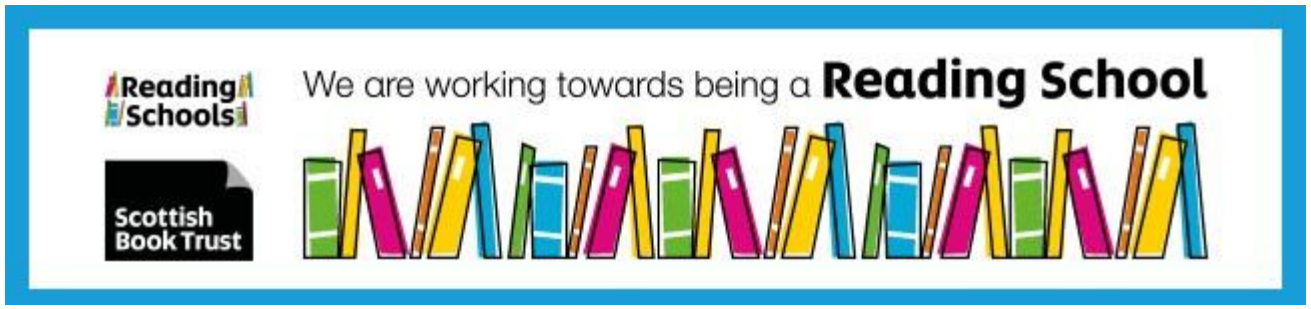
Thursday 1st October 2026

Pupil Bulletin



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RESPECTFUL RESPONSIBLE RESILIENT
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Reading

Reading this week will be during p7 (P3 on Friday)

S4,S5 & S6 - CAREERS FAIR
Thursday 1st October 2026

Pupils need to meet in the foyer at the start of P2 (9.50am)

S4 & S5 – please gather in House reg groups

Bus 1 - 4M & 5M with BT/LL

Bus 2 - 4R & 5R with MM/LR

Bus 3 - 4T &5T with TR/JN

Bus 4 - S6 with MJ/RW

*We are expecting one of the buses to be here sooner that the rest but we will be all leaving at the same time

PLEASE REMEMBER – YOU ARE REPRESENTING STROMNESS ACADEMY IN A PUBLIC SPACE ; BE POLITE AND RESPECTFUL. YOU SHOULD STAY ON THE LOWER FLOOR OF THE PICKY CENTRE AT ALL TIMES – YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THE CAFÉ.

Do you want to have a say?

The **Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) Elections are taking place in November 2026.**

- SYP is the democratically elected voice of Scotland's young people. MSYPs are elected every two years and represent young people in their communities, make sure their views are heard by decision-makers and campaign for positive change.

Could you be Orkney's next MSYP?

You **do not need previous experience of politics, youth forums or campaigning**. You just need to be keen to reach a wide range of young people who care about issues affecting themselves, their friends o
and would like the opportunity to make a difference.

To stand as a constituency candidate, you must:

- be **aged 14–25 when voting closes on 15 November 202**
- **live, work or study in Orkney**.

Library

- **Library - Reading Zone**

- Despite previous warnings, due to ongoing misuse, of the Reading Zone in the library (food, mess, boisterousness, and phone use) access will now be restricted until further notice to those wishing to read or browse books quietly.

- Pupils using the library during free time should be respectful of other users and staff. You need to be involved in one of the library activities, reading/book selection, board games, or just sitting quietly (quiet chat is acceptable).

