

Term 2 Newsletter

November to December 2025



Welcome Back!

WELCOME BACK

It is lovely to see all our children and families returning to nursery after the October break - 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

DECEMBER

Christmas and New Year Holidays

Friday 19th December 2025 – is the last day of Term for our Term Time Children

Last day for 52-week children Wednesday 24th December

All children return on Monday 5th January 2026



Dates for your diary

November 2025

Wellie Walk

Over the week beginning the 24th of November the children will take part in a sponsor walk across in the park. We will let you know when the children have achieved this.

Staff will give you the sponsor sheet - All donations are greatly appreciated.



St Andrews Day

We will celebrate St Andrews Day on **Friday the 28th of November** with Scottish songs and dancing.



December 2025

Christmas Activities for you to join in

Monday 8th December

Cosy Pyjama or Crazy Hair Day
or both!



Tuesday 9th December

If you'd like to come along to our Parents Room for a mince pie and a tea/coffee and take part in making a **Christmas Decoration** – please let us know.



Wednesday 10th December - **Christmas Jumper Day** – wear your

Christmas Jumper – don't worry if you don't have one – the children will be doing various Christmas Activities.



We will have a donation bucket, with proceeds going to the local Food Bank.



Thursday 11th December

Some of the residents from the local **Nursing Home** will be joining us to sing some Christmas songs with the children.

Friday 12th December

Christmas Music Day – The children will enjoy dancing to a selection of Christmas songs – accompanied by Gordon on his guitar.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Birth to 2 Years

Tuesday 16th December with Santa and Parents
Morning session Afternoon Session

2 to 3 Room

Tuesday 16th December with Santa and Parents
Morning session Afternoon Session

3 to 5 Room

Wednesday 17th December with Santa and Parents
Morning session Afternoon Session



~ Invitations with times to Follow ~
~ 2 Parents per child ~



Toy fund

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.

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. (Toy fund supports celebrations/malleable and resources for the children)

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



Once again thank you for your continued support.

Pram Storage

To ensure there is enough space for everyone to use this, can we ask that you fold your pram/buggy.



Gentle Reminder - when leaving our Cosy Room Garden please **close** the gate behind you - including the top latch on the gate.

Thank You

Allergy Awareness

We would ask all parents to be **extra vigilant** if their child has eaten nuts or sesame oil/seeds that their hands/mouth have been washed before coming into nursery.



We would ask that you do not bring any of the above to nursery. This is due to some of our children having severe allergies. Thank you!

Staff News

We would like to congratulate **Nafisa**, our support for Learning Worker who has now completed her Child Development Qualification.

Well Done Nafisa!



Children's Safety

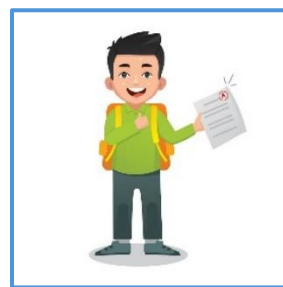
Could we please remind you that **ONLY ADULTS** are to open and close the gates - and to please ensure that you **close the gates when entering and leaving** the nursery building and playrooms.

Thank You.



Progress Reports

During November and December staff will organise a time to meet with you to discuss your child's progress. We will also update any changes to your child's Care Plan. (Remember this can also be done at any time throughout the year)



Mobile Phones

Could we remind parents and carers the importance of **not** using your mobile phone when you come into the nursery building - this includes their use within



the nursery playrooms. This is due to Child Protection reasons, and it is also important that you give your full attention to your child when dropping off and picking up for their safety.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

We will be raffling a Christmas Hamper to help us raise funds for the Nursery. There will be a basket for families and staff to donate items.

Raffle tickets will be on sale soon – and the draw will take place on our Christmas Jumper Day - **Wednesday 10th December**



Drop Off & Collection Times



Can we remind you to please collect your child at their **allocated times**. We understand that on a rare occasion you may be held up - however this can not only be upsetting for your child - but it also affects our **Staff : Children ratio**.

Please bring your child into the playroom as staff may want to 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 Room

We invite you to use our parent's room for a cup of tea/coffee when visiting the nursery, if you are dropping off/ picking up or helping us to settle your child into the nursery - feel free to pop in and use the space to relax. We have lots of different leaflets/books available to our families to help welcome and keep you informed with support available, and other groups within the local community.

Nursery Clothing Reminder

Reminder – please provide a full change of clothes for your child e.g. *pants, socks, trousers, leggings., top etc.* Also, if you have any nursery clothes that you have borrowed still at home, could you please return them to the nursery.

