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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited St Ninian's RC Primary 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.

- Staff have developed a caring and nurturing ethos across the school and nursery which is underpinned by the school values and highly positive relationships. Children are happy, polite, respectful and welcoming. They enjoy their learning experiences and are very proud of their school and nursery.
- Senior leaders and staff in the school and nursery use data effectively to identify gaps in children's learning and plan targeted approaches well to improve outcomes for children who require this.
- Staff in the school use digital tools creatively to support children's engagement in learning. This is developing children's digital skills progressively.
- Staff, partners and older children in the school provide effective opportunities for all children to experience wider achievement. Children learn skills in a variety of creative and sporting activities which is helping them to develop important skills.
- In the nursery, staff are highly skilled in interacting with children as they play which supports children's wellbeing, learning and development very well.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Fife Council.

- Teachers should continue with activity that will support them to deepen further their shared understanding of national standards across all areas of the curriculum.
- Senior leaders and staff in the school need to provide increased challenge in children's learning to raise attainment further in literacy and numeracy.
- Staff in the nursery should work with all stakeholders to ensure a shared understanding of how the curriculum is delivered. This work should include how children will develop an age-appropriate understanding of children's rights.

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 St Ninian's RC Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	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 three quality indicators from the [Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors](#).

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

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE website at: [St Ninian's RC Primary School | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in Scotland](#)

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. Fife Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

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HM Inspector

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