



March/April Newsletter 2026

It is lovely to see all our children and families settled into nursery life! We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new children and families into the nursery, we look forward to getting to know you and have lots of fun learning through play together.

Nursery Holidays

April 2026

Good Friday 3rd April & Easter Monday 6th April (**All Children**)

Tuesday 7th April to Friday 17th April (**Term Time Only**)

Monday 20th April (**Nursery Open for All Children**)



Dates for your diary

March 2026

5th March - World Book Day

This will be a week of celebrating literacy within our playroom, sharing our experiences about our favourite story!

This year the books which have been made available are 'Peppa Pig: One Big Family' and 'The Big Bang' which are suited to our early readers, we will give away the book tokens to our birth to two children so that you can have the chance to get the money off a book for your child!

We have sent a flyer out on seesaw about celebrating colour - please check that out. Below is a link to the world book day website which has further information and online video stories to watch at home!

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

23rd March - Eid Party & Celebrations

27th March - School's Baton Relay - Commonwealth Games 2026

April 2026

2nd April - Easter Party & Celebrations

Staff News

As you may know, our team leader Leanne left in September 2025. We will be having a new team leader starting with our team in the coming months.



Pram Storage



Our buggy park is available in our cosy room garden! This allows us to have a much bigger and better storage area to keep our families buggies/prams during the day.

At drop off we would ask that our families please use this area for storing their prams and buggies during the day.

To ensure there is enough space for everyone to use this, can we ask that you **fold** your pram/buggy and place it as **far** back in the store as possible.

The nursery is not liable and you can leave your pram/buggy at your own risk. We do suggest that you label your buggy and even use a bike padlock for peace of mind.

Can we just gently remind you that when entering our cosy room garden that you close the gate behind you - including the top latch on the gate.

Parents Group

We are starting a parents group, focusing on neurodiversity. If you would like to come along, please speak to member of the management team about future dates and times.



Registration for School



A gentle **reminder** that the children who are due to start school August 2026 should have been registered for school online (November 2025), could you please ensure that you have done this.

If you are awaiting for a placing request outcome - please inform the nursery once the placement has been confirmed.

Thank you.

Family Week

This will happen **11th May - 15th May 2026!**

We will be inviting our families to get involved in some activities within the nursery which will include cooking food at home to share with other families, parent workshops, book bug and sports day to name a few!

This will hopefully give our parents, carers and extended families enough notice to be available to come along and join in the fun!

More details will follow on our seesaw app!



Commonwealth Games King's Baton Relay!



Glasgow schools and nurseries have gone 'All In' for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games with the launch of their own Schools' Baton Relay; a citywide celebration uniting 330 nurseries and schools, and giving all 70,000 children and young people the chance to see and hold a Baton, building excitement for the Games while inspiring learning about the Commonwealth and the power of sport.

We are lucky to have been selected to celebrate and have the baton at our nursery!

Further information is available online about the schools baton..

<https://www.glasgow2026.com/get-involved/schools-baton-relay>

The baton will arrive at our nursery Friday 27th March 2026 and we will pass it on to Lorne Street Primary School on Thursday 2nd April 2026! We would love to involve our families for this HUGE celebration! Keep an eye out on seesaw with further information.

Our Commonwealth Games 2026 Song!

(to the tune of twinkle twinkle)

*Finnie is a unicorn,
Traffic cone for her horn,
Purple mane and shining star,
Cheers the athletes near and far,
Playing a warm and welcoming part,
with the spirit of Glasgow in her heart.*

We would love if you could practise this song at home with your children to help us celebrate our exciting participation in the Commonwealth Games - Schools Baton Relay!

Toy Fund

Firstly a huge thank you for your contributions to date, your weekly donations of £2/ £3 per family contribute greatly to the resources we provide for your child e.g. toys, gifts & food for cultural celebrations, sensory materials i.e. shaving foam/bath gel, food colouring, baking resources, plants to enhance the outdoor areas, the list is endless.



Presently our funds are *running low* so your continued support is invaluable and much appreciated. If you have paid in advance please ignore the message.

Your contributions can be made weekly in cash, if you would rather pay by bank transfer please speak to Lynne in the Office for the bank details.

Once again thank you for your continued support

Clocks going forward

Reminder that the clocks spring forward on Sunday 29th March 2026!



Drop Off & Collection Times



Can we remind you to collect your child at their allocated times. We understand that on a rare occasion you can be held up, however this can not only be upsetting for your child if they see their friends going home. But it also affects staff children ratio.

Please bring your child into the playroom as staff may want to see how they have been and share information with you, it is important for your child's safety you must speak with a member of staff when dropping off or collecting your child from nursery.

New iPads- Glasgow's Digital Strategy

Exciting News!!

As part of Glasgow's Digital Strategy, we are so lucky to be allocated new iPad devices for the staff to support your child's learning and development!



Over the coming weeks, we ask that our families be patient with us as we swap over from our old to our new devices - this may cause a delay in seesaw posts and updates.

Thank you for co-operation with this!

Nursery Clothing Reminder



Could all parents and carers please provide a full change of clothes for their child e.g. pants, socks, trousers, leggings., top etc. also if you have any nursery clothes at home could you please return them to the nursery.

We would also request that the children do not bring bags to nursery, this is due to limited space in the cloakroom; the children do have their own little cotton bag on their peg.

If your child has had a change of clothing, we will store their soiled clothing in a box labelled with their name. Please ask the staff and they will give you the change of clothing from the box the bags are stored in.

Thank You.

Nursery Gate Safety



We understand that your child may want to open and close the gates within the nursery i.e. corridors, playrooms. *However* we would ask that parents/carers ensure that the children do not open the gates, and that you do not allow them to climb/swing on them, due to health and safety regulations.

The children in the 3-5 Room have been visiting our local care home at least once per month!

We have a few visits planned over the next couple of months which includes planting, Easter activities and stories and singing (which is always a hit!)



This initiative is for parents to take Ted on your everyday adventures, such as going to the shops, watching movies at home or going to the park.

If possible could you share your adventures with the nursery through sending photos on your child's seesaw or even emailing them to headteacher@festivalpark-nursery.glasgow.sch.uk

Across all three age-groups we have lending libraries available for our families to access books and stories at home. These are available to borrow from each on a Wednesday and we ask that you return the books borrowed the following week to allow for other children and their families to access the variety of books available.

In our 3-5's, the children and families are offered the opportunity to take home the bunny chef and the chef bag which is filled with ingredients for a simple recipe to cook at home with the bunny chef.

Again we invite our families who wish to participate to send their photos to your child's seesaw or send them to headteacher@festivalpark-nursery.glasgow.sch.uk

All children's learning at nursery will be shared using the seesaw app. Every child will have their own individual profile which will be filled with photos, videos and voice recordings of their time at Festival Park Day Nursery.

This is a great way to communicate from the nursery to home but also a way which you can share your adventures at home with the nursery too!

If the nursery have any updates, we will communicate using the seesaw app and using emails/text.

If you have any further questions about the seesaw app please speak to a member of staff.

