

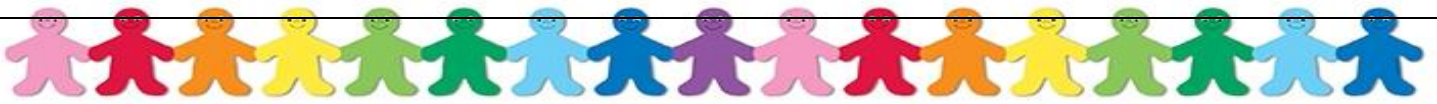
Kingcase

Early Years Centre



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
2026 - 2027





FAMILY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

At Kingcase Early Years Centre, we provide a nurturing and caring environment for your child to grow, learn and develop. We understand the importance of working together with families to ensure that all children have a strong foundation on which to build in later years.

Our Parent Engagement Calendar aims to include all families. Parent opportunities are spread over the week, with morning and afternoon options. If parents are unable to attend we welcome grandparents, carers and other family members. We are also delighted to be able to offer evening sessions to accommodate working parents who are unable to attend during nursery hours.

Every child will have Personal Plan meetings throughout the session where you will meet with your child's key worker. All other events are optional. Please pick and choose what suits your child and your family.

More details of each event are listed in this booklet.

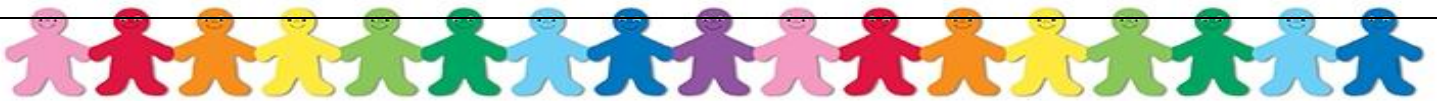


ENGAGEMENT OF THE FAMILY Taken from Realising the Ambition, (2020)

Leading through learning together with families

Parents and carers know and understand their child best. As the child's first educators, parents and carers are key partners in supporting their child's learning. As pedagogical leaders, it is essential that we develop positive relationships with parents and carers and work closely alongside them and value their contribution. Understanding the complexities, diversities and cultural differences of individual families and how this can impact each child is essential. The conversations we have with each family form the foundations of our relationships with them. During these conversations it is essential that we respect, understand and empathise to ensure our relationships are built on trust.





PERSONAL PLAN MEETINGS

Once a term, your child's Key Worker will arrange an appointment with you to complete your child's Personal Plan. This meeting should last between five and ten minutes and is an ideal opportunity for you to discuss your child's learning and development.

Your child's Key Worker will ask you to consider what targets you would like your child to work towards over the coming weeks. These targets can be developmental, such as dressing themselves or settling in to the EYC in the morning, or they can be learning-based, such as being able to write their own name, or be able to count to 10. Your child's Key Worker will have some suggestions and, after discussion, these are agreed upon and written into the Personal Plan.

The Personal Plan will also ask for information such as changes to the home environment (house move, new baby etc.).

During Personal Plan meetings, previous targets will be evaluated and new targets set.



PEEP WORKSHOPS

PEEP (Parents Early Education Partnership) supports parents and carers with children aged birth to five in encouraging your child's learning and development. You can make a real difference just by talking, singing, sharing books and playing together.

PEEP sessions are one hour per week and are a great opportunity for you and your child to make friends, share ideas and have fun through singing, stories and activities.

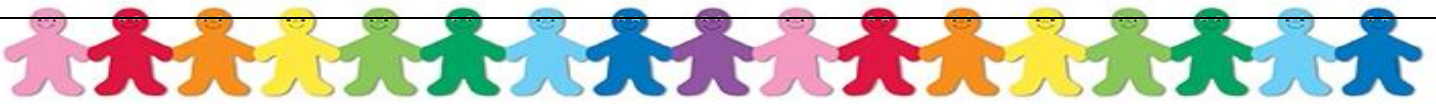
Each block of PEEP is different. Sometimes we make playdough or small crafts.

Our Family Learning Team member is Elaine Clinton. Elaine is joined by Emma Fairbairn or Sarah Ghee for our PEEP sessions. Spaces are limited so make sure you sign up early.

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supporting parents and children to learn together





STAY AND PLAY

'Stay and Play' sessions provide an opportunity for you to visit the EYC during your child's usual EYC hours. They can show you their favourite places to play, introduce you to some of the routines and involve you in their games.

This is a great opportunity to see what interests your child and observe how they interact with staff, other children and resources in their daily play.

'Stay and Play' sessions last 30 minutes.

We also offer evening sessions to accommodate working families who are unable to attend during usual EYC hours.

