24 November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Fossoway 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.

- In the nursery and school children are well behaved, confident and welcoming. They are very proud of their school They benefit from very positive nurturing relationships with all staff. Staff create calm, inclusive learning environments.
- High-quality learning and teaching across the school. The headteacher and staff have worked together well to agree and implement consistently high-quality learning and teaching. This is ensuring high standards and expectations for children.
- Children's achievements and contribution to the wider life of the school. In the school, all staff work very effectively with partners in the local community to provide a wide range of learning experiences for children. This supports children to achieve well.
- The headteacher's strategic approach to using data to improve outcomes for children. In the school, staff use data very effectively to monitor children's progress and identify children requiring additional support with their learning. They implement highly effective strategies and targeted interventions to close identified gaps in learning.

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

- In the nursery, staff should continue to improve approaches to learning and teaching. In doing so, staff should increase depth and challenge to enable children to make the best possible progress.
- In the school, staff should continue to build on the highly effective approaches to tracking children's progress, to include all curricular areas. This should allow staff to identify progress across all aspects of children's learning.

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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 Fossoway Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**very good**
Raising attainment and achievement	**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**
Children's Progress	**good**

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE website at: Inspection reports | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in Scotland

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

James Hammond
HM Inspector

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

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