

ULSTER-SCOTS EDUCATION

# November

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Ulster-Scotch Leid Week or Language Week happens at the end of November, so check out some language resources for yourself and your pupils.



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## Ulster-Scotch Leid Week

This week is Ulster-Scotch Leid Week or Ulster-Scots Language Week. runs from **Monday 24 November to Friday 28 November 2025**.

During this week, we celebrate the richness of the Ulster-Scots Language and encourage people to learn about, talk, read and write in Ulster-Scots.

As teachers, we want to encourage you to explore the language with your pupils. We know that not everyone feels confident with the language, so we've linked some great free resources which you can use in your classroom.

Watch this [short video](#) from the University of Edinburgh as they describe the origins of the Scots Language of which Ulster-Scots is one of the dialects alongside Southern, Central, Northern and Insular.



## A Wheen of Wurds

Get your weans to have a go at our language quiz to discover how many words they know.

Why don't you print out their certificates and send us a class photo or post it on your socials!



## Oor Wurds

Ulster-Scots, like most other languages, has been influenced by many different languages. Some of our words come from Old English or Anglo-Saxon, spoken from 450 to 1100BC. The Vikings brought Old Norse with them in around 800AB and after the Norman invasion, Old French influenced Scots too.

**greet**  
cry

**gretan**  
Old English



During the 1600s, as Scots settled in Ulster, Old Irish words were adopted into the language. Finding out where oor wurds come from helps us to understand the history of the islands we live on.

**clabber**  
mud

**clabar**  
Old Irish



**danner**  
walk

**dander**  
Old Norse



**footery**  
awkward

**foutre**  
Old French



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\*out, our, to, to, a lot of

*\*more than a few words or a lot of words*