BISCUIT AND BLETHER 'THEMED SESSIONS'

Our 'Biscuit and Bletcher' sessions are informal meetings for parents of our EYC children. These half-hour sessions will have a focused theme for discussion and will allow you to meet other parents of children in the EYC while you enjoy a tea or coffee and a biscuit.

We look forward to hearing what matters to you and what you would like to discuss at the sessions. A survey will follow soon to get your views and ideas which will help us to plan for the dates throughout the year.



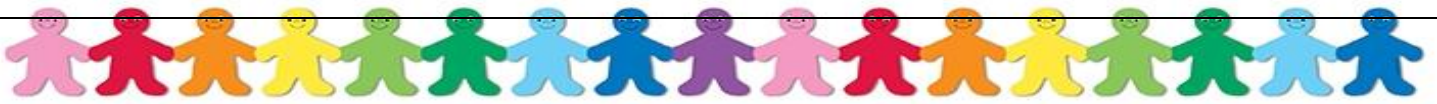
BOOK and RHYME WEEK 'READ WITH ME'

Book Week Scotland and World Nursery Rhyme Week runs from 11th-15th November 2026. Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education. As well as being fun, they are excellent teaching tools: They help children to develop literacy skills, boost vocabulary and language development, provide a fun way to support early numeracy skills and help children to develop social, physical and emotional skills.

During this week we are inviting parents, grandparents and carers in to the EYC to read, sing songs and rhymes to your child(ren).

Sign-up sheets will be available at the beginning of November for this and we appreciate any input and time you are able to give.





CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sit back, relax and enjoy as your little ones take to the stage to entertain you with festive songs and rhymes.

Our Christmas Concert will take place in the dining hall with our beautiful Christmas Tree and is sure to get everyone in the Christmas spirit.



PLAY ON PEDALS

Play on Pedals will teach pre-school children about the parts of a bike, how to fit a helmet correctly and the basics of looking after their bikes. Through a series of fun and imaginative activities, they will be helped to develop their balance and control skills, often using a pedal-less balance bike. Play on Pedals has strong links to the curriculum for excellence. Hollie is our lead practitioner for Play on Pedals.



MAKE AND TASTE

'Make and Taste' workshops provide an opportunity for parents and carers to sit with their children and enjoy making and eating healthy food together. There are some delicious healthy snack recipes to follow and some fun ideas to get children eating foods they might not normally want to try.

Our 'Make and Taste' workshops are still to be arranged for this session and we will notify you as soon as we have dates. Sarah is our lead practitioner and looks forward to running sessions this year.

RHYTHM AND RHYME

Rhythm and rhyme are essential tools in early years for supporting language development, phonemic awareness, memory, and a love of words.

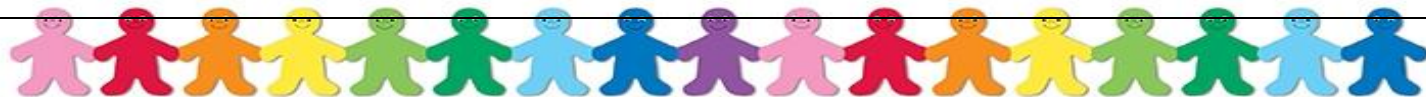
Rhythm and rhyme is a fun interactive session to help young children distinguish word boundaries and sounds, which is critical for developing phonemic awareness, a foundational skill for reading and writing. These sessions also support the repetition and predictability of rhymes which allows children to anticipate words, build confidence, enhance vocabulary, comprehension, and memory retention.

BOOKBUG

Bookbug Sessions are for children aged 0-5 years and their mums, dads and carers. Sessions last around 30 minutes and include songs, rhymes and a story. Everyone is welcome!

Going to a Bookbug Session is a great way for families to spend time with each other and meet other families from the Early Years Centre. Bookbug Sessions can also help to build children's social skills and support their speech and language development. Most importantly, Bookbug Sessions are fun! Bookbug sessions are run by Emma Fairbairn and Lyndsey.

