



November 2025 Newsletter



Kirktonholme Primary School Early Learning Class



Focus

The children have used our voting stones and chosen Transport as our next focus. Our staff team and children are really excited about the wide range of learning opportunities that this theme will offer. As our team plan responsively and each group may well be looking at different learning opportunities either within Transport or linked to another area of interest.

PEEP

Our new PEEP sessions have started on Thursdays after nursery and we are delighted that families have chosen to come along. If you have not yet managed there are still two more sessions left in the block and you would be very welcome, Miss McKendrick is leading the sessions. Families are invited to bring along their child's siblings to the sessions.



Christmas Hampers

Our team are keen to raise some funds for our nursery and have decided to organise festive hampers for both adults and children. We would welcome any donations for these from our families. We will have a donation box outside the nursery door from Tuesday 4th November. Thank you in advance for your continued support. We plan to sell raffle tickets for the hampers at our school fayre on Saturday 22nd November.



Lending Library

Ms Athen has started our lending library. Books are given out on Mondays and returned on Thursdays. The children choose their own books to enjoy at home.

Please ensure that you child's chosen book is returned in the plastic wallet it comes in and encourage your child respect the books, unfortunately some books have not been returned in the condition that they have been sent home in.



Stay and Play

Thank you to all or families who were able to attend our recent stay and play sessions linked to Autumn and wellbeing. We hope that you enjoyed your visit.



Scottish Book Week

Scottish Book Week is being celebrated in Kirktonholme during week beginning 17th November. We will be having a dressing up day on Friday 21st November and children are invited to come dressed as their favourite literary character. If your child would prefer not to dress up that is absolutely fine. Primary Six will be visiting our nursery during Book Week to share stories with our children.

Newsletters

Our newsletters are posted on our school website and App, usually on the first working day of the month.

Bookbug



Our ante pre-school children will be gifted a Bookbug bag during Scottish Book Week. These gifts have wonderful stories for you to enjoy sharing with your children over and over again, some of the books may well become your child's new favourite.

South Lanarkshire Libraries team have made a YouTube channel where they have posted fabulous sessions related to the Bookbug bags. The online sessions have songs and stories that you may enjoy sharing with your children and can be found at the YouTube address below. Mrs Young and Mrs Cunningham have attended Bookbug training and their expertise will help us to ensure that we make the most of this resource during Scottish Book Week and beyond.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/SLLCLibrariesChildrensTeam>

Parents' Evening

Our first Parents' Evening of the session will be on Thursday 6th November. Our team will already have given you an appointment to meet with your child's key worker, if this time does not suit your family please speak with Mrs Moran. Our team enjoy these opportunities to speak with you about your child's learning progress, planned next steps and nursery life as well as learning more about your child from yourselves. Although we have two scheduled Parents' Evenings each session, if there is any aspect of nursery life that you would like to talk to us about at any time, please just ask as our door is always open.

Google Classroom



Remember to encourage your children to check our Google Classroom regularly. Our staff team regularly post group updates and share photographs of their learning experiences.

Contact Details



Please ensure that any changes to contact details are shared with the school.

Students

We currently have two students on placement with us. One student is from a local secondary school and joins us on a Thursday. Our other student is from South Lanarkshire College and is on placement on Thursdays and Fridays.

Applications for session 2026/2027

Any family who has a child who will be two on or before the **closing date for applications on 28/02/26** should ensure that they have completed a nursery application form. Nursery applications are completed with a member of our leadership team and application appointments can be made by contacting our school office, whose details are at the end of this newsletter. If any family wishes to make a **transfer request** this must be submitted to South Lanarkshire Council by **28/02/26** and the form is available from Mrs Clow or Mrs Moran. **Please note that the last working day for application form completion or transfer request form collection is 27/02/26.**

Early Years Enquiries

If a family wish to make an enquiry about changes to their funding/place allocation they should contact Early Years at South Lanarkshire Council on the email address below before 27/02/26. We also ask that you speak to us too.

earlyyears@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Dates for the Diary



Thursday 6th November Parents' Evening 3:30-5:30pm

Monday 10th November InSet day 3, school closed

Thursday 13th November PEEP session three of four 3-4pm

Thursday 20th November PEEP session four of four 3-4pm

Tuesday 9th December

Nursery Nativity 2pm

Thursday 11th December Sibling Stay and Play

Tuesday 16th December

Christmas Party

Friday 19th December School closes at 2:30pm for Winter break

Monday 5th January School re-opens

Monday 12th January Primary One registration opens on South Lanarkshire Council's website

Monday 2nd February Blue Group Stay and Play

Tuesday 3rd February Orange Group Stay and Play

Wednesday 4th February Red Group Stay and Play

Thursday 5th February Yellow Group Stay and Play

Friday 6th February Green Group Stay and Play

Monday 16th February School closed

Tuesday 17th February School closed

Wednesday 18th February InSet day School closed

Friday 27th February Last day for Nursery applications for session 2026/27

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