

FOX COVERT PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 3 NEWSLETTER 2026



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. I hope this finds you and your families well and looking forward to the upcoming Easter break. This has been a very busy term, filled with great learning experiences and plenty of fun across the school. It has been great to welcome so many parents and carers into school to share in class learning through our assemblies and to support our recent Parent and Carer Consultations.

My thanks also go to our dedicated Parent Council, who continue to work extremely hard to support the school through fundraising and by organising surplus school clothing for families. I would also like to express my appreciation to our hardworking staff team for their ongoing commitment and dedication to all the children in our school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break, and I hope you are able to spend some quality family time together.

I look forward to working with you all in Term Four, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 21st April at 8.45am/8.50am.

Yours faithfully,

Douglas Bruce
Head Teacher



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Our P6s and P7s recently took part in the Swim Gala at The Royal Commonwealth Pool. The children did a fantastic job competing in a range of swimming races including the backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle swimming races - but most importantly they had fun and enjoyed the experience! A very big thank you to the parents and staff who helped organise our participation in the event, and very well done to our talented swimmers!

Pupil Parliament & Red Nose Day!



Our fantastic Pupil Parliament, along with Mrs Wright, planned our Red Nose Day fun this year.



They asked pupils what they wanted to see, gathered ideas, and decided that everyone could join in by coming to school with crazy hair, wearing something red, or enjoying a dress-down day. Thanks to their hard work—and everybody's participation—we raised an amazing £145 for Comic Relief! It was great to see so many children (and staff!) getting involved and supporting this great charity.

Euroquiz 2026!

A group of our P6 pupils took part in the annual Euroquiz 2026 recently. The event consisted of four very tricky rounds—History & Geography, Languages (Italian, French, German and Spanish), Understanding European Cultures and Current Affairs.

Our P6s put in a huge amount of preparation, demonstrating outstanding dedication from start to finish with their higher-order meta-skills on full display—teamwork, resilience and sharp critical thinking to name just a few.

A big well done to our committed P6s, and a huge thank-you to the families who supported us to prepare for the competition day!



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Our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) have had a very busy term, leading a whole range of activities to help keep our school community safe. As well as running the annual *Walk and Wheel* Survey—where they gather information about how children travel to school and encourage healthy, sustainable journeys—they also organised this term's brilliant *Bike Bus*. Setting off from the Leonardo Hotel, a group of children and parents cycled to school together, while promoting healthier alternatives than using the car.

The JRSOs are already looking ahead to Term 4, with Road Safety Week coming up in June. Our community police officer, PC Pollock, will be working closely with them to help remind families about responsible parking around the school.



Our Junior Road Safety Officers presented at a recent whole school assembly to promote the upcoming Bike Bus which was held in Term 3.



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Important Reminders



Parking Safety Reminder

We continue to respectfully ask all parents and carers to **park considerably around Fox Covert Primary School**. We regularly receive communication from our neighbours about vehicles blocking driveways and garages at drop-off and pick-up. Please park safely and with respect for the local community.

If you notice a vehicle parked illegally or obstructing access, you can report it directly to the City of Edinburgh Council using their Parking Reporting tool:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/reportincorrectlyparkedvehicles>

Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe and respectful.

Further important reminders:

- **Please ensure that pets are not brought to the school playground or at any drop-off/pick-up locations around the school.**



Children's safety is our top priority and pets can be very unpredictable around children.

- **Vaping and smoking is strictly prohibited in or near the school grounds.**



Gaelic Football!

Our upper-stage classes were fortunate to enjoy some very energetic Gaelic Football sessions this term, led by Gaelic Athletic Association coach Oisín Curran. The children threw themselves into the sport with great enthusiasm, and it was fantastic to see how quickly many of them picked up the skills and tactics involved. We were especially impressed by some very talented pupils who showed a real flair for the game.

We are extremely grateful to Oisín and the GAA for providing our pupils with this fantastic opportunity to experience a new sport and develop their teamwork, coordination and confidence in such a fun and engaging way!



Water Safety!



We recently enjoyed a fantastic visit from the Edinburgh Lost Shore team, who delivered an engaging and highly informative session on water safety. The children took part in interactive activities and learned about a range of important topics, including how rip tides form, the effects of cold water shock, and the key actions that can help keep you safe in an emergency situation. The session was incredibly valuable, and our pupils showed great interest and curiosity throughout. We are very grateful to the Lost Shore team for providing such an important and memorable learning experience for our school community.

P7 Leadership!



Well done to all our P7s, who have successfully applied for and interviewed for their leadership roles. A big thank-you to the P7 Leaders who supported parents with the clothing stalls at recent events—they were fantastic and were praised highly by the parents organising the event.

Important Food Reminders

- Please ensure bikes and scooters are locked and secured and taken home each day
- Mobile Phones and smart watches - phones and smart watches to be switched off before entering the playground in the morning and switched on at the end of the day after exiting the playground



- no lollipops with sticks to be brought to school as these are a choking hazard



Allergies - please do not bring any of the following into school as they may contain nuts:

- any form of Nutella products or chocolate with nuts in
- cereal bars (please check nutritional information)
- and of course, nuts of any kind



Choking hazards:



- please ensure grapes and tomatoes are are cut into halves, or ideally quarters as they pose a significant choking hazard risk.

