



Nursery Newsletter Term 2 - October - December 2025

Term 2



We hope all of our families had a lovely October break and are ready for our busy term ahead. This newsletter will share all the information for Term 2.

Thank you to the families who have already completed the FORM I sent out with regards to your feedback about our Nursery. We really value your feedback and want to provide the best experiences for your children. We are always thriving to improve and look forward to continuing working with you all to gain your feedback.

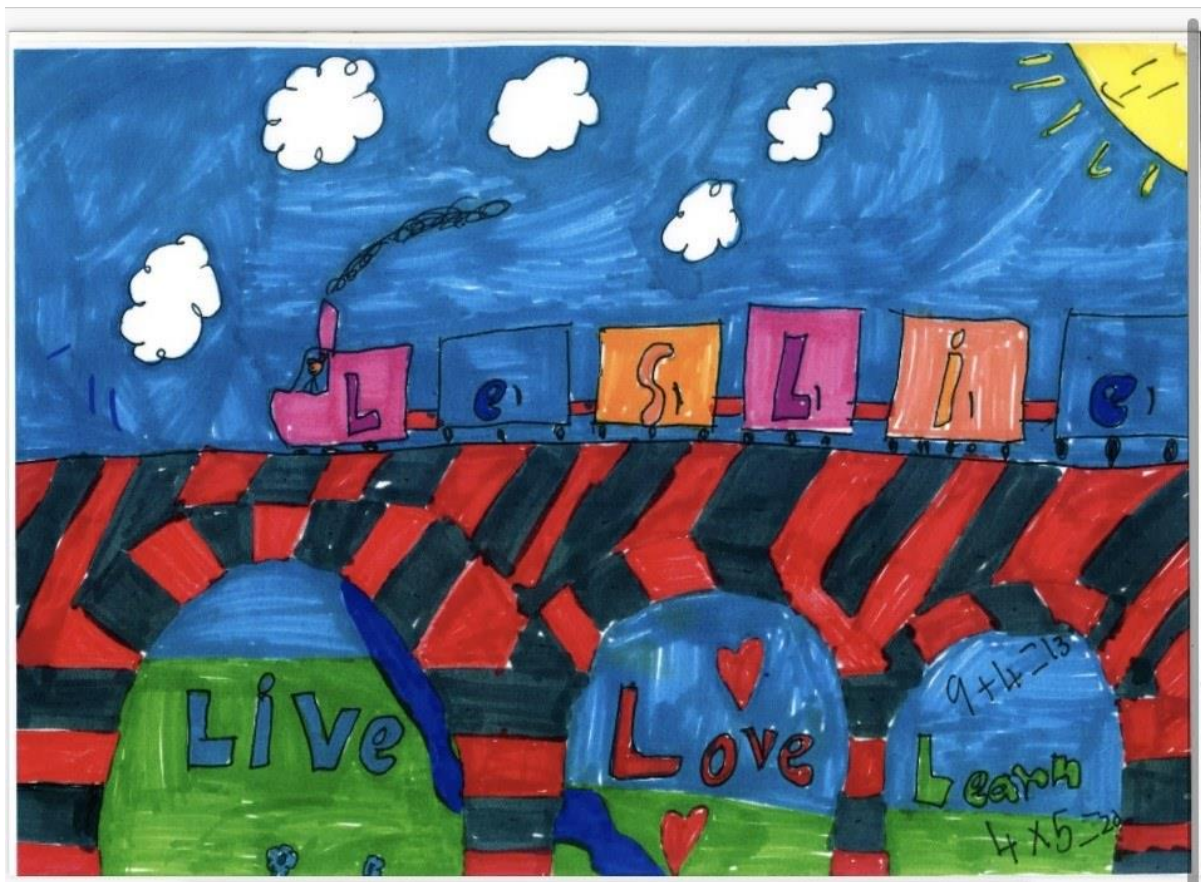
This term we have lots of opportunities for you and your child to participate in family learning through Bookbug sessions, Family Learning and Stay and Play sessions.

If you have any comments, questions, suggestions for us, please contact Mrs Fraser or one of the Nursery team.

Thank you again for your support.

Mrs Fraser and the Nursery Team

Our Vision, Values and Aims for Nursery and School



Our Vision is: Building the Bridge to Brilliance

Our Values are: Live, Love, Learn at Leslie.

Our aims are:

From Nursery to P7 we are paving the way for our children to...

