



## West Kilbride Early Year Class

### February Newsletter 2026

#### What's happening?

We have been updating our environment inside, creating a cosy STEAM area with a light box and other activities we are interested in. Our games and puzzles have moved to a different area near the tuff tray so we can play them standing up together. We have been talking about our Class Charter and keeping ourselves safe in Early Years, including strategies if we want a toy our friend has and that we use our words, have kind hands and get a sand timer to take turns with the toys. We also are learning to put our toys away when we have finished playing with them so they don't get lost or broken.

#### Diary Dates

The Early Years Class is closed on 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of February. We will re-open on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February with our usual session times.

#### Early Years Registration 2026-27

The North Ayrshire registration for the August 2026 to 2027 academic year will open on Wednesday 4 February 2026 at 9am and will close on Sunday 1 March 2026 at midnight. This registration period applies to all children who will turn three between 1 March 2026 and 28 February 2027. Please follow the link <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/admissions-and-enrolment/early-learning-and-childcare-enrolment>

#### Play and Stay

Thank you to those who have already signed up to our Play and Stay sessions again, week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> February. Please add your name if you haven't done so already- the sheet is out at drop off and pick up times. There will be lots of activities you can do with your child when you visit for example Valentines Scavenger Hunt, card making, Valentine shape game, biscuit decorating, Valentine experiments in the garden and more.

#### Transitions

To support transitions into the School we have been allocated time in the gym hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings when possible. The children will be learning circle games, parachute games and practising their listening skills, as well as an opportunity to learn about our bodies and spatial awareness.

For our children who are going to P1 in August, there is an information session on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February in the school hall just for the adults and then the P1 teachers will be visiting the EYC across the week to meet the children and have some fun together.

#### Drop off/Pick Up Procedures

A gentle reminder that if your child is being dropped off or picked up at times other than 9 am and 3 pm please go first to the school office and they will contact the team to organise picking your child up or dropping back to the office. This is to follow our updated Safeguarding rules for the children within the Primary School and EYC. Thank You.

**Early Years Team** (Jo, Babs, Lynne, Gemma and Gillian)