

May/June Newsletter 2026



It has been a busy couple of months at Festival Park Day Nursery! We have added some photo's from having the commonwealth baton last month into our digital newsletter for you to take a look at!



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

May 2026

May Holiday - Monday, 4th May **(All Children)**

In-Service Day - Thursday, 7th May **(All Children)**

May Weekend - Friday, 22nd May and Monday, 25th May **(All Children)**

June 2026

Public Holiday - Monday, 15th June **(All Children)**

End of Term - Thursday 25th June 2026 **(Term Time children finish today for Summer Holidays)**

July 2026

Glasgow Fair - Monday 20th July 2026 **(All Children)**

Dates for your diary



May

6th: Photographer at the Nursery

11th - 15th: Family Week - Please see information below

June

17th: Graduation - Invitations & Times to follow

Staff News

English Additional Language (EAL) Teacher has started!



Our new EAL teacher Linda will be working with the staff team in the 3-5 Room for Term 4 until the end of June.

We look forward to working with her and developing our children's language skills.



New Team Leader

We have been allocated a new Team Leader, her name is Michelle. Michelle was successful in her interview and will be starting with us soon!

Congratulations to Rachel (CDO) in our 3-5 Room who will be finishing up at the start of June in preparation for the arrival of her new baby.



We would wish our Head Of Centre Amanda Kelly all the very best in her early retirement.

Amanda has been Head of Centre for 23 years at Festival Park Day Nursery (previously known at Clutha Street Nursery) and has worked in Glasgow City Council for almost 40 years. Amanda will be retiring at the end of term. her last day at Festival Park Day Nursery will be on 18th June 2026.



We would like to welcome back Annalise our evening cleaner who will be returning to from being off on maternity leave.



We would like to wish Amber our evening cleaner the very best of luck in the future, Amber was covering Annalise's maternity cover and will be finishing up with Annalise coming back in May.

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.

Transitions to School



Festival Park Day Nursery to Lorne Street Primary Transition

This year we have created an updated Buddies Programme for the children going from Festival Park to Lorne Street Primary.

The children will have a few visits to the school to see around the school, have a play in the playground and meet some of the P6 children who will be their P7 buddies in August next year.

Family Week

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



Monday 11th May - International Stories Day (we invite families to come into the nursery to read a story with the children) & Book bug Sessions (9.30 & 1.30 in the parents room, if you are interested in attending please contact Jen/office)

Tuesday 12th May - Music from around the world Day (for the children in the playroom) & Colour strings family sessions (AM & PM, times to follow)

Wednesday 13th May - Food sharing between families/cultures (We invite our parents to make, contribute and share dishes from home and share this other families)(Conference Room) & Parents Drop in Information Day (Parents Room) & International Flag making for children (for the children in the playrooms)

Thursday 14th May - Clothes Recycling Day (If you would like to donate towards this we are looking for: jackets, jumpers, nearly new items of clothing for the clothing drive. Items will be available all day on Thursday in the parents room - please donate your clothes between Mon 11th & Wed 13th May)

Friday 15th May - Nursery Sports Day! (Times to follow) (Sponsor sheets will be available soon - please help us raise money for our nursery funds!)

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

Photographer



Photographer will be at the nursery on Wednesday, 6th May 2026.

The photographer will take photos of all nursery children that day. If your child does not attend Wednesdays but you want photos, please speak to the office about arrival times. After photos are taken you will receive a slip with ordering and payment details.

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.

Parents Meetings



Parents meetings will take place for all age groups over the month of May and June. These are 10-minute appointments offered during the nursery day, so that families have the opportunity to discuss with staff about your child's development and for some of the children discuss the process of transitions.

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 carrier 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.

Parents Group



We have a parents group every Thursday morning, focusing on neurodiversity. If you would like to come along, please speak to member of the management team if you are interested in coming along.

Nursery Gate Safety



We understand that your child may want to open and close the gates with in 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.

Lending Library

As we are in the final term, in June we will be stopping our lending library for the Summer Holidays.

If you have any lending library books from the 3-5, Toddler or Baby Rooms, could you please return these to the nursery.

The last date for our lending library will be Wednesday 17th June 2025 .

If you have any books borrowed from the nursery please ensure you return these by Monday 22nd June 2026 - to help us save the cost of replacing any missing books.

Summer is coming!



As the summer months are approaching, and we have been experiencing some warmer days.

Could we ask parents/carers to apply the first layer of sun cream on your child before coming to the nursery for their morning/afternoon sessions. If you cannot apply at home, you will be asked to apply a layer of sunscreen. The nursery will then reapply sun cream during the

day.

If you would like your child to use nursery sun cream could we ask parents to donate £1 towards the cost of buying more sun cream, or the other alternative is to provide a unopened bottle for your child which will be kept in the nursery labelled with their name.

We ask that parents/carers also dress your child to suit the weather as it will become much warmer within the nursery playrooms, so we ask that lighter clothing and a sun hat be worn to stop your little one from over heating as they explore and play.

52 Week Children's Holidays



Could we remind our families that the 52 week children are encouraged to take 2 weeks holiday throughout the school year, before the start of the new term in August 2026.

If you haven't done this already please let the office be aware of when you will be taking your 2 week break.

3-5's Spare Clothes



In the 3-5's cloakroom we have a large amount of spare clothing which has collated over the past few months. At collection/drop off please take the time to have a look and see if your child has any clothing which may have been left at nursery during this time.

We will keep the clothes for you to look through until Friday 8th May.

Any items left there will be donated to the nursery spare clothing or the clothing bank.

Thank you

Seesaw App

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.