



Galston Early Childhood Centre



January 2025 Newsletter!



We hope everyone had a magical and enjoyable festive break. This week we have enjoyed welcoming everyone back to the Centre and meeting children and their families of children due to start the Centre over the next couple of weeks.

School Registration - August 2025



P1 registration, for children who turn five years between 1 March 2025 and 28 February 2026, opens on Monday 13 January and closes on Friday 17 January.

Registration will be online and you will need a copy of your child's birth certificate and two proofs of your residence in the catchment area, in the form of a Council Tax Notice or utility bill. If required, [a copy of your child's birth certificate can be obtained online](#)

If you are unable to register online, please phone your local school for help and advice.

Placing requests

Parents and carers who wish to make a placing request must first enrol their child/ children at their local school. Placing requests for the session beginning August 2025, for both primary and secondary schools, [must be completed and submitted online](#) by 31 January 2025.

Parents and carers can also submit a placing request for Gaelic Medium Education.

For further information regarding Gaelic Medium Education at Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh on William McIlvanney Campus, please contact the school directly on 01563 558505.

Staffing Update



We would like to welcome our new Senior Early Learning and Care Practitioner, Gillian Speirs to the team. Gillian has formerly worked within the authority as an Equality and Excellence lead. Gillian is looking forward to getting to know everyone and working within the Centre.

PEEP - Learning Together Sessions



Invitations have been sent out to parents/carers to join our PEEP sessions which begin on Thursday 16th January for 6 weeks. If you are interested please speak to your child's keyworker.



Race Night

The parent committee are holding a Race Night on Saturday 8th February to raise funds for the ECC and to plan a great end of year trip for the kids. This promises to be a great night and tickets are on sale now. We are also looking for raffle prizes/bottles/donations to support our event. Please hand any donations in to the ECC or our parent committee chairperson, Amanda Dick. Thank you ☺

Eco-schools - Recycling clothing



As part of our commitment towards our Eco-schools journey we have arranged a RAG bag collection for **18th February 25**. Clothing collected will be reused and the Centre will money which can be put towards resources and trips.

We value your support with this project to support children to understand recycling and re-using unwanted items as we aim to reduce waste.

Spring Bulbs (not daffodils)

The outdoor team would like to request springtime bulbs to be donated to the Centre, although preferably not daffodil bulbs. The team plan to plant springtime bulbs with the children which supports understanding in early level science, of the conditions which are required for growth.



Plastic bottle donation

We would be grateful if 2 Litre plastic bottles could be donated to the Centre over the next week for a planned project outdoors. Thank you in advance from the outdoor team! ☺

Rhyme of the Month

Pat-Cake

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake baker's man
Bake me a cake as fast as you can
Pat it and prick it and mark it with "B"
Put it in the oven for baby and me

For baby and me
For baby and me
And there will be plenty for baby and me



Using Makaton to support communication.

Click on the link below to for the tune to this month's Rhyme of the month and to see the Makaton signs to support.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmMwMgdj2V0&list=PLDZkNdIBNNeKmW7FWBQ2I8a15wmwP_bha&index=7

January Top Tip

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Make reading part of your day.
Read books appropriate to your child's age and stage.
Talk about the books you read.



This will help with spelling when they go to school and build their general knowledge and language skills.

Check out our social media:

@weepeoplechat

@AyrshireSLT

Helpline & Virtual Drop In

Helpline: Phone-07980919654

Mon. 9:30am- 11:30am

Thur- 2pm-4pm

Virtual- Phone/Text- 07812519298 to book an appointment for



EAST AYRSHIRE SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY ONLINE DROP INS



#Getting wee people chatting

Do you have concerns about your child's speech and language development? In addition to our helpline we will now be offering times for virtual drop ins. This will be a chance for you to speak face to face with a Speech and Language Therapist who can provide advice and guidance. You can attend with or without your child.

If you would like to attend a drop in session please text the number below and you will be given a time slot. You will then be provided with an information leaflet on how the drop in is run. This is for children who are not currently on the Speech and Language Caseload. If you already have a named Speech and Language Therapist please contact them for advice.

Please text on: 07812519298

Virtual drop ins will be available every:

Tuesday Afternoon 3pm-6pm

Friday Morning 9:30am-12:30pm



Social Media

@ayrshireSLT

Speech and Language Therapy in East Ayrshire

@weepeoplechat

Our helpline is available to call every Monday at 9:30am - 11:30am and Thursday at 2pm -4pm on 07980919654.

Do you live or work in Ayrshire
and have concerns about a
child's speech, language or
communication.



We are offering an expanded Helpline Service until further notice

For advice and guidance from
an experienced Speech and Language
Therapist, please call the
Helpline for your area.

East Ayrshire 07980919654
Monday 9.30am - 11.30am
Thursday 2pm - 4pm

North Ayrshire 07833233942
Wednesday 2pm - 4pm
Thursday 2pm - 4pm

South Ayrshire 07833095374
Tuesday 2pm - 4pm
Thursday 10am - 12pm



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life possible for everyone in Ayrshire and Arran

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Galston ECC Face Book Page



For regular updates please follow the
Centre's face book page called
Galston Early Childhood Centre or
click on the link below

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1JuwntoctE/?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Thursday 16 th January	PEEP sessions start 9 - 10am (6 week programme)
Saturday 8 th February	Parent Committee Fundraiser - Race Night
Monday 10 th February	Term time Holiday
Tuesday 11 th February	In-Service Day - Centre closed to all children
Wednesday 12 th February	Centre re-opens for all children.
Friday 14 th - Friday 28 th (midnight) February	Early learning and childcare - registration fortnight Information will be shared nearer the time
Monday 7 th - Thursday 17 th April	Spring Break - Term time holiday
Friday 18 th April	Good Friday - ECC closed to all children
Monday 21 st April	Easter Monday - ECC closed to all children
Tuesday 22 nd April	Centre re-opens for all children for Summer Term

Learning Journals

All children within both rooms should have targets to work on in their next steps section of the learning journal. Observations posted will refer to progress in working towards achieving their next step. General information, in the form of stories will also be included on the journals to share events, reminders and the newsletter. If you require any support in accessing your child's learning journal please let your child's keyworker know. All observations will be published weekly on Friday at 6pm.

Contact us!



Phone: You can contact the Office on: 01563 820360

Email: Head of Centre: dawn.waide@eastayrshire.org.uk

Depute Manager: elaine.bowden@eastayrshire.org.uk

You can also contact your child's keyworker directly through the Learning Journals.