class content.

You can join your child's Class using the following code **EF3C62**

- Your child's class community – this is where the teachers and ELC staff post weekly, and sometimes daily, updates about all the activities taking place in school. Parents can interact, comment, and send messages. However, at the moment, not all parents are accessing these updates. We would love to see more families joining our community, sharing in and commenting on the children's successes.

You can join your child's class community through the Community section of Showbie using the following code **EY6JH7**

Please get in touch if you need any help downloading the Showbie app, accessing or joining a class or community.

Dates for your Diary in September

- **7th to 9th September** - P7 Residential
- **21st to 25th September** - Maths Week Scotland
- **18th September** – Cluster Information Hub Event, 1:00pm
- **25th September** - Parents' Drop-In Session, 12:30 – 2:00pm

As always if you have any questions, please just get in touch and ask.