Water bottles only to contain water - no fizzy/diluted juice please as this is sticky when spilled.

We respectfully ask that no food items such as cakes or sweets are donated to classes as part of birthday celebrations as we have a significant amount of children who experience food allergies.





Eco-Committee

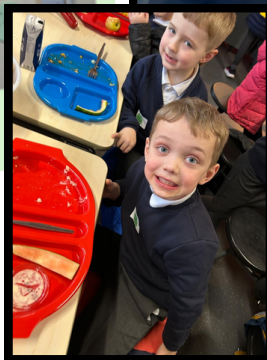


No Waste Thursdays

- Aim to eat ALL of your lunch!
- If an adult spots you, you might win a sticker.
- The eco committee will weigh and count the waste after lunch.
- LET'S GET THE ARROW GREEN!



Some of our very proud pupils who have managed to eat all their lunches recently!



Our Eco Committee have been hard at work this term, focussing on sustainable practices and helping the whole school think more carefully about food waste. Every Thursday, they lead our “low-waste lunch” initiative, with Eco-Committee members and Lunch Hall Monitors encouraging pupils to finish their meals and rewarding them with a sticker when they do. We’ve already seen a fantastic improvement—more children are finishing their lunches, and our overall food waste is dropping week by week.



Looking ahead to Term 4, the Eco Committee have even more exciting plans. They’ll be teaming up with Edinburgh Shoreline for a visit to Cramond Beach, where they’ll take part in sustainability activities that support a healthy coastline and marine ecosystems.

Our Eco-Committee confidently presenting at recent assembly!



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Please see the dates at the end of the newsletter for the upcoming Parent Council meetings for next year. Please take the time to join us and get involved in school life. The invitation is open to any parent or carer, and no experience is necessary. If you are curious to find out more please do not hesitate to get in touch!

foxcovertchair23@gmail.com or message through Classlists.

Our next Parent Council meeting is online on **Wednesday 6th May 2026 (6.30pm in school)**

The best way to keep in touch is to register to use:

- **Classlists (for all official Parent Council communication)**
- <https://app.classlist.com/start/#/parentgetapp>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/foxcovertprimaryparentcouncil>

You can also speak with your class rep about anything to do with the Parent Council, come along to the Parent Council meetings or contact us on our Facebook page.

More information about our Parent Council, including all our Parent Council Minutes can be found on our school website at:

<https://foxcovertprimary.com/parents/parent-council-2/>

Chair:	Mrs Kirsty Cassidy
Co-Chair:	Mrs Brooke Haldane
Secretary:	Liz Aitken
Treasurer:	Sarah Sherriff

Parent Class Reps:

P1	Caitlyn Borys/Grant Stalker
P1/2	Lana Lennon
P2	Catirona McShane
P3	Daisy Johnstone
P4	Michelle Hofmeyr
P4/5	Danielle Strachan
P5	Lisa Simpson
P6	Mhairi Kelly
P6/7	tbc
P7	Ali Connolly

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Getting in touch:

General Parent/Carer Enquiries: please email:
admin@foxcovert.edin.sch.uk or call 0131 339 3749.

To report children's absence: please email:
admin@foxcovert.edin.sch.uk or call 0131 339 3749. If nobody is available to take your call, please leave a message on the school answering machine.



School closes:	School Opens:
Thursday 2 nd April 2026 at 3.15pm/3.20pm	Tuesday 21 st April 2026 at 8.45/8.50am
Friday 26 th June 2026 12pm/12.05pm	Wednesday 12 th August 2026 at 8.45/8.50am

Inservice Days (children off school):	Bank Holidays (children off school):
Tuesday 5th May 2026	Monday 4 th May 2026 (May Day) Monday 18 th May 2026 (Victoria Day)

****Please keep an eye on our school website for the most up to date information on dates between newsletters.**

*****Please note dates are subject to change so please continue to check our website for the most up-to-date information.**

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Date:	Time:	Event:
Tuesday 28 th April	end of day	Class Newsletters out to Parents/Carers
Thursday 30 th April	2.30pm - 3.10pm	Parents/Carers Learning Together session - all welcome!
Friday 1 st May	9am - 9.40am	Parents/Carers Learning Together session - all welcome!
Wednesday 6 th May	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Parent Council Meeting (in school)
Thursday 14 th May	9.05am - 9.30am	P1 Assembly
Saturday 30 th May	afternoon	Summer Fair
Wednesday 3 rd June	morning	Sports Day
Wednesday 10 th June	morning	Sports Day reserve day in case 3 rd June cancelled due to wet weather
Wednesday 10 th June	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Parent Council Meeting (in school)
Friday 12 th June	end of day	School Reports out today
Tuesday 16 th June to Thursday 18 th June	all day	P7 Transition visits to Craigmount High School
Wednesday 24 th June	1.30pm - 3pm	P7 Leavers Assembly
Thursday 25 th June	time TBC	P7 Leavers Prom at Leonardo Hotel
Friday 26 th June	11.40am	P7s piped out of school

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