



Fenwick Early Childhood Centre
Newsletter
November/December 2025



Fenwick ECC Update

Hopefully, you all saw the APP update that I am delighted to share some wonderful news with you all — I am expecting a baby in the spring! This is an incredibly exciting and special time for myself, John and our family.

Some of you may have noticed that I've needed to take a little time off recently, and I want to reassure you that this has been to take care of myself and ensure a healthy pregnancy. I am deeply grateful for your kindness, support and understanding, and I remain committed to being here for our Centre, our team and, of course, your wonderful children. Thank you for being part of this happy chapter with us.

Joanne



Free Festive Clothing Swap Shop

Monday 24th November until Friday 28th November

The RRS Committee have started planning a Festive Clothing Swap Shop. We would like to ask, if you can, that you donate any unwanted festive clothing that is still in good condition. If your child has a Christmas jumper or any other festive clothing which is no longer required, or has been outgrown, this could be the perfect item to donate in support of our swap shop. From Monday 1st December items will be displayed in Fenwick PS outdoor shelter, directly across from the main office and everyone is welcome to have a look and take what you need on a first-come, first served basis.



Reverse Advent—Food Bank Collection

Monday 1st December—Friday 5th December

Giving a little support to those less fortunate has never been so easy. Fenwick PS and ECC are collecting donations for the local food bank, this Christmas.

Donation can be placed in the box available in the ECC corridor between the 1st and 5th of December.

Suggested donations—pasta, rice, tinned foods, breakfast cereals, tea bags etc.

Christmas Fayre

Fenwick PS and ECC's Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 5th of December 2025.

The ECC's allocated time slot is

09.15—10.00am.

If you wish to take your child to the fayre please take them directly there in the morning before bringing them to the ECC.

Unfortunately, staff will not be able to escort children to the fayre.

When you are ready to bring your child to the ECC, please exit the fayre and walk along the playground and enter the ECC via the main entrance. Please ring the door bell of the ECC and a staff member will be on hand with sign in sheets.

If you are unable to attend the fayre please bring your child to the ECC as normal.



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Christmas Fayre—Friday 5th of December 2025. (Continued)

Tickets:

- £1 per adult (children attend free)
- Tickets will be available to purchase via ParentPay from Monday 17th November, and will close on Wednesday 3rd December 2025.
- ECC children who do not have access to ParentPay: please send the correct money for tickets in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child's name, group, and the number of tickets required. Please give your sealed envelopes to ECC staff

Lucky Prize Draw:

Each ticket will include a QR code. Please scan the code and enter your details for a chance to win a mystery prize!

(Please only enter as many times as tickets purchased.)

Additional Information:

- There will be an opportunity to purchase extra tickets on the door on the day of the Fayre.
- Members of the local community are also warmly welcome to purchase tickets on the door and join us for this festive event.
- Tickets will be sent home with children on Wednesday 3rd December.

Dress Down Day—21st November - Tombola donations:

Children are very welcome to come to the ECC in their play clothes, if they wish. We would be very grateful of any donations of chocolate or bottles to use at our Tombola stall. Please hand any donations of alcohol to the main office or to Joanne on the ECC door.

Dress Down Day 28th November—Hamper donations:

Children are very welcome to come to the ECC in their play clothes, if they wish. We would be very grateful of any donations towards our hampers. The hampers are Christmas, Beauty and Food themed. Please see the ECC Glow Blog or app for details on suggested donations. Please hand any donations of alcohol to the main office or to Joanne on the ECC door.

Thank you for your continued support — we look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Fayre!



Christmas Party—Tuesday 9th of December

We are delighted to have booked Mark Walbank, "Awesome Kids Entertainer" for our party on 9th December.

Children can come to the ECC dressed in their party clothes, if they wish.

Outdoor play will be limited this day to protect the children's clothing.

In the afternoon there will be festive experiences for the children to enjoy and some party games too.

There is a rumour that a very special visitor may come to visit the ECC during the party.....

Thank you to Fenwick Primary School and ECC Parent Council, who are subsidising the cost of the entertainer for the party and a gift for every child.



