

Term 1 Newsletter

August – October 2025



WELCOME!



It is lovely to see all our children and families returning to nursery after the summer 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

August

- Tuesday, 12 August 2025 - Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day (**All Children**)
- Wednesday, 13 August 2025 - In-Service Day (**All Children**)
- Thursday, 14 August 2025 - Return date for Pupils (**All Children**)

September

- Friday, 26th – Monday, 29th September (inclusive): Bank Holiday Weekend (Nursery closed) (**All children**)

October

- 10th October - In-service Day (Nursery closed) (**All children**)
- 13th-17th October - October Week (**Term Time Children Off**)



Dates for your diary

August 2025

Welcoming our returning children and their families. Welcoming and settling in our new children and their families.

September 2025

9th - Re-launch of our Travelling Ted (2-3) and Bunny Chef Initiatives (3-5)

9th - Re-Launch of our Numeracy Library and Re-launch of our Lending Library (3-5)

16th - Parents Colour strings Workshops

30th - Parents PATHs Workshops

October 2025

6th - Colour strings programme with children starts

7th - PATHs with pre-school children starts

21st - Diwali Party

22nd-24th - Scottish International Storytelling Festival (look out for further information via seesaw)

29th - Halloween Book Session / Halloween Bounce and Rhyme (parents will be invited in to join the fun)

31st - Halloween parties for all playrooms*

**Please Note: The children in the 2-3 yrs and 3-5 yrs playrooms are allowed to dress up if they wish, however we would ask that they do not wear any masks or anything that may scare other children. The children in the 0-2 yrs playroom do not dress up as this can be upsetting for them.*

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. 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 a copy of the bank details. Once again thank you for your continued support.

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.

Allergy Awareness

Nut-Free Zone



Please do not bring any products containing nuts (peanuts or tree nuts) into area.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

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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 for your co-operation.

Staff News



We would like to welcome Lynne to the staff team.



Lynne will be our new clerical at Festival Park, based in the office. Lynne started at the end of last term and has had the summer holidays to settle into her new role, getting to know some of our families and team.



We would like to wish Leanne Pollard our Team Leader the very best of luck in her promoted post. Leanne has worked in Festival Park for 14 years and has been a huge part of our nursery - working with the children and families over the years. In the coming months Leanne will be moving on to a new nursery in her new role as a Depute of Centre.

We will miss her very much when the time comes for Leanne's final farewell at Festival and we know that Leanne's new nursery is very lucky to have her!

Good Luck!!

Nurture Award



In June, we completed our Nurture Accreditation award. With lots of support from of our families and children.

This is a great achievement for the nursery as there are only a few nurseries in Glasgow who have the nurture accreditation.

We would just like to thank our staff, families and children for their participation on the day and continued support as we continue to create nurturing environments for the children in our care.

Children's Safety



Could we please remind you that only adults are to open and close the gates and to ensure that you close the nursery gates when entering and leaving the nursery building and playrooms. This is another way of ensuring the children in our care are kept safe within the playrooms.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Care Plan Updates

Some of our parents/carers met with their key workers before the summer to update their child's care plans, over the month of August we are hoping to update the care plans for the new term. If any of your circumstances have changed please share this with your key worker so we can add this to your child's care plan.



Taking care of our Playrooms/Outdoors Spaces/Resources

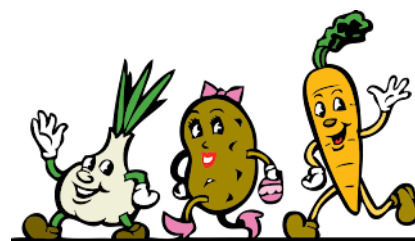


We understand that children are curious about their environments, but could we please ask our parents and carers to encourage the children to *not* pull at the nursery displays or take toys from the playrooms or the outdoor area near the pram shed when entering and leaving the nursery.

This can be costly to replace, we appreciate your help with this.

Snack/Lunch Menu

The up-to-date snack / lunch menus are available to be seen on the noticeboards upstairs in the 3-5 cloakroom and down stairs in the corridor outside the kitchen.



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.

