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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Ardvreck School and Nursery Class. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- Children exemplify the school values of altruism, gratitude and integrity, demonstrating a 'can do' attitude and adventurous competitive spirit. They are happy, well mannered, kind and enthusiastic about their learning. They are very proud to be 'Ardvreckians'.
- All staff make very effective use of the learning environment, facilities and school grounds to enhance children's learning experiences. As a result, children are supported very well to develop a wide range of attributes, talents, skills and abilities.
- Modelled and led very well by the headteacher, staff and children work together highly effectively to sustain a very strong community ethos across the school and nursery. Children benefit from positive, mutually respectful relations with each other and with staff.
- Children are thriving across the school and nursery. Staff work very well with families and partners to provide personalised support for every child. Children achieve strong positive outcomes in their learning and wellbeing.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from the Board of Governors.

- In the school, senior leaders and staff should continue to take forward work to further develop and embed high-quality learning and teaching.
- In the nursery, staff should work together to develop shared approaches to support children's learning. This should include more opportunities for children to independently lead their learning through appropriately challenging, purposeful experiences.

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We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using two quality indicators from How good is our school (4th edition). Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are HMIE's evaluations for Ardvreck School and Nursery

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**good**
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	**very good**
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school (4th edition) Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the ELC's work using two quality indicators from the Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors.

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**good**
Wellbeing, equality and inclusion	**good**

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE website at:
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What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. The headteacher and Board of Governors will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of their arrangements for reporting on the quality of the school.

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On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland

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