

Stow Primary School ELC Newsletter – September 2025

As we move into the autumn season and the weather can be unpredictable, we'd encourage parents to make sure children come to nursery prepared for all conditions. This includes warm, waterproof jackets and suitable footwear for rain, as well as sun hats and SPF 30 on brighter days, so pupils can enjoy outdoor learning and play comfortably and safely.

We ask that you apply sun cream to your child in the morning before ELC on brighter days, and this will be re-applied throughout the day.

Following on from feedback, Scottish Borders Council has amended nursery session times to link closer with the School session times.

Our sessions now run from:

Monday to Thursday - 8:35 am to 3:10 pm

Friday - 8:35 am – 12:15 pm

We ask that children are collected promptly at the end of each session to allow our team time for environmental enhancements, planning, and personal development. We appreciate that sometimes delays happen—please let us know if you are running late.

Miss O'May will be acting EYO until the October Holidays, we will provide a further update nearer the time.

Dates for the diary

Stay and Play:

- Thursday 4th September 8:30 – 10am
- Thursday 2nd October 2-3pm
- Flu Vaccine – Thursday 9th October



Ms Vickers has joined us this term to cover in the absence of Ms Stewart. All the children have made her very welcome.

Flu Vaccines will be administered in School on Thursday 9th October. If you would like your child to receive the vaccine, please ensure you return the form as soon as possible. Please advise a member of the team if your child has been ill prior to the vaccine.

Stay and play dates have been arranged for this year. We would love for you to join us and join in our fun. There is a list on the nursery notice board of all the stay and play dates Which include some themed sessions.

This year we will be advising parents of our planned learning. Each planning block will last of 3 weeks and will consist of one literacy, one numeracy and one health and wellbeing focus. Each week there will be a new story of the week that will factor in our planning. This information will be made available through Showbie.

We love to hear what achievements the children have received out with school. Whether it be riding their bike, swimming lessons or football or gymnastic awards we would love to hear about it. We have an 'Archie Achieving' wall in the nursery where we like to display all their achievements. You can notify us of any achievements by telling a member of the team or in your Showbie Home Link group – Photos welcome!



★ **REMINDER** ★

- Please ensure your child has a full change of clothes (top, bottoms, pants and socks) including indoor footwear and a sunhat to be kept onsite.
- Lunches should be booked via ParentPay before 8am. Children who do not have a lunch booked will be offered the soup and sandwich option.