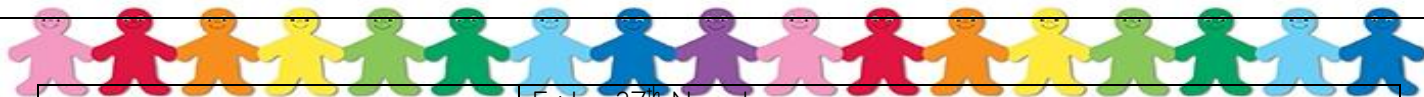




PARENT ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

TERM 1	
Kingcase Family Partnership AGM	Thursday 24 th September – 7pm in the School Staff Room – ALL welcome and we would love to have more EYC families.
September Holiday weekend – EYC closed	Friday 18 th September – Monday 22 nd September
Personal Plan Meetings	Monday 7 th September – Laura (Purple Group) and Lyndsey (Orange Group) Tuesday 8 th September – Sarah (Blue Group) and Emma Fairbairn (Green Group) Wednesday 9 th September – Lisa (Yellow Group) Hollie/Nina (Red Group) <u>Your child's key worker will arrange a time with you.</u>
Bookbug	Friday 25 th September 9.15am
Stay and Play – Bedtime Stay and Play with Toast and Milk	Thursday 8 th October – 6.00pm-7.00pm
Sponsored Mini Mudder	Friday 9 th October (children should bring a spare set of clothes)
October Holiday week – EYC closed	Monday 12 th October – Friday 16 th October (Inservice Monday 19 th October) Children return to EYC on Tuesday 20 th October
TERM 2	
In Service Day – EYC closed	Monday 19 th October
Bookbug	Friday 30 th October 9.15am
PEEP	Tuesday 27 th October – 2.00pm – 2.45pm Tuesday 3 rd November – 2.00pm – 2.45pm Tuesday 10 th November – 2.00pm – 2.45pm Tuesday 17 th November – 2.00pm – 2.45pm
Halloween Fun Day	Friday 30 th October
Book and Rhyme Week	Monday 11 th November – Friday 15 th November *You will be able to come into the EYC and read with your child on Wednesday and Friday at 2.30pm
Enterprise Fortnight with Christmas Market on Friday 27 th November – afternoon	Monday 16 th November – Friday 27 th November



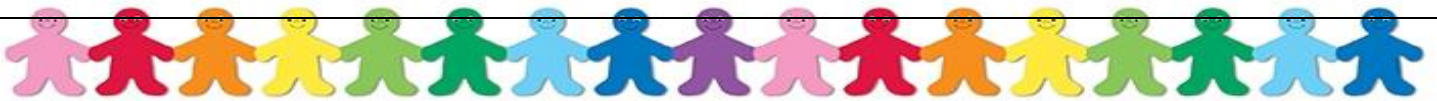


Bookbug	Friday 27 th November
St Andrews Avenue	Monday 30 th November (children can wear tartan)
Christmas Lunch – wear Christmas jumper/tinsel/dress etc	Thursday 10 th December
Festive Stay and Play	Tuesday 1 st and Friday 4 th – 9.15am – 10.00am or 2.00-2.45pm each day. Sign-up sheets available – week beginning 23 rd November
EYC Christmas Concert	Friday 11 th December – 2pm – enter via main office
EYC Christmas Party	Friday 18 th December – children can wear party clothes
Christmas Movie and Pyjama Day	Monday 21 st December
EYC Closes for Christmas	Tuesday 22 nd December

PARENT ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

TERM 3	
EYC opens after Christmas Holidays	Monday 4 th January 9am. Gate will open at 9.00am
Personal Plan Meetings	Monday 11 th January – Friday 15 th January Your child's key worker will arrange a time with you.
Scottish Week Family Highland Games	Monday 25 th January – Friday 29 th January Wednesday 27 th January at 9.10am and 2.10pm
Bookbug	Friday 29 th January 9.15am
Fabulous Fraser Fun Day (TBC) And Pyjama Day	Thursday 11 th February
EYC closed for long weekend	Friday 12 th February – Monday 15 th February Tuesday 16 th February Inservice Day EYC will reopen on Wednesday 17 th February at 9.00am
Make and Taste	Thursday 25 th February 9.15am Thursday 4 th March 9.15am Thursday 11 th March 9.15am (Please book a space)
Bookbug	Friday 26 th February 9.15am
Rythme and Ryhme	Tuesday 23 rd March 9.15am
EYC closed for Easter	Friday 26 th March





TERM 4	
EYC opens after Easter Holiday	Monday 12th April. Gate will open at 9.00am
Bookbug	Friday 30 th April 9.15am
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May – EYC Closed Inservice Day Thursday 6 th May (EYC Closed) Friday 28 th May – Monday 31 st May (EYC Closed)
Personal Plan Meetings	Tuesday 1 st June – Friday 4 th May. Your child's key worker will arrange a time with you.
EYC Fun Fit Farewell Fortnight	Monday 7th June – Friday 18 th June
EYC Family Potted Sports Day	Wednesday 9 th June – more details to follow - afternoon
EYC Summer Extravaganza	Friday 18th June – afternoon
EYC Fun Day	Friday 25 th June
School closes for summer break.	Wednesday 30 th June

There may be some occasions where dates need to be changed, however, we will try to avoid this happening and in the event that dates are changed, we will aim to give our families, plenty of notice.

Please note that more dates might be added to the calendar throughout the year.

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