



Fenwick Early Childhood Centre

Newsletter

September 2025



Hello and Welcome

To our new families joining us a big hello and welcome to Fenwick Early Childhood Centre.

To our returning families welcome back!

We look forward to spending the next year with you and your children.

Here in Fenwick ECC we foster an ethos where everyone feels welcome, included and respected. We operate an open door policy where we welcome Parents and Carers to share their views, thoughts and opinions with the Centre.

Our session times are 08.50am—2.50pm. The ECC doors will operate from 08.50 am—09.00am and from 2.50pm—3.00pm.

If you are dropping off or collecting your child out with these times please use the main entrance to Fenwick PS and ECC.

Key Dates:

Week beginning 1st September—Personal Plan Appointments

Tuesday 9th September—Author Visit

Monday 8th September—Parent Council AGM

Friday 19th September— Centre Closed

Monday 22nd September— Centre Closed

Monday 13th—Monday 20st October — Centre Closed

Tuesday 21st October—Centre Reopens

Friday 31st October—Halloween Party

*Please scan this QR code to access school holidays for 2025—2026 *



Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Tracey Callaghan to the team. Tracey is an ELCP and will be the Key Worker to the Rainbow group. She will work Wednesday PM, Thursdays and Fridays.

We have recently held interviews for our vacant staffing posts and are ecstatic to say both the full time ELCP post and the Lunchtime Support Assistant posts have both been filled. We will introduce the team members as soon as all recruitments procedures have been finalised.



Family Photographs

We have a board dedicated to our ECC families in the ECC corridor.

Please bring in a family photo, if you can, to be displayed on the board.

We love to watch this display grow as families join our Centre.

Helpful Hints

It is helpful if your child brings a backpack to the ECC with a change of clothes (especially socks).

Please label items of clothing, such as jumpers and cardigans, with your child's name.

We access outdoors in all weathers— there are boxes available in the Playroom to store seasonal accessories, e.g. hats, gloves etc. for the children to use when they are outdoors.

Please provide waterproof clothing (clearly labelled) for your child and wellington boots.

There is a lost and found basket in the Cloakroom.



Learning Journals

We will be using the online platform called Learning Journals to document children's experiences within the Centre.

We will publish observations weekly for each child—this will usually be on a Monday.

This platform allows Parents/Carers to like and comment on your children's pages. It also has a function for you to upload information you wish to share with the Centre from home. This is a great space to share things, such as home link experiences or adventure with your family.

Permission slips have been issued digitally to all children for this session.

Please note - we are unable to publish any observations until we have gained your consent for the current session 2025 — 2026.

Please speak to Joanne or your child's Key Worker if you would like any further information on Learning Journals.





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Absence

If your child is absent from the Centre, please call us and let us know on 01560 600403.

Please share a reason for their absence. This is very helpful to the Centre as it allows us to fully implement Infection Control procedures and report any outbreaks of illness to the relevant teams if children are unwell.

If you would like any further information on how long a child should be absent due to illness, please do not hesitate to contact the Centre and visit the Public Health Scotland website for further information on guidance on exclusions for illness.



Illness & absence guidance for parents—Public Health Scotland



Snack and Lunch Information



The Centre provides all snacks and lunches for children.

We have a selection of fresh fruit for snack along with a choice of milk or water.

Milk is delivered to the Centre twice per week and fresh fruit is delivered daily.

Lunch is served at 11.30 am in the ECC playroom and follows a 3 weekly pattern. A menu is displayed in the Cloakroom and can be found on Glow.

Staff will keep a record of what your child eats and drinks during lunch times. This information will be placed on their peg daily.

If your child requires an adapted menu this will be created by the East Ayrshire Council's Central Catering Teams and the Centre will arrange for you to receive a copy.

Water is available throughout the day for the children to access freely, both indoors and outdoors.

Fenwick Foxes—After School Club

Fenwick Foxes are an afterschool club which provides registered childcare service, as part of the Lainshaw Lions franchise, for children aged 3 years to P7.

They are based in the John Fulton Hall and operate Monday—Friday and also during the school holidays.

If your child is attending the Fenwick Foxes, please inform Joanne and their Key Worker.

We will update their Personal Plan with your written permission for them to be collected from the Centre by the service.

Thank you.



Fenwick Primary School and ECC Parent Council—AGM

The Parent Council are hosting their Annual General Meeting next week. Please pop along if you are interested in joining the Parent Council Committee or would like to hear about their plans for this session or their successes from previous sessions. .

Date: Monday the 8th of September 2025

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: John Fulton Hall.





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Outdoor Play

In the Centre the children have access to outdoor play everyday, regardless of the weather.



Due to the unpredictable Scottish weather we like to be prepared for all types of weather.

Can we ask Parents / Carers to provide the following items for their children to be kept in the Centre:

- Waterproof clothing e.g. puddle suit or waterproof jacket and trousers .
- Wellington boots.
- Seasonal weather attire e.g. hat, scarf and gloves for cold days and sun hats for hot weather.
- A spare change of clothes in back packs (especially socks).
- Suitable jacket for outdoor play.

Please place your child's jacket for outdoor play on their group trolley in the Playroom. This minimises disruption to play as the children can access their jackets independently before accessing outdoors.

There are group boxes available in the playroom for you to place hats etc. for use when playing outdoors.

Please clearly label your child's clothing with their name.

Unfortunately, previous outdoor clothing which we used as spares are now unsuitable for daily use outdoors.

We appreciate your continued support in providing your child with suitable outdoor clothing.

Please get in touch with the Centre if you are having trouble sourcing waterproof clothing for your child.

We will be holding an outdoor clothing swap shop in the near future. Further details of this will follow.

Thank you



Keeping in touch



Learning Journals—If you require your log in reset please speak to your child's Key Worker or Joanne



Facebook— Search Fenwick Early Childhood Centre



GLOW Blog— Please scan QR code to access blog or search Fenwick ECC



GLOW Blog

Our Vision is for all children to achieve and attain in a safe, happy and nurturing environment.

Our Aim is to ensure every child and young person reaches their full potential and is 'the best they can be!'

Our Values are—

Kindness, Ambition, Respect and Honesty