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

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



Outdoor Play at Festival Park

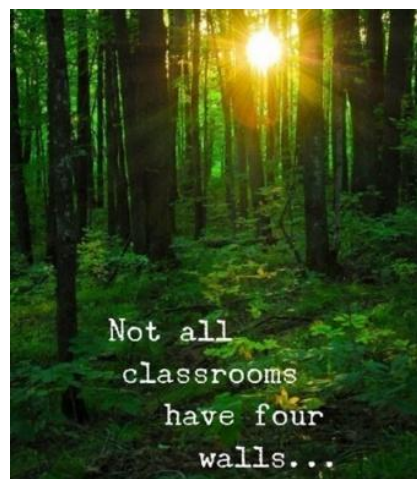
Outdoor learning is a big part of children's learning at nursery. All children will explore outdoors within their nursery session.



We provide every child with wet suits and wellies for outdoor play, so we can be out in all weathers. Please only put on clothes on your child that you don't mind

getting dirty.

If you would prefer to provide your own suits and wellies, you are most welcome to - please don't forget to label your child's wellies and suit if this is something you would prefer to provide.



Seesaw App

We have had some technical issues with our iPads – so many of you will not have received photographs of your child at play.

Please be assured that this has now been resolved, and that they are still taking part in lots of learning activities, if you have any further questions about the seesaw app, please speak to a member of staff.



SOME SAFETY ISSUES OUTSIDE THE NURSERY



Leaves

As we are across from the park we do constantly have leaves at the front of the building at this time of year. We do our best to keep things as clear as we can, but please do be careful when walking as they can be very slippery.

Parking

Please be aware that the pedestrian crossing outside of the nursey is a **NO PARKING/STOPPING AREA**.

The area covered by the bollards should be kept clear at all times.

The Police and Parking Attendants will regularly be in attendance to monitor this.



UPDATES

Church Fire

You will have noticed that the church next door has been cordoned off to make it safe. We are unsure what the next steps are for the building.

The Nursery continues to be well ventilated before and during the nursery sessions. The smell of smoke seems to have been reduced.

Nursery Times

At the moment, due to staffing issues, we are closing at **4.30pm**.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this causes and thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Management Team

During the next few weeks, you may notice that we have a temporary management team member who will be joining us for a short time.

NURSERY INITIATIVES

3 - 5 Years

Paths Programme The Pre-School children take part in our Paths Programme. This programme promotes alternative thinking strategies and looking at emotions. Sometimes the children will take home some of the characters.

If your child will be starting school in August 2026, and you'd like to find out more, join Lizanne for a Workshop on **Monday the 24th of November at 9.15am for morning children and 1.30pm for afternoon children.**

Bunny Chef is a home link offering children to take home the Bunny Chef to make a healthy meal for their family. Ellen will be starting this initiative soon. If you do want to take part, it would be great if you could send photos for us to see.

Colour-strings

Our 2-3 and 3-5 years children take part in a Colour-strings Programme, enabling children to develop their sense of pulse, rhythm and pitch, and to explore musical concepts.

If you want to find out more, come along and join Lizanne and Caroline for a Workshop on **Wednesday the 3rd of December at 9.15am for morning children and 1.30pm for afternoon children.**

Birth to Three

Travelling Ted A home link offering children to take Ted home and share their adventures with their friends in the 2-3 room.

Five to Thrive The staff have created bags for the children to take home and explore. The 5 things that feed the growing brain are when you **Respond - Cuddle - Relax - Play - Talk**

Lending Library Your child will be able to choose a book from the Nursery library for a week at a time. Story time is valuable to children's learning and promoting their listening and literacy skills.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

Babies We have been busy settling lots of new children into the Baby Room. We have been exploring outdoors and taking part in lots of fun sensory activities.

The children are enjoying the song bag with puppets and props.

Toddlers We have been busy celebrating Diwali and Halloween. We have been embracing the autumn weather and learning about the different autumn effects, such as the changing colour

of leaves, and the leaves falling off the trees. We have changed our sand area which has been a big success with the children.

3 - 5 years We have been involving the children in changing some of our learning environments. Lizanne has started our **Paths** and **Colour-Strings** initiatives, and the children have been welcoming their friends who have moved up from the 2-3 years playroom. Children have been learning Scottish rhymes and have enjoyed bringing nature indoors observing the change of seasons.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our **Family Learning Week** will be in January 2026.

We will have a range of activities for you to join in – for example Bounce & Rhyme, and Book Bug activities. And our Winter clothes swap.

As Glasgow celebrates 850 years, we will be looking at celebrating this with you also.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST TERM

We Celebrated the **Festival of Lights** with a Diwali Party – the children enjoyed reading stories and dancing to some traditional music.



The children had fun getting dressed up and 'dooking for apples' at their **Halloween Party**



**We would like to wish you all a fun filled Christmas, and a
Happy New Year for 2026**

