



Heriot ELC
Where everyone's learning
Newsletter 1
September 2025



Welcome back to a new session at Heriot ELC. We look forward to working with you in the year ahead. A special welcome to all the new children joining us this session.

Staff

Our ELC Staff:

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Early Years Support Worker

Seesaw

We use Seesaw to share learning experiences, send links to extend learning at home and to share other important information with our families. Staff will respond to messages between 8.30am-9am and between 3pm-4pm.

Website

Our website is regularly updated with information and can be accessed via the main school page -
www.heriot.renfrewshire.sch.uk

Absences

If your child is unable to attend nursery, we ask that you inform us as soon as possible. Please phone the school office on 0300 300 0158 and a message will be passed on to the ELC staff



Keeping us up to date

Please ensure you keep us informed of any changes to your address, phone number or circumstances by notifying the school office on the number above. ELC staff will ask you to check your child's care plan at the start of each term and update as required.

Home Time Routine

This session, we would again like to encourage our parents/carers to come into the playroom at the end of the day to collect the children from their key workers. This will allow staff to pass on relevant information about the children in their groups. Children can be collected between 2.45pm and 3pm.

Please let us know if someone else is picking up your child and ensure they know the password you gave when completing your child's plan.

Uniform and Spare Clothing

Nursery uniform sweatshirts and polo-shirts are available to purchase from the school office. Unfortunately, the supplier has increased the price, so sweatshirts are now £10.50, and polo-shirts are £7.50. Please label all items of clothing and bags.

Children should have a change of clothes in their bag in case they have to be changed. Our supply of spare clothes is running very low.

Parking

A reminder not to park on the zig zag lines outside the school. This is for the safety of all of our pupils.

Nursery Garden

If you are available to give up some time to help maintain the nursery garden it would be very much appreciated. Please speak to nursery staff if you think you can spare a few hours.



Nut Allergy

We are a nut free establishment and kindly ask that you do not send nut-based snacks into nursery. This includes "may contain nuts" items. We have a number of children across the nursery and school with nut allergies and thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.



Lunches

Children have the option to order a school lunch or bring a packed lunch from home. The nursery menu can be found at <https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/12221/Nursery-school-lunch-menus>.

If your child opts for a packed lunch, please do not overload it with goodies as some of our children are reluctant to leave the lunch table until they have eaten everything in their bag!



Welly Boots

With Summer well and truly behind us, could we ask that children bring their own wellies to nursery to enable them to access all outdoor areas, regardless of the weather? These can remain in nursery or brought in each day.

Thanks for your support.



Donations

Parents often choose to make a weekly donation of £3 to supplement our resources throughout the year including snacks, craft materials and treats for the children. Some parents/carers have requested a wish to pay termly, in advance. If you wish to do this, £24 will cover until our October break (for those who have attended since the start of term). Donations should be put into an envelope with your child's name on it and handed to the staff member at the nursery door. Donations are voluntary and without your continued support, the nursery would not be as well-resourced as it is. Thank you!

School and ELC In-service days

- Thursday 14th August 2025
- Friday 15th August 2025
- Monday 20th October 2025
- Wednesday 18th February 2026
- Thursday 7th May 2026

School Holidays

A school holiday list is at the bottom of this newsletter and is also available on the school website under the heading 'Events Calendar' at the right-hand side of the homepage.

School Year

First Term	Return date for Teachers In-Service Day	Thursday 14th August 2025
	In-service Day	Friday 15th August 2025
	Return of Pupils	Monday 18th August 2025
	September Weekend	Friday 26th September 2025 and Monday 29th September 2025 (inclusive)
	Schools re-open	Tuesday 30 th September 2025
	Schools closed	Monday 13th October 2025 to Friday 17th October 2025 (inclusive)
	In-service Day	Monday 20 th October 2025
	Schools re-open	Tuesday 21st October 2025
	St Andrew's Day	Monday 1st December 2025
	Schools re-open	Tuesday 2nd December 2025
	Christmas / New Year Schools closed	Monday 22nd December 2025 to Monday 5th January 2026 (inclusive)
Second Term	Schools re-open	Tuesday 6th January 2026
	Mid Term break	Monday 16th February 2026 to Tuesday 17th February 2026 (inclusive)
	In-service Day	Wednesday 18th February 2026
	Schools re-open	Thursday 19th February 2026
	Spring Holiday Schools closed	Friday 3rd April 2026 to Friday 17th April 2026 (inclusive)
Third Term	Schools re-open	Monday 20th April 2026
	Schools closed	Monday 4th May 2026
	In-service Day	Thursday 7th May 2026
	Local Holiday	Monday 25th May 2026
	Schools re-open	Tuesday 26th May 2026
	Last day of session	Tuesday 30th June 2026