- Achieve in all aspects of their life
- Develop skills for learning, life and work
- Develop the four capacities
- Understand that failure is part of achieving success
- Understand their own moral purpose and live a life with values and integrity that are established through informed choices



Nursery Improvement Priorities



Our Nursery staff are taking part in ongoing professional learning to strengthen how we support children's learning—especially through play, early numeracy, and digital tools—so we can give every child the best possible start. Our Nursery improvement priorities for this year are:

Priority 1

We're working together to plan how we assess children's learning across early years and primary, using a shared approach to make sure every child is supported to achieve their best.

Priority 2

We're helping staff use digital tools to make learning more inclusive, engaging and tailored to each child—so every learner can thrive.

Priority 3

We're placing a strong focus on helping children develop confidence with numbers through play-based, hands-on learning. This means:

- Exploring counting, sorting, measuring and patterns in fun and meaningful ways
- Using everyday experiences to build early maths skills
- Supporting each child's individual progress in numeracy



1 - Priority 1



2 - Priority 1



3 - Priority 3

Staffing



Staffing Update:

Mrs McKie has been with us on a temporary basis, she has secured a post as a Senior Early Years Officer, her last day at Leslie will be Friday (7.11.2025). We wish her all the best . Therefore we will have a full-time permanent vacancy, which will be advertised, until this position is filled we will have supply staff in Nursery.

Miss Dunn also remains absent, we have had Gillian Wylie on Supply as well as Lynn Reekie.



4 - Mrs Mc Kie (Full-Time EYO)

Child Protection



Within School/ Nursery our staff have annual Child Protection updates, all of our nursery staff have attended Child Protection Training. We have our own Safeguarding Policy within the School/Nursery (which can be accessed on the Nursery/ School website). In School/ Nursery the Child Protection Co-ordinator is Mrs Mc Lean (Headteacher) and the Depute Child Protection Co-ordinator is Mrs Fraser (Depute Headteacher).



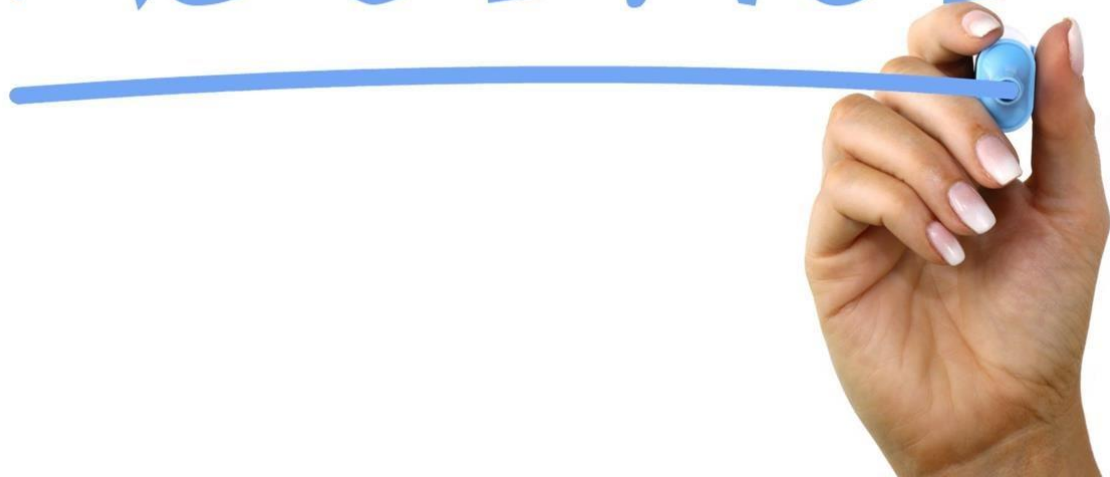
5 - Mrs Mc Lean -Child Protection Co-ordinator



6 - Mrs Fraser - Depute Child Protection Co-ordinator

Attendance

ABSENCE



If your child is absent from Nursery, please can you let us know.

The school office is open from 8.30pm-4pm. You can either call the school on 01592 583433, text: 07860 003788 or email leslieps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk.

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea they must be kept at home for at **least 48 hours** after the last episode, in line with Fife Council Policy.

SIMOA



We want to introduce Simoa, the elephant, to all our families.

Simoa always remembers:

Safe

Be alert to all potential risks in your setting.

Inspect

Look around and inspect the environment to make sure a child can't leave an area without staff or their parent/carer.

