

WEEKLY NEWS

12th - 16th January 2026



PTA Family Suppertime Ceilidh

**Friday 30th January
5pm - 6.30pm**



Join us for a family-friendly suppertime ceilidh on **Friday 30th January**. DJ Neil Mellis from Big Day Entertainment will be calling dances so expect a few classics and perhaps some new ones! This will take place in the school hall from 5pm - 6.30pm with hot food included in your ticket price.

Tickets are priced at £5 for adults and £3 for children.

Book online: <https://stmargaretsevents.com/>

Easter Holiday Club

Mrs Stirling



Easter Holiday Club

30th March - 3rd April

Looking for an exciting way to keep your child active and engaged this Easter break? Join us at St Margaret's Easter Holiday Club. The Holiday Club will be available to St Margaret's pupils and their family members who are aged between 3 and 12 years.

Children will be invited to share their ideas about activities for the week of the holiday club to ensure that the experience reflects the interests of the children taking part. There will of course be a broad range of activities such as baking, crafts, sports and circle games as well as time for free play. We aim to provide a balance of activities providing the opportunity to be creative and to experience energetic play, while also planning time for quiet activities, allowing children to concentrate on individual tasks, or take time to relax. The children will also take an active role in the day-to-day planning of the club when they attend.

If you wish to reserve a place for your child, please complete the booking form [here](#) by 13th March 2026 to secure a place.

Law Debating Society

Mrs Jennings



On Thursday 15th January, Clarissa and Sylvie took part in the second round of the Donald Dewar Memorial Debate. The motion was **'This House believes that with ethical guidelines and regulations in place, AI could be used in secondary school settings.'**

The girls were proposing the motion and did extremely well. They are now through to the semi-final, where ironically they will have an unseen motion, with no technology allowed.

Well done also to Annabel, Timi and Michelle who all took part in the lively floor debate!



After School Care

Mrs Stirling

During After School Care this week, the children have enjoyed a wide variety of activities. They explored their creativity and imagination through mark-making and painting, using a range of materials to create designs from monsters to rainbows. It was lovely to see so many bright and colourful pieces of artwork.

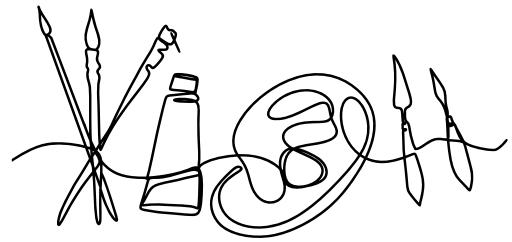
The children worked together as a team to build a den and practised their sharing skills while playing with the baby dolls. They also used their imagination in role-play, pretending to book their own children into After School Care so they could go off to work.

Mrs Stirling and Rebecca got inventive by playing noughts and crosses using our ink stamps. The children also explored open-ended resources from the loose parts box, allowing them to investigate, experiment and challenge themselves in their own individual ways.



Art & Design

Miss Wood & Mrs Bedford



IS Portrait Project

The girls began their portrait project on their return to school or working from home for those who could not make it in on account of the extreme weather. They took portrait photographs of themselves showing different emotions and this week they worked directly from them. Rather than aim to create photographic representations of them, their challenge was to work from five expressions, use a range of pen types, make continuous line studies whilst altering scale and position and overlapping. We had some interesting results!