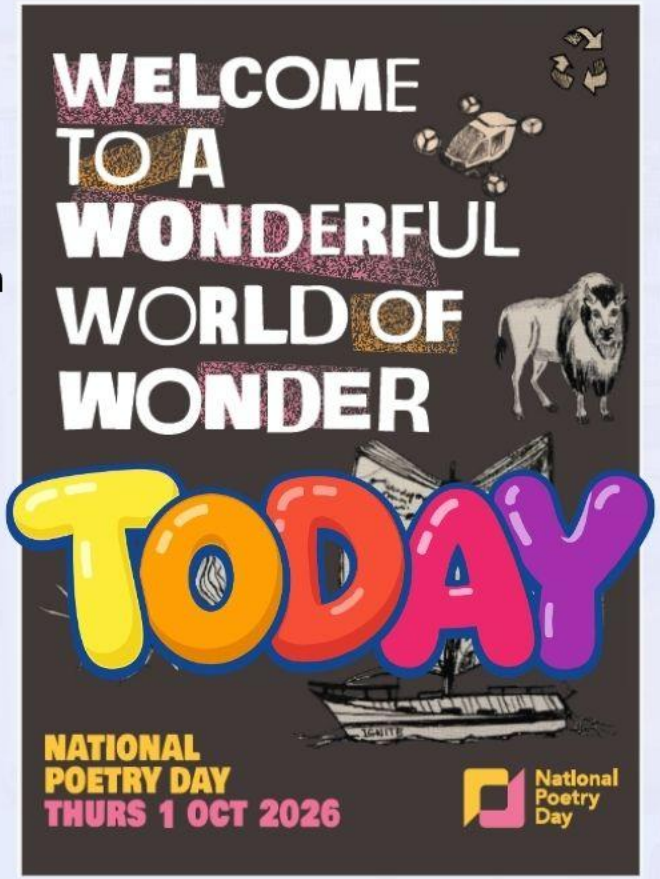
National Poetry Day
Poetry Picnic

Thursday 1st October

1.20 to 1.55pm

Library@Lunchtime

- **Listen to or read out some poetry on the theme of 'Wonder'**
- **Poetry discussion**
- **Tongue Twister challenge (time permitting)**
- Let Mrs Sinclair know if you might attend for us to gauge numbers
- Some snacks provided for active participants



Book Fair

Thank you so much for your support.

£556.31

£220 worth of books chosen by pupils for the library.

Don't forget to return overdue library books ASAP.

Especially those borrowed before the summmer holidays. Letters wil be sent home soon.

Thank you

Reading Schools

Scottish Book Trust

We are working towards being a **Reading School**

Library Matters

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

S3-5

Can anyone who either put down their name, or is interested, please drop in and see Mr grieve at breaktime or lunchtime today.

PE KIT REMINDER

Remember, you must bring a full change of kit for all PE lessons

- A change of top
- A change of bottoms (shorts, leggings, joggers)
- Trainers
- Long hair must be tied up
- No dangly jewellery

Lost - OFC Rugby top

An Orkney rugby training top has gone missing from the pegs.
We think it has been picked up by mistake.
Can everyone check their tops and look for initial on the label.
If you find it, please hand in to the front office.
Thank you.

LOST – Girl's black puffer style jacket. There is a name on the label – please check you have the right coat!

SCDA Drama Activity is changing!

What's the same?

- Rehearsals from October break onwards
- Fridays only until Christmas, with additional weekend / afterschool rehearsals from January (at times decided by the cast)
- Competition is at the end of February
- Public performances / Northern Divisional competition in March

What's different?

- ALL rehearsals will now be OUTWITH the school day
- The Friday Activity will involve a small Core Production Group, making production decisions before the actors come **after school** to rehearse (being in the group doesn't exclude you from also acting!)
- **Anyone interested needs to SIGN UP IN ADVANCE of the October break** (so we can choose an appropriate play)
- **Speak to Ms Grieve for more information, or if you have ideas ☺**

Maths Supported Study

STARTING THIS WEEK!

EVERY THURSDAY
1535-1630
MS O'CONNOR'S CLASSROOM

OPEN TO ALL YEAR GROUPS

For support with maths work
Homework
Or if you just want a space to focus on maths study?

Whatever the reason, come and join us!

Snacks may be available, but bring your own if you like☺

Equalities Group

Are you interested in ensuring Stromness Academy is a respectful place for all?

Come along to Mrs Ker-Watt's English classroom on Tuesday lunchtimes to learn more.

Who?

-S1 - S6 pupils interested in promoting Equalities in school;

-Anyone keen to meet like-minded people.

What?

-Create a plan of what YOU want the group to involve.

Why?

-Meet new people and help SA to be even more inclusive;

-A chance to shape your school!

When?

-Tuesday lunch

Change of day: we will now meet on **Tuesday** lunch times.

Where?

-Mrs Ker-Watt's English Classroom

WHY NOT COME ALONG TO THE ART DEPARTMENT TO HAVE FUN DRAWING OR PAINTING ON WORK OF YOUR OWN CHOICE..