Monitor

Regularly check that all children are accounted for particularly when they are outside, on outings or using transport.

Observe

Observe children and think about their feelings and emotional security – use these observations to support children to feel loved and secure.

Act

Assess and take action to keep children safe.

The children use SIMOA (elephant) to ensure safety and wellbeing within/ outwith the Nursery Playroom.



7 - SIMOA display in Nursery

Personal Learning Journal (PLJ)



Every child has a folder containing their Personal Learning Journey (PLJ). Your child's Keyworker is responsible for recording your child's learning and achievements throughout their time in Nursery.

The children have free access to their own PLJs within Nursery, they can look at it and add to their folder at any time. These folders are kept in the Nursery on a shelf accessible to the children.

We would like to celebrate all of our children's achievements both in Nursery and outwith. We encourage families to help us celebrate these achievements by sharing these achievements with staff, this can be through SEESAW so these can be celebrated on our 'Wider Achievement Board'. This is an opportunity for your child to share those special moments, which could be 'brushing their teeth by themselves or counting to 10, attending a new club/sport'.

For our new Nursery families we have sent home 'All About Me' sheets that we ask you all to complete with your child. **If you could please make sure you date and sign the last page, that would be greatly appreciated.** We understand you may not have or be able to print a family photo so if you could email us at leslieps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk, we can print the photo to put in your child's PLJ. The children take great pride in their PLJs and enjoy looking at their pictures.

SNACK

Our children have the opportunity to have snack during Nursery, we provide them with a variety of different options for snack, adhering to health promotion 'Setting the Table' guidance (<https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/advice-and-guidance/2024/10/setting-table-guidance/documents/setting-table-guidance/setting-table-guidance/govscot%3Adocument/setting-table-guidance.pdf>) . There is also access to milk and water throughout the Nursery day, the children are encouraged to independently access water/milk, adult support given when required. Therefore there is no need to provide your child with a water bottle as they have free flow access to water/milk.

If you are able to and would like to make a contribution to our Nursery fund weekly, it would be greatly appreciated.



Lunches



Nursery Lunch choices:

There is a board in the entrance foyer with the lunch options for children to pop their name into their lunch choice, we ask our families to support their child/children to use this system every morning.

Our children have access to the dinner hall within the school to eat their lunch. All of our new children are following our lunchtime routine really well.



8 - Nursery lunch options

Bookbug



Bookbug is Scotland's universal Early Years book gifting programme that aims to inspire a love for stories, songs and rhymes from an early age. At Leslie we love to share stories, songs and rhymes and one of the many ways we provide these opportunities is through Bookbug. The first session of this term will be Tuesday 11th November 2025. It will be held on a 3 week rota on a Tuesday from 9.30-10am led by Mrs Sullivan.