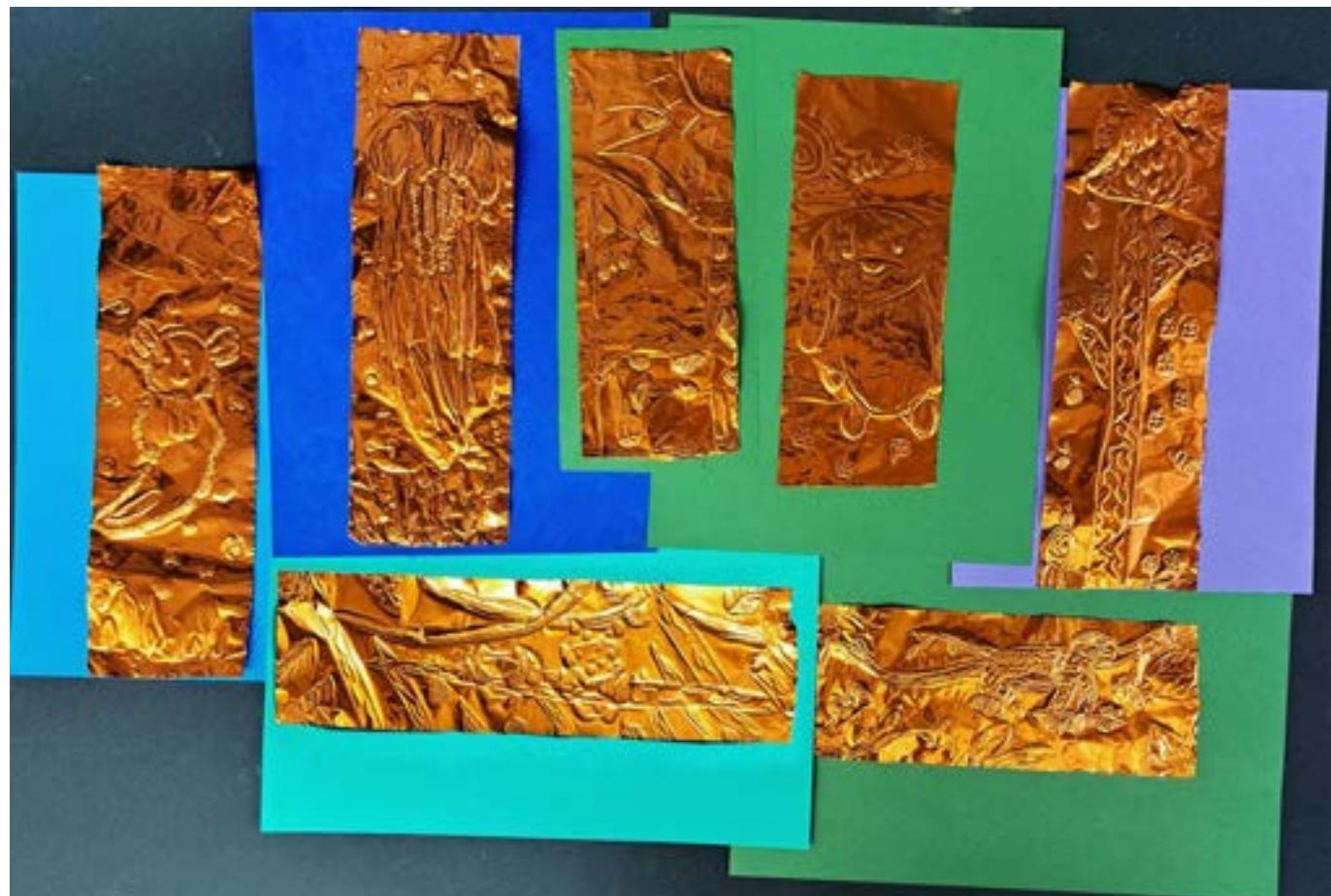


Junior Art Club

Mrs Teglas



This week in art club, the girls used the technique of embossing. This created raised and recessed textures in materials such as paper or in this case foil, resulting in a 3D effect for decorative purposes.



Nursery news



The nursery enjoyed their visit to 3 Junior this week for Paired Reading. The junior girls did a great job of engaging the nursery children with their storytelling.

Once they had listened to the stories, the nursery children were inspired to draw some pictures from the stories.

The wonderful role models in 3 Junior provided a lovely opportunity for the nursery children to develop their talking, listening, observational and writing skills. What a lot of learning took place!



It has also been great to get outdoors this week.

The children have spent some time investigating cause and effect through rolling balls on different surfaces. They have also been developing gross motor skills by running and jumping and honing their musical skills through active play with a variety of instruments.

Having small world play outdoors always provides our young learners with an exciting environment to spark imagination.





STREET DANCE CLASSES LAUNCHING IN **BANCHORY**

Mondays **@** Crathes Village Hall

4-7 Years: 4pm-4.45pm

8-11 years: 5pm - 6pm

Classes start Monday 26th January 2026

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