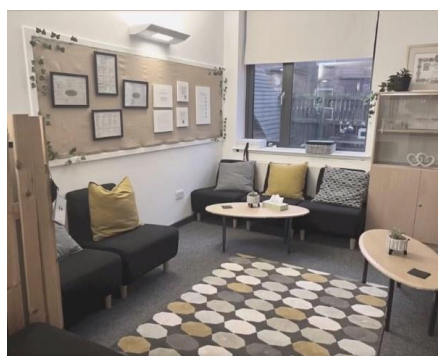
Mobile Phones in Festival Park



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

We ask this due to Child Protection reasons and it is important that you give your full attention to your child when dropping off and picking up for their safety.

Parents Room



We invite you to use our parent's room for a cup of tea/coffee and biscuit when visiting the nursery, if you are dropping off/picking up or helping us settle your child into the nursery - feel free to pop in and use the space to relax.

We will have lots of different leaflets/books available to our families to help welcomed and kept informed with supports and other groups within the local community.

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.



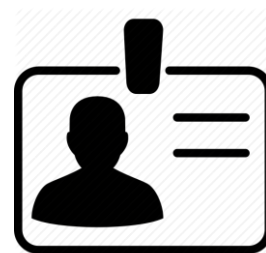
We would also request that the children do not bring bags to nursery, this is due to limited space in the cloakroom; the children do have their own little cotton bag on their peg.

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

Thank You.

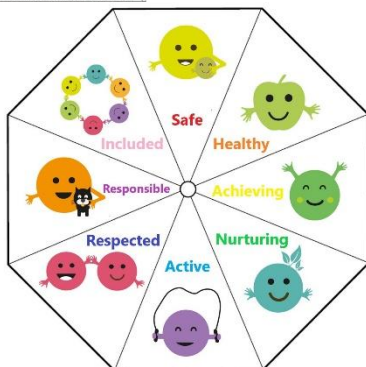
3-5 Badges

Could we ask our 3-5 Room parents/carers to come into the playroom and support your child when putting on their badges at the start of their nursery session/day. At pick up time, could we also ask parents/carers to return your child's individual name badges to their basket at the end of the day/session too (this will help get your child into a nursery routine).



If you child has accidentally taken home their badge - that is no problem, just remember to bring it back in for their next nursery session or day as these can be costly to replace. Thanks.

Planning Our Learning



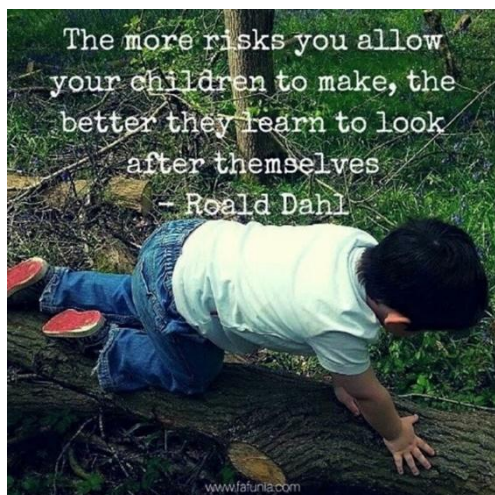
The children and staff follow the Curriculum For Excellence in the 3-5's and the Pre -Birth to Three in our 0-3's when planning their learning experiences at nursery. Observations on your child's learning are gathered by staff which form a progress report to be shared with you.

Please see our planning notice boards or ask staff if you would like to know more.

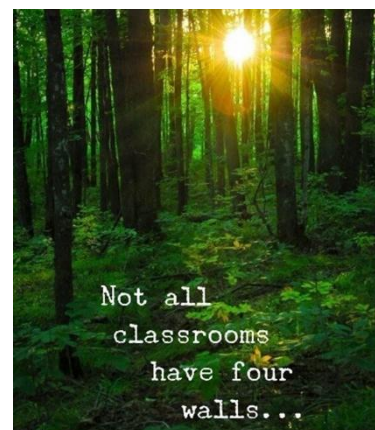
Outdoor Play at Festival Park

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

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 has 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.