Lending Library



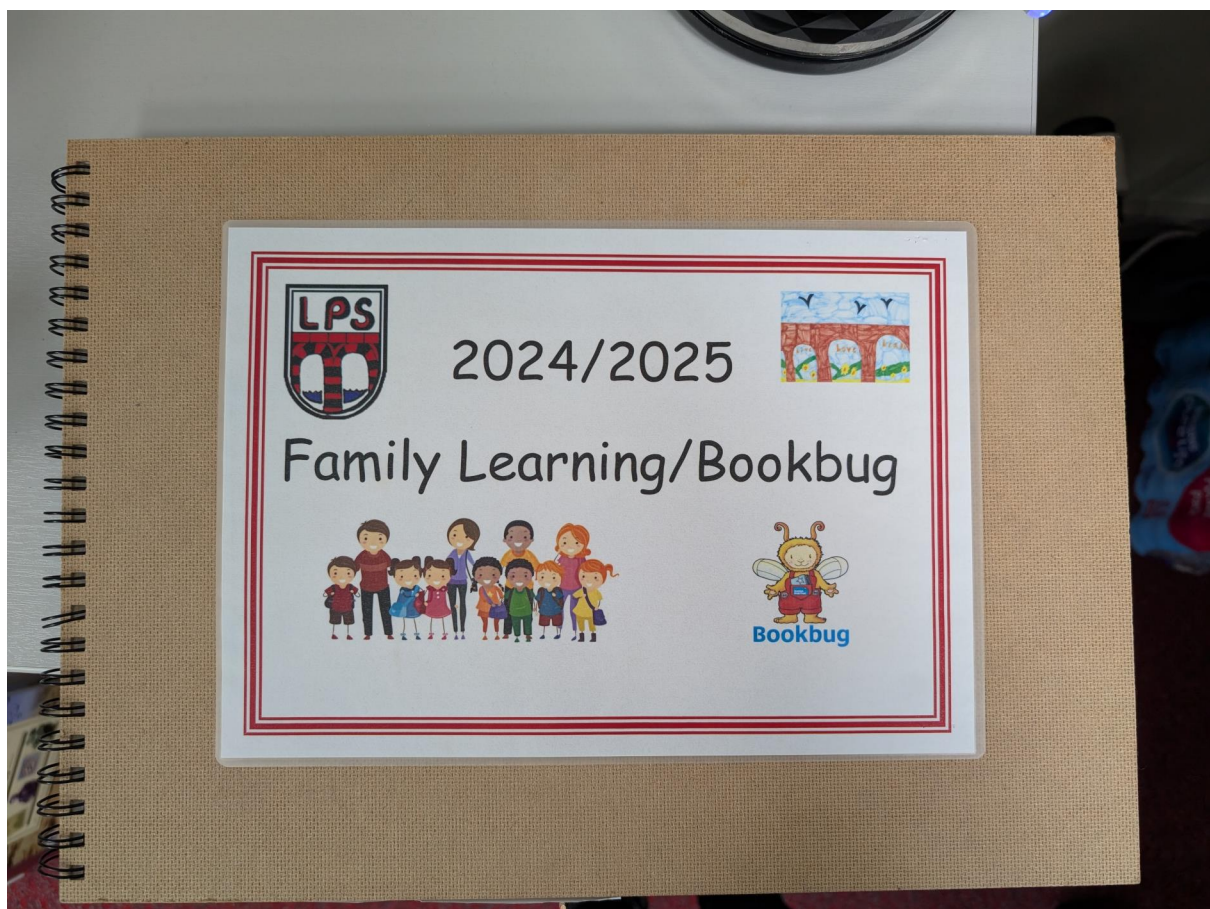
We would like to encourage and promote 'Our Lending Library'. The purpose of our Lending Library is to foster a love of reading for the children by providing access to a variety of books.

We hope this will allow families to share reading at home, support early Literacy skills and vocabulary development.

Please help yourself to a book but be sure to complete the sign in and out sheet. We would encourage our families to make use of the lending library and value your feedback.



Family Learning - PEEP



Mrs Brown will be leading our Family Learning Sessions every third Tuesday. This is an opportunity for you to learn with your child and share their learning experience. Family Learning began on 28th October 9.30-10.30am and will continue on a three weekly basis.

We hope our families are able to attend these sessions. The sign up sheet for these sessions will be in the parent area and it will be shared on SEESAW.

Stay and Play



We would like to invite our families into the Nursery to have some 'Stay and Play' sessions with your child. We will be limiting our numbers and ask **one adult per child** with a limit of 12 in each session.

Dates are as follows:

Monday 1st December 10-10:30am

Monday 1st December 2-2:30pm

Thursday 4th December 10-10:30am

Thursday 4th December 2-2:30pm

We will put a register sheet in the foyer (parent area), where you can sign up for the Stay and Play session, if you are unable to attend there are plenty more opportunities to come into Nursery for Bookbug/ Family Learning/ Outdoor Learning sessions on a Tuesday.

P.E



Our PE day is Tuesday and Friday. The children have an opportunity to opt into and access the gym hall where staff provide experiences to extend their learning through physical activities to develop gross motor skills.

Nature Garden



We are planning to provide 'Forest Kindergarten', offering the children frequent, regular play opportunities outdoors in a natural outdoor setting, using our Nature Garden. Nursery have the opportunity to access the Nature Garden on a **Wednesday AM and Thursday PM**, to further extend their learning experiences outdoors in a safe environment allowing curiosity, creativity and exploration of nature.





Links with the Community - Care Home Visits



This term we will be focusing on Environmental Walks and linking in with Leslie Residential Care Home (Westpark Home) with our N5 children (Pre-School Children) - to allow them to make links and connections with our local community.

These sessions will be held every third Wednesday in the morning beginning **Wednesday 5th November 2025, then 26th November and 17th December 2025.**

There will be a list of children (N5s in the parent area) when the children will be attending the sessions with the opportunity for the parent/carer to sign up to attend these sessions.

