



Kirktonholme Primary School Early Learning Class

Focus



Christmas and Winter are our focuses of the month. We will be immersing ourselves in all things sparkly and festive!



Christmas Hampers



Our team would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated something for our Christmas Fayre hampers. We have, again, been overwhelmed by your generosity.

We received so many donations that we have been able to make hampers to raffle at our Nativity too. The funds raised will enable us to purchase resources for our learning activities that our budget does not stretch to. Thank you very much everyone, we know that we are lucky to have such supportive families!



Christmas Lunch

Our Early Learning Class Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 11th December and you will already have ordered your lunch with Mrs Moran. If you chose not to order a Christmas lunch please provide a packed lunch on this date, as there will be no other lunch options available.



PEEP

Our last PEEP session of the current four-week block happened last week. We want to thank all the families that attended for their enthusiasm and participation. Miss McKendrick led sessions related to numeracy, healthy eating, numeracy and music. The focus of each session was chosen by the families attending, to ensure that the sessions were relevant to their interests.

Our plan is to hold two four-week PEEP blocks this session and Miss McKendrick will be in touch next term with more details about our second block.



Christmas Party



Our Christmas party will be on Monday 16th December. Children can wear party clothes to nursery, but please do not buy anything especially for the party, as play clothes will be fine. No accessories please, as we do not want to lose anything.

The day will be full of festive fun and we are keeping our fingers crossed for an appearance from a very special Christmas visitor!



Sibling Stay and Play

We will be inviting older siblings, who attend Kirktonholme Primary School, to visit our nursery on Tuesday 17th December to play with their younger brothers and sisters. This event is always great fun!



Place 2 Be

Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a site for parents and carers of 4-11-year-olds offering practical advice on supporting and managing behaviours.



Nativity

The performance of our Christmas Counts Nativity will be on Tuesday 10th December. Your children and our team have been hard at work rehearsing this year's Nativity, and we are really looking forward to showcasing your talented children.

The performance will be in the school hall at 2pm and doors will open around 1:30pm. Everyone is welcome and make sure you have your hankies at the ready!

Please note that no part of the Nativity can be reproduced for your own personal use no photographs should be posted on social media.

If possible, could children wear a light coloured, short sleeved, top on this day?

The lights on the stage are very warm and this will help to keep the children cool under their costumes.

We will be inviting older siblings to watch our dress rehearsal and we are sure that they will enjoy the magical performance.

We will be selling raffle tickets at our Nativity.



Scottish Book Week



As well as gifting our ante pre-school children their Book Bug bags during Book Week, our two Primary Six classes came and read to our Nursery children. Primary Six particularly enjoyed getting to know our children as they will be our Primary One buddies next session, and they also enjoyed having a play!



Primary One Registration

If your child is due to start Primary One in August 2025, you will have to register them for their local school from week beginning Monday 6th January. The enrolment form should be completed on South Lanarkshire Council's website. You will need your child's full birth certificate and two proofs of address, dated within the last six months, in the name of the adult completing the enrolment form. If Kirktonholme Primary School is your catchment school, we will be in touch to give you some information about starting school once you have completed the online enrolment form.

If any parent would like to discuss any aspect of school registration, please speak with Mrs Wright or Mrs Clow.



Thank You!

We would like to thank our Parent Council for the play dough ingredients that they have donated to us. We are always very grateful for the support of our school community.

Staffing

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news that Mrs Murray has decided to leave her post at Kirktonholme to spend more time with her family. Mrs Murray has been part of our team for many years and our staff team, families and children will all miss her. I am sure that you will all join our team in wishing Mrs Murray all the best for her next chapter.

Spotlight on Vocabulary



pen pencil scissors glue crayons
paper apron paintbrush



Everyone at Kirktonholme would like to send you and your families our very best wishes for the festive season and new year ahead!



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 10th December

Nursery Nativity 2pm

Monday 16th December

Christmas Party

Tuesday 17th December

Sibling Stay and Play

Friday 20th December School closes at 2:30pm for Winter break

Monday 6th January School reopens

Monday 6th January Primary One Registration opens

Monday 17th February and Tuesday 18th February Half-term holiday

Wednesday 19th February InSet day, school closed

Friday 28th February Closing date for nursery applications for session 2025/26



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