Christmas Craft Stay & Play

We would love to invite you to join us in the ECC for a festive Christmas Craft Stay and Play session. This is a lovely opportunity for you to spend time with your child, get creative, and enjoy some seasonal fun together. Each group has an allocated date, and all sessions will run from 9:15am - 9:45am (approx.). Due to limited space, we kindly ask that only one adult per child attends.

Tuesday 2nd December	Sunshine Group
Wednesday 3rd December	Star Group
Thursday 4th December	Rainbow Group



We look forward to seeing you there!



Christmas Concert Friday 12th December



The ECC children will be performing in a Christmas concert on
 Friday the 12th of December 2025.

The concert will take place in Fenwick Primary School's main hall.

We would be delighted if Parents/Carers, family and friends could join us to hear some special Christmas songs.

Doors will open at 1.45pm

The concert will begin at 2.00pm.

Please use the top entrance of Fenwick Primary School, where some school representatives will be there to welcome you.

The children can wear Christmas jumpers and festive accessories if they wish.

(Please clearly label accessories with your child's name).

After the concert the children will return to the ECC. When you are ready you can make your way through the playground and to the ECC entrance and collect your child.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Christmas Film Thursday 18th December



The ECC will have a movie afternoon on Thursday 18th of December.

The Christmas film selected will be rated U or PG. Please note, any films selected by the ECC will be age and stage appropriate for all children. If children do not wish to participate, other festive experiences will also be available at this time.

The children will have a special snack during this time.

If you do not want your child to participate in watching the film, please let Joanne or your child's key worker know.

Thank you.

Illness Guidance Reminder

As we move through the winter months, we kindly ask all families to continue following Public Health Scotland's guidance to help reduce the spread of illness within our ECC. Your support makes a real difference in keeping children, families and staff healthy and well.

Please remember:

- Children must remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea before returning.
- Children should be fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of medication before coming back.
- Good hand hygiene is essential — please encourage regular handwashing at home as we continue to do in the centre.

By following these measures, we can work together to help minimise the spread of winter bugs and maintain a safe, healthy and happy environment for everyone. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Outdoor Play

As part of our commitment to providing high-quality learning experiences, children at the ECC access the outdoors in all weathers, including our very cold and sometimes wet Fenwick winters. Outdoor play is an essential part of our daily routine, supporting children's health, wellbeing, resilience, curiosity and independence.

To help keep children warm, dry and comfortable, please ensure they have suitable waterproof clothing, warm layers, and appropriate waterproof outdoor footwear stored on the trolleys in the ECC. We would also kindly ask that children's backpacks are fully stocked with a change of clothes, including extra socks, as these are needed frequently due to wet and muddy play.

We also have a small supply of hats and gloves available if needed. In Playroom 2, you will find labelled boxes for each group where children's winter accessories can be stored. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid mix-ups.

Finally, we ask that all ECC-owned clothing is returned as soon as possible, as we are running very low on many items of clothing.

Thank you for your support in helping us make outdoor learning safe, enjoyable and successful throughout the winter months.



End of Term Arrangements:

The ECC will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 19th of December 2025. We will re-open on Monday the 5th of January 2026.

Our friends and colleagues from Fenwick Primary School finish at 2.30pm on Friday the 19th of December. The ECC will continue to operate until our usual time of 2.50pm.

To ease transition for Parents collecting siblings from Fenwick Primary School the ECC doors will be open from 2.30pm.



Important Dates:

19 th November	Flu vaccines
21 st November	Dress down for chocolate & bottle donations
24 th - 28 th November	Festive Clothing Swap Shop Donations
28 th November	Dress down for Hamper donations
1 st December	Festive Clothing Swap Shop opens (Fenwick PS Shelter)
1 st - 5 th December	Reverse Advent (Food bank donations)
2 nd December	Sunshine Christmas Craft Stay and Play
3 rd December	Star Christmas Craft Stay and Play
4 th December	Rainbow Christmas Craft Stay and Play
5 th December	Christmas Fayre
9 th December	Christmas Party
11 th December	Christmas lunch (see app for details)
12 th December	Christmas Concert
18 th December	Christmas movie afternoon
19 th December	Last day of term
5 th January 2026	Centre Re-opens

Keeping in Touch



Learning Journals—If you require your login 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



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



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