Speech and Language



Mairi Cowley is our link Speech and Language Therapist. You may see her in the Nursery working with some of our children. Staff have worked closely with Mairi over the last few years to support our children with their early communication. Mairi has delivered sessions to the staff to support with Signalong and Communication High 5. Mrs Thorpe will be continuing to lead on Signalong and will be sharing the signs the children have been learning via SEESAW.



9 - Mairi Cowley



10 - Signalong.

If you would like some additional information or have any concerns with regards to your child's Speech and Language, you can contact the SALT advice line for parents/carers on Tuesdays between 10:00 - 12:00pm and Wednesdays between 2-4pm to speak to a therapist for reassurance or advice.

Advice line: [01592 226699](tel:01592226699)

Educational Psychologist - Malcolm Mc Govern

Malcolm Mc Govern is our Educational Psychologist for Nursery and School. You may see him in the Nursery observing and working with staff to support children with Additional Support Needs (ASN).



11 - Malcolm Mc Govern

Christmas Fayre



🎄 Christmas Fayre Invitation 🎄

We are delighted to invite all parents and carers to join us for our annual Christmas Fayre! The event will take place throughout the school, from Nursery up to Primary 7, with a variety of festive stalls, games, and activities for everyone to enjoy. Parents are warmly welcome to collect their children from Nursery to attend the Fayre together. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season, support the school, and enjoy some holiday cheer with our school community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Friday 5th December (PM) - letters to follow in due course.

Nursery Singalong



We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming **Nursery Singalong**, which will take place in the **main hall**. This special event is a wonderful opportunity for you to join us in celebrating the joy of music and singing with our nursery children. We would love for you to come along,

sing with us, and enjoy some light refreshments—**tea, coffee, and biscuits will be provided.** We look forward to seeing you there and sharing this lovely experience together!

Friday 12th December at 2pm

Nursery Christmas Party



We're excited to let you know that our **Nursery Christmas Party** will be held on the **morning of Thursday 18th December**. The children can look forward to a fun-filled celebration with music, games, and festive cheer—and we're hoping for a **special visit from someone very important** to help make the day even more magical! Please note that this event is **for nursery children only**, and unfortunately we won't be able to accommodate families on this occasion. Thank you for your understanding—we're sure the children will have a wonderful time!



Change of Clothes

If you can ensure your child has a change of clothes within their bag, for various reasons. Our children are out in all weathers and can sometimes get their clothes wet. We do ensure your child has appropriate outdoor wear as we have outdoor suits, however there may be times when your child needs a change of clothes.

Labelling Clothes

We ask if parents/carers can please label their child's belongings e.g clothes and packed lunches.

Pick Up/ Drop Off

We are aware that the cloakroom can be very busy at the start and end of the day so please ask that **'one'** adult comes into the cloakroom for their child.

Smoking/ Vaping

Fife Council have created guidance to be shared with all stakeholders so that the rules and expectations are clear and set consistently across all school. I ask that you follow these rules with consideration to the health and wellbeing of our children and that anyone not abiding by the rules is reported to the school where we can advise appropriately. This guidance applies to the following people:

- Everyone present on school premises: pupils, school staff, parents while visiting and all other visitors, regardless of the purpose of their visit and at all times.
- This guidance sets out the Education Directorate approach and commitment to providing a healthy and safe learning and working environment for Children, Young People and school staff, contributing to vaping and tobacco product free generations. Following this guidance will ensure a consistency of approach across the Directorate.
- **Tobacco and vape use is prohibited in any indoor areas**, including, but not limited to, offices, classrooms, meeting rooms, service rooms, bathrooms, hallways, staircases and sports and leisure venues.
- **The use of vaping and tobacco products is banned in all outdoor school facilities, including, but not limited to playgrounds, paths, fields, parking areas and sports and leisure areas.**
- The guidance also applies during school events, school trips and off-campus activities where pupils are under the care and supervision of school staff.

Dogs

Reminder that **no dogs** should be brought into the School grounds.



Holidays

Christmas

Monday 22 Dec 2025 - Friday 2 Jan 2026

February

Thursday 12 Feb 2026- Friday 13 Feb 2026

Spring

Friday 3 Apr 2026 - Friday 17 Apr 2026

May

Monday 4 May 2026

June

Monday 1 Jun 2026

Summer

Monday 6 Jul 2026 - Friday 14 Aug 2026

In- service Day

Friday 14 Nov 2025

Wednesday 11 Feb 2026

Thursday 7 May 2026