

19 September 2025

Dear parent/carer,

SCHOOL UPDATE: FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

It's been a full week at Tweeddale, with the Reception pupils all on site full-time and the rest of the school moving through the gears to do some excellent learning. I have been impressed during my walkarounds to see the children so engaged in their learning, giving full attention and focus to their work. I believe part of this is about the amount of sleep the children have had. If you are finding some challenges with getting your child to sleep at night, we have asked the local Educational Welfare Service to hold a workshop in the school hall at 9am on Wednesday 1 October. Please save the date!

Today we celebrated Jeans for Genes day - an initiative which has taken place for the last 30 years and one that many other schools are doing across the country. It is a worthy cause! Many people are born with challenges because of their genetics and there is some positive work taking place across the country to support these families. **Thank you for everyone's generosity!** I hope to announce the total amount we collected next week. If you still wish to donate, please feel free to do so using the online portal:

<https://www.jeansforgenes.org/donate-online>



Next week we will have our special 'Meet the Teacher' sessions in school. The timings are:

- Year 6 - Monday 22nd September 9 - 9.30
- Year 5 - Tuesday 23rd September 9 - 9.30
- Year 4 - Wednesday 24th September 9 - 9.30
- Year 3 - Thursday 25th September 9 - 9.30
- Year 2 - Friday 26th September 2.40 - 3.10
- Year 1 - Thursday 25th September 2.40 - 3.10

We would love you all to attend the session relevant to your child, so you can meet the teaching team and hear all about the year ahead. We also want to discuss how you can partner with us to make the year a successful one for your child. One of the areas we will focus on is reading at home. This is a key emphasis for us this year! I was startled this week to learn that a child who reads 20 minutes a day will cover 1.8 million words, resulting in a wide and rich vocabulary, while a child who reads 1 minute per day will cover just 8,000 words. We hope you will join us in supporting reading at home!

Finally, I want to congratulate all the children who have been elected this week to the School Council or have been made Year 6 prefects. I am delighted we have such a fine calibre of children at our school and I am sure they will represent Tweeddale well!

I wish you all a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,



Mr. Walters, Headteacher