



December 2025 Newsletter

Kirktonholme Primary School Early Learning Class

Focus



Christmas and Winter are our focuses this month. We will be embracing and enjoying the festivities of the season through learning activities, Wriggly Nativity, Christmas lunch, Christmas party and lots of other sparkly, glittery fun!



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. At our Christmas Fayre on 22/11/25 we raised the fabulous sum of £212.00. All funds raised by our nursery team are used to enhance our learning opportunities for our young learners.

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 Thursday 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.

Our catering team work very hard to make this a special event for our children and we extend our thanks to Tanya and her team.



PEEP

Our last PEEP session of the current four-week block took place a couple of weeks ago. We had a super number of families who attended and their engagement and enthusiasm is what made the sessions such a success. The focus of each session was chosen by the families attending, to ensure that the sessions were relevant to their interests. A lovely part of our PEEP sessions is having older and younger brothers and sisters coming along and joining in the fun.

Our plan is to hold another four-week PEEP block, starting in early March, and Miss Mckendrick will be in touch next term with more details about our second block. The second block will run on Tuesdays.

Thank you to Miss Mckendrick for all her hard work making the sessions such a success.



Nativity

The much-anticipated performance of our Wriggly Nativity will be on Tuesday 9th December. Your children and our team have been enthusiastically 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 to come along and enjoy this festive tradition!

Please note that no part of the Nativity can be reproduced for your own personal use and 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.



Sibling Stay and Play

We will be inviting older siblings, who attend Kirktonholme Primary School, to visit our nursery on Thursday 11th 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.



Christmas Party

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

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



Scottish Book Week

Our two Primary Six classes came and read to our Nursery children during book week and then they had a play together, we are not sure which age group enjoyed the sessions the most! Primary Six particularly liked getting to know our younger children, as they will be our Primary One buddies next session and building early attachments and relationships is a key part of our transition programme.



Primary One Registration

If your child is due to start Primary One in August 2026, you will have to register them for their local school from week beginning **Monday 5th 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 funds that they donated to us. We have no budget allowance for items such as play dough ingredients and monies raised through the generosity of our school community enable us to offer our children a wider range of learning opportunities than our budget allows. We are always very grateful for the support of our families.

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 9th December

Nursery Nativity 2pm

Thursday 11th December Sibling Stay and Play and Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 16th December

Christmas Party

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

Monday 5th January School re-opens

Monday 5th 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 Closing date for Nursery applications and transfer requests for session 2026/27.

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