EVERY WEEK IN THE ART DEPT.

STARTING WEEK BEGINNING - 1ST DECEMBER

ART CLUB

MONDAY – S3. THURSDAY – S1&S2.

OR, IF YOU'RE NOT SURE

WHAT TO DO, WE CAN HELP. WHY NOT GIVE IT A GO, AND ENJOY USING YOUR CREATIVITY.

PE Clubs – Term 1

- Please note, we would prefer you to wear PE kit – Sensible footwear is a must!
- You can get an early lunch token from the front office. Please have lunch first.
- No food or drink in the PE dept, please finish this before you arrive at your activity.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Indoor Football	S2-S4 Volleyball	Badminton	Dodgeball	S4-S6 and staff volleyball
Lead Staff member	PE staff	Miss Ewen	Mr Flett	Michael Swanney	PE Staff
Afterschool Activities		Volleyball (15:40-16:45) Mr Drake, Mrs Houston Mr Ferguson			Netball (13:55-15:00) Miss Ewen

PE fitness suite timetable

- Please note, YOU NEED to wear PE kit
- You can get an early lunch token from the front office. Please have lunch first.
- 10 pupils maximum in the gym, first 10 in get a place.
- There must be a supervising member of staff in at all times.
- You can only enter the gym if you have had an induction

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch		S3-S6 only	S3-S6 only		
Lead Staff member		Mr Raine	Miss Ewen		

MUSIC DEPARTMENT LUNCHTIME INFO & CLUBS

The Music department will be re-opening next week to students wishing to practice music in their own time!
Any questions, speak to Ms Fletcher
Red = closed or in use by school groups/instrumental instructors. Green = available to book for the year group(s) specified.
BANDS: If you have a band, please see Ms Fletcher about having a regular slot to rehearse in one of the classrooms.

CLASSROOMS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
UPSTAIRS CLASSROOM	Band slot available	Band slot available	Choir – more details to come	Big Band	Closed
DOWNSTAIRS CLASSROOM	Belt Hid Oot	Band slot available	Band slot available	Filthy Rocks	Closed
UPSTAIRS PRACTICE ROOMS	S4-6 priority	S4-6 priority	S4-6 priority	S4-6 priority	Closed
DOWNSTAIRS PRACTICE ROOMS	In use by teachers	S1 priority	S2 priority	S3 priority	Closed

*To book a practice room, you must sign up by **BREAK TIME** on the day. The sign-up board is outside the music office.*
Priority will be given to the year groups listed above.
If you are not in the priority year groups, you may come at lunchtime to see if there are any rooms still free on **STANDBY.**

All equipment must be put away tidily at the end of each lunchtime and all breakages reported to Music teachers

- Anyone using a room without signing in will lose the privilege for the rest of term.
- Anyone leaving a mess or not putting things away will lose the privilege for the rest of term.

DYW ORKNEY Developing the Young Workforce

Solihull Approach for Young People: 'Understanding Yourself & Parenting' Course and Midwifery Insight Sessions

A fantastic opportunity is being offered to any pupils who are interested in a career in Early Learning and Childcare , Health Care or Primary Teaching. The Early Years Team will be delivering this course at Keelylang Centre, where you will gain valuable insight into early child development and will receive a certificate at the end.

In addition, pupils who are interested in Midwifery can sign up for a series of insight sessions. These will include a visit to the maternity unit, opportunities to attend parent classes, and other experiences that provide a real understanding of the role.

Pupils are welcome to sign up for one or both opportunities. If you have previously taken part in the Solihull course, you can still apply for the Midwifery insight sessions.

Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th of November (all day)
Lunch will be provided.

To sign up, or if you would like more information, please contact charlene.nicolson@uhi.ac.uk
Names to be in before the October Holidays please!

OR - PLEASE SPEAK TO Ms. JOHANSEN IF YOU WANT TO PUT YOUR NAME FORWARD FOR THIS!

Don't forget

If you would like to see the bulletin again, an edited version is stored on the school website.

The full version (including appointment lists) is available on the library Team.

We are working to become a

Reading School

Ask your teacher or librarian how you can get involved.