



January 2026 Newsletter



Kirktonholme Primary School Early Learning Class

Happy New Year!
Our very best wishes for 2026 from all the team at Kirktonholme!

Primary One Registration

If your child is due to start Primary One in August 2026, you must register them for school. School registration forms will be available on South Lanarkshire Council's website from Monday 5th January. Schools will begin to contact families from Monday 12th January 2026, after the online forms have been completed. Parents/carers will need their child's **full** birth certificate and **two** proofs of address in the name of the parent/carer completing the registration documents. If you would like to discuss any aspect of school registration, please speak with Mrs Wright or Mrs Clow.

Nursery Class Applications

The closing date for Nursery Class applications is **28/02/26**. If you have a child or know of a child due to start nursery during session **2026/27**, an appointment should be made at the school office prior to **27/02/26**, to ensure that applications are processed in time to be considered at the admissions panel meeting. Late applications will be considered after places are allocated to families who have applied within the above timeframe.

Nursery Transfer Request

Any family wishing to make a transfer request for next session should request the form from Mrs Clow or Mrs Moran. Transfer requests should be submitted no later than 28/02/26 to give your family the best opportunity of the request being successful.

Toothbrushing



We aim to brush teeth after lunch every day to develop knowledge of both the importance of brushing our teeth and the actual process itself. Please encourage your children to brush their teeth regularly at home too.



Car Parking

Please ensure that you display your nursery car parking pass on your dashboard, this helps our school staff to identify cars that are parked in the wrong area.



Road Safety

If you bring a car into our car park, our designated nursery parking area is adjacent to our door. Remember to follow our one-way system to help keep everyone as safe as possible.

NELI

South Lanarkshire Council have offered us the opportunity to pilot a new early literacy programme called NELI. We have run the NELI school programme successfully in Primary One for several years. The programme's aim is to improve literacy skills within our nursery and is being led by Mrs Young, who, along with Mrs Moran and Mrs Clow, has received additional NELI training.

Focus



As well as continuing our Winter focus, we are going to be learning more about languages and traditions within our nursery community, this is in line with the rest of the school. The children will be able to look at our Google Classroom to see some photographs of their learning.

Kirktonholme's Parent Power Up

Our PEEP sessions for this term will run from Tuesday 3rd March until Tuesday 24th March. Miss Mckendrick will be in touch with all families nearer the starting time.

Payment Benefit

Several years ago Social Security Scotland launched a Scottish Child Payment benefit for some children under the age of six. To check if your family is eligible visit mygovscot or telephone 0800 182 2222.

Please also see the Cost of the School Day section on our school website for further supports.

South Lanarkshire Council has information for low-income families on their website, please look to see if there are any additional supports that you may be entitled to.

Who is coming to collect?

If the adult collecting your child changes from the one stated at drop off time, could you please inform the school office? This request is made with the safety and security of the children in mind.

Contact Details



Are your contact details and those of your emergency contacts are up to date? If there has been a change, please inform the school office.



New Shoes

If your child's feet have grown recently and they need new shoes, please consider easy fastening shoes to help encourage independence. Remember to check that indoor shoes, left in nursery, still fit.



Stay and Play

Our Stay and Play session for this term will be during week beginning 2nd February between morning drop off and around 09:30, please see the Dates for the Diary section at the end of the newsletter for your child's day.

Christmas Hampers

Between our school fayre and Nativity performance we raised a grand total of £338.50

This was only possible because of your generosity, and our team are extremely grateful for your support.



Family Learning Packs

Our staff team have been working hard to put our family learning packs together and they will be sent home soon. The sacks are designed to provide fun activities to share with your child. Children should not use the packs without adult supervision, and we ask that the resources are carefully looked after and valued so that others can use them after you. Thank you!



Dates for the Diary

Monday 5th January School re-opens

Monday 5th January Primary One registration opens on South Lanarkshire Council's website for August 2026

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

Tuesday 3rd March PEEP one of four 3-4pm

Tuesday 10th March PEEP two of four 3-4pm

Thursday 12th March Parents' Evening 3-4pm

Tuesday 17th March PEEP three of four 3-4pm

Tuesday 24th March PEEP four of four 3-4pm

Friday 3rd April School closes at 2:30pm for Spring Break

Monday 20th April School re-opens

Tuesday 16th June 1:45pm Nursery leaver's prizegiving

Friday 19th June End of year Beach Party

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