



Larkfield ELC

October and November Newsletter 2025



Tis the season to get spooooooky 😊

We will be celebrating Halloween on **Wednesday the 29th October**. If your child attends nursery on this day, if they wish, they can dress up. We ask that no frightening masks or props are brought into nursery. There will be plenty games, activities and celebrations to be had.

Halloween traditions will also be running throughout the month of October. Your child will also have the opportunity to take part in experiences such as creative arts, pumpkin carving and ghostly story telling.

Haunted Halloween Walk

Trick or treat, bags of sweets, ghosts are walking down the streets ...

ITS BACK WITH A VENGEANCE!

Like last year we are organising a Haunted Halloween Walk which will be hosted in our Nursery Garden. Children are invited along for a wicked wander at 4:30 on Wednesday 29th October where they can attend dressed up in their Halloween Costume. Children attending the centre will go free, and we ask that Parents pay a small entry price of £1. Siblings are also welcomed along for an additional fee of £1 per child, if they would like to attend.

On our Haunted Halloween Walk you will find....

A Haunted House Photo Booth
Spooky Melted Skeleton Station
Poisoned Halloween Punch
Trick or Treat Stand
Wicked Witches Tattoo Stall
Daunting Dookin' for Apples

And so much more...

All monies raised at our Haunted Halloween walk will contribute towards our Christmas Celebrations, and buying every child a present for Christmas.



Halloween Bake Sale

To raise funds for the nursery we will be holding a Halloween themed bake stall. This will take place on Wednesday 22nd October and available to buy from at Drop off and Pick up. We will be selling a variety of sweet treats, cupcakes, Costumes, Halloween gifts and much more.

Our vision is for all monies raised to go towards planning our Halloween and Christmas Celebrations this year, and to go towards buying every child a Christmas present.

If you have any suggestions on how you feel we could be using the funds please speak to a member of the management team. We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas.

Parental Involvement

Alongside some staff we are arranging to host a Parents and Care takers Group who will discuss nursery life, how we can improve, and have a bit of a blether.

We are also organising a Fundraising Committee which Parents and Care takers are also encouraged to join and attend meetings alongside staff. This group will be focused on arranging various fundraisers throughout the year and providing support to the nursery to raise as much funds as we can to support your wee yin here at Larkfield. We rely massively on fundraising to provide your wee yins Christmas presents, celebrations/parties, end of term events, outings/trips, and so many more wonderful things. If this is something you would be interested in – Please speak to a member of staff within the nursery.

House Boundaries

Parents and Care takers are not permitted to park within the Staff and Visitor car park unless they or their child is a blue badge holder. We ask kindly that you are mindful when parking over residents driveways.

If your child is off nursery for any reason we ask that you give us a call to let us know. If you are going to drop off past 09:30, we ask that you phone the nursery and order your child's lunch.

As the children's coat pegs are kept within the playroom, we ask that you only pack nursery essentials in your child's bag (Nappies, comforter if required, change of clothing etc) please encourage your child to leave any toys/teddies at home as we don't want them being lost or broken. We are a nut free nursery and cannot have any food products containing nuts in bags.

We thank you for your cooperation.



Nursery Clothing

With the wetter weather and our natural tough-mudder course returning to our back garden, we ask that all children have a change of clothing (or 2!) within their bags that they can be changed into after being outdoors or engaging in messy play.

The nursery have a very small bank of clothing that children can be changed into if they do not have clothes on their peg. However, this is very quickly disappearing. If your child has come home with nursery clothes on we kindly ask that you can return them back into the nursery on your child's next session. We do not need them washed or dried, just returned 😊

Thank you all for your co-operation

Model Start and End Dates Reminder

With a 2 or 3 year old entitled Early learning and Childcare space there are 5 models of attendance and these are allocated by Education HQ before your child starts. If you attend the nursery on a paid private space (chargeable childcare) your times will be individual to you depending on what hours you have chosen and pay for.

Our entitled ELC sessions are:

Model 1 Term Time	Monday to Friday – 9-3
Model 2 48 to 50 weeks	Monday & Tuesday - 08:05-17:45 Wednesday AM - 08:05-12:55
Model 3 48 to 50 weeks	Wednesday PM – 13:00-17:45 Thursday & Friday – 08:05-17:45
Model 4 48 to 50 weeks	Monday to Friday – 08:05-12:55
Model 5 48 to 50 weeks	Monday to Friday – 13:00-17:45

Nursery session End Times

Just as you are given a start date for your entitled ELC there are also end dates and times which vary depending on the year, model and which intake your child attends. This changes with every academic year as Education HQ adjust each entitlement of 1140 hours to reflect children's start dates and intakes. Please pay close attention to your child's end date and time as it varies depending on intake and model.

If your child starts in August/September

they finish on

Model 1	30th June 2026 @ 3pm
Model 2	10th August 2026 @ 5:10pm
Model 3	31st July 2026 @ 4:10pm
Model 4	5th August 2026 @ 12:15pm
Model 5	11th August 2026 @ 5:45pm

If your child starts in January they finish on

Model 1	30th June 2026 @ 3pm
Model 2	21st July 2026 @ 9:35am
Model 3	17th July 2026 @ 11:50am
Model 4	20th July 2026 @ 9:35am
Model 5	22nd July 2026 @ 4:15pm

If your child starts in April they finish on

Model 1	30th June 2026 @ 3pm
Model 2	14th July 2026 @ 3:45pm
Model 3	10th July 2026 @ 4:45pm
Model 4	14th July 2026 @ 10:55am
Model 5	15th July 2026 @ 4:00pm



Important Dates for your diary

Nursery **closed** to Model 1 and Term Time children – Monday 13th October, Children return – Tuesday 21st October

Nursery **closed** to all children for In-service day Training – Monday 20th October

Halloween Bake Sale – Wednesday 22nd October

Halloween Celebrations and Haunted Halloween Walk – Wednesday 29th October

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Our Play and Learning so far this term...



To see more pictures of your child's play and learning – log on to Learning Journals ☺