

# Forehill Early Years Centre

January Newsletter 2026



**Happy New Year!** We would like to welcome all our new children and families to our Forehill EYC monthly Newsletter!

## Staffing

- Congratulations to Gillian Maguire who has been successful in gaining a temporary Depute Managers post in South Ayrshire until August 2026. Gillian's senior's post is currently advertised, and we are hoping to appoint in the next few weeks pending interview and checks.
- We are delighted to welcome Chloe Doolan who started as part time key worker of the orange group on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday's. This group will be shared with Sarah Kirkwood.
- Our Clerical post will be re-advertised, and we have supply staff supporting the centre at the moment.
- The lime keyworker group is currently being advertised, and we are hoping to appoint in the next few weeks pending checks. Jennifer Saulter is our supply EYC covering this group.
- Louisa Davidson of the Orange group in the Daisy room will be going on Maternity leave next month and this post is also being advertised.
- Caitlin Dixon in the Buttercup room will be returning full time in March and will be full time keyworker of the red group.

## Christmas Jingle Feedback

We would like to say a huge **thank you** to those of you who managed to provide feedback on our Christmas Jingle the feedback was fantastic and so kind. We are glad that everyone attended shared the positives and recognised the hard work our staff but most importantly the children put into it, it was a great success. We will take on board the great suggestions for next year. The feedback is displayed in the plaza for anyone who would like to read it!

## McDougals Trip

Our McDougals trip was a remarkable success and everyone had fun. Thank you to our parent helpers that could make this trip possible and to our wonderful parent council for their wonderful fundraising events that made it possible to pay for the buses.

## Children's Clothing

Can parents and carers please ensure that all children's clothing is labelled where possible. Please make sure to replace any spare clothing particularly socks, underwear, and trousers as these are the items as we do not always enough spares. If your child uses spare clothing can these be returned to the centre. Thank you.

### Personal Care Plan Meetings

Thank you to everyone who managed to attend their child's personal care plan meeting in December. If you have not yet managed or your child is new to the setting, please discuss this with your child's key worker to ensure this is completed. This allows us to share the progress your child is making while discussing any update you may have. We have updated the personal care plan format and moving forward these will continue to ensure the safety, health, and wellbeing of your child.

### Primary One Registration & Transition Visit

All children attending Primary One in August 2026 should apply for registration next week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and closing Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026. This process is completed online on South Ayrshire Council's website <https://south-ayrshire.gov.uk/p1-registration> . A group call message was sent to all parents this week with the information required if you have not received this then please contact a member of the management team.

### Deferral/Additional Year

If you intend to defer your child's entry for a further year you **DO NOT** need to register for education, but you **MUST** complete the deferred entry application online between Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026. You will also be required to apply for Early years registration in February for a further year. Please inform your keyworker if you choose to defer.

### Transition Visit to Primary One

This year we are so delighted to start visits to Forehill Primary as part of a universal transition in January. This will provide the children with the opportunity to play in P1 environment with their peers and begin to familiarise themselves with the playground and other areas of the primary school. If your child has a placing request and you **do not** want your child to attend these visits just yet until their place is confirmed please let your keyworker know, but this is a gentle reminder that these are to introduce the children to a school environment and **not to meet their P1 teacher**.

### Staff Name Change

Starting in January all staff will now be addressed by their first names. Through the review of our Vision staff feel that first names are more personal and easier to remember for the children.

<u>Role/Group</u>	<u>Previous Keyworker Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>
Management Team		
Head of Centre	Mrs Lennox	Kimberly
Depute Manager	Mrs Kelly	Jackie
Depute Manager	Mrs Milligan	Angela
Senior EYP	Miss Neilson	Stephanie
Senior EYP	Miss Currie	Fiona
Senior EYP	Mrs Clark	Toni
Principle Teacher	Miss Hendry	Carly
Equity and Excellence Lead	Miss Rowan	Lindsay

Little Nest		
	Mrs Galloway	Avril
	Mrs Sturgeon	Rhona
Daisy Room		
Pink	Mrs Lang	Melanie
Red	Mrs Sandhu	Charan
Orange	Miss Braund	Sarah
	Miss Davidson	Louisa
Purple	Miss Dunlop	Brooke
Yellow	Miss O'Connell	Brooke
Lime		Jennifer
Blue	Miss McGowan	Jade
Green	Miss Samson	Lorna
Buttercup Room		
Pink	Miss Smith	Chloe
Red	Miss Dixon	Caitlin
Orange	Miss Kirkwood	Sarah
	Miss Doolan	Chloe
Purple	Mrs Pirry	Lynn
Yellow	Mrs Warlow	Gillian
Blue	Miss McCullough	Joanna
	Mrs Freeburn	Kerry
	Mrs Steele	Cheryl
Support Assistant		Leigh

**Please continue on the next few pages for futher information.**

### Early Years Family Learning Team

Elaine will return to the centre on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January to deliver a Bookbug session to children and families starting at 9.15am. During this session Elaine will discuss what the following 4-week PEEP session will include gathering your views. She is so excited to be back at Forehill.

In the afternoon Elaine will engage with children and families from the 'Little Nest' through Bookbug where sessions will start at 2pm on Thursdays.



### Forehill EYC GLOW page

We are excited to share that we are currently in the process of developing our very own GLOW Blog page where parents, carers, staff, and the public can access to information about upcoming events, home links, policies, and other useful information. We will inform you as soon as this is available!

### Parent Council

Kimberly was welcomed in December to the Parent Council Meeting. During our discussions we felt that to help parents and carers who might not be able to attend the evening meetings we could try and accommodate a daytime meeting in the EYC to ensure the voices of children, parents and carers are heard. If you would like to be involved in the parent council which supports fundraising for the children, discusses important aspects of learning as well as sharing ideas about events could you please contact Kimberly so we can try and organise a day and time. Kimberly's email is [Kimberly.lennox@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:Kimberly.lennox@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

### New Email Address EYC

The EYC has its own email address now that we are a standalone centre. To contact the EYC to share any future information i.e. absences etc please use the EYC Mailbox: [ForehillEYC@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:ForehillEYC@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

### Useful Dates

**12<sup>th</sup> Jan – 18<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Primary One Registration/Deferral

**15<sup>th</sup> Jan – 12<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Early Years Family Learning with Elaine. PEEP/Bookbug 9.15 (3-5) 2pm (2s)

**29<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Councillor Grant to visit EYC.

**6<sup>th</sup> Feb** – **52-week children only**

**9<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Centre closed public holiday.

**10<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Centre closed in-service day – children return 11<sup>th</sup> Feb.