

Nursery Newsletter



Term 3

January 2025

A big welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely Winter break! A warm welcome to our new children and their families to Calside Nursery!

Please read details below about Nursery and School Enrolments. If you have any queries please speak to or contact a member of staff who will be able to support.

Nursery Enrolment

The dates for Nursery Enrolment are **Monday 20th January to Friday 24th January 2025**. Please make sure forms are handed back in no later than **24th January**. Please read the following for options below:

- If your child is returning to nursery for a second year, an **ELC 2** form will be in your child's mail drop. Please fill this in and return to Nursery as soon as possible.
- If you are deferring your child from P1 this year please fill out the **ELC 2** form in your child's mail drop.
- If you have another child/sibling coming to Nursery for the first time, please fill out an **ELC 1** form. You should receive a letter from the council about enrolment. When you fill in this form you must also bring along with you **proof of address** and your **child's birth certificate**.

Further information on Early Learning and Childcare providers can be found on:

<https://www.dumfriesandgalloway.gov.uk/schools-learning/early-learning-childcare/early-learning-childcare-providers-directory?page=2>

School Enrolment

School enrolment forms will be handed out on **Monday 27th January**. These are to be returned on **Friday 31st January**. Please read the following for options below:

- If your catchment school is Calside and you wish your child to attend Calside Primary, please fill in the '**Catchment Application Form**' and hand it into the school office. You do not need a birth certificate or proof of address as your child will already be in the school system as they attend Nursery.
- If your child is not going to attend your catchment school, you must take your '**Pupil Placing Request Form**' to your catchment school. On this form you will indicate which school you wish to attend. You will need to take along your **child's birth certificate and proof of address**.
- If you are attending your catchment school and it is not Calside Primary, please take along '**Catchment Application**' form and hand it into your school with **proof of address and your child's birth certificate**.

These forms will be shared on or before the 17th January. They are also available online.

<https://www.dumfriesandgalloway.gov.uk/schools-learning/schools/primary-schools/primary-school-place>

Stay, Play and Learn - Literacy

On **Tuesday 18th February from 2.00pm - 2.45pm** there will be an opportunity for parents and carers who attend on Tuesday's to join us in the Nursery. Stay, Play and Learn is also known as Peers Early Education Partnership. This session allows for parents and carers to engage in conversations and joint activities focusing on aspects of children's learning and development in literacy.

We will host another session next term.

Mail drop

Please remember to check your child's mail drop in the waiting room for new updates.

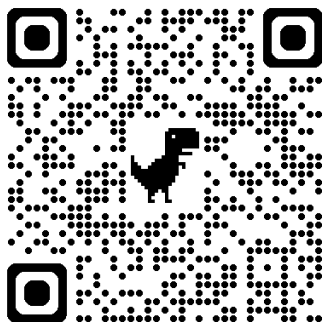
If any emergency contacts have changed, please let us know so we can update system with accurate contact details.

Winter weather

With Winter coming we want to ensure children are warm in all weathers. The nursery will provide mitts for all children. This will prevent personal belongings becoming lost. Please also note that nursery provide waterproof trousers and jackets. The only thing we ask is that your child has a pair of wellies at nursery. We ask if you can check your child's welly boots still fit them and an extra pair of socks are provided please.

Nursery SWAY

This is our new QR CODE for Term 3. Please use this code to see what your child has been learning. We will also keep our board outside updated to share what children have been doing in Nursery.



Meta Skills

In our waiting room we have a display showcasing Meta skills children will experience in our Nursery. The children are being introduced to the characters and throughout each term we will focus on 3 words to familiarise children with the Meta skills. On our whiteboard, you will also be able to see what Meta skills we will be looking at in the Nursery on a monthly basis.

The link below shows the characters and Meta skills if you wish to find out more:

<https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/media/mzsgfyjv/meta-skills-land-character-posters.pdf>

Polite reminders

- Please can you put your child's name on **everything**. It makes it easier for staff to locate and find personal belongings and clothing as children cannot always identify items belong to them.
- In Nursery we have a policy of 'No Juice'. Please fill water bottles with water. This also helps with cross contamination as children will gravitate and drink bottles with juice causing spreading of germs.
- To encourage our previous Term's aim of independence. We are asking parents/carers in the morning to please not enter the cloakroom or Nursery with children in the morning. A member of staff will be on hand to collect children. If you wish to talk to a staff member this can still occur.

Celebrations

We will be celebrating and exploring the following events and festivals within the Nursery this term.

- Burns
- Pancake Day
- Valentines Day
- Eid
- World Book Day
- Mother's Day

Dates for Diary

- Stay, Play and Learn (Tuesday families) - **18th February - 2.00pm - 2.45pm**
- Nursery Enrolment - **Monday 20th January to Friday 24th January 2025**
- School Enrolment forms - **Monday 27th to Friday 31st January 2025**
- New Nursery parents visits - **Wednesday 15th January and Tuesday 21st January 3.15-4.00pm**