



February 2026 Newsletter



Learning is the HEART of Kirktonholme

Kirktonholme Primary School Early Learning Class

Applications Closing Date

The **closing date** for all Early Learning Class applications, for next session, is **February 28th** with the last date for completion of applications, by appointment, in school being Friday 27th February. If you have a child or know of any child who will be aged two by 28/02/26, please contact the school and make an appointment to complete a nursery application form. Any applications made after this date will be classed as late applications and this decreases the chance of securing your first choice of nursery.

Stay and Play

Our stay and play sessions this week are linked to our digital learning programme, which is an area for development in our Improvement Plan. We hope that you enjoy the opportunity to learn alongside your child. Dates for your child's group are in the Dates for the Diary section at the end of this newsletter.

Summer Outing



We are delighted to share that we are going to Dean Castle on Friday 5th June. Each child can invite one adult to come along and enjoy the day with them (if a family member is unable to attend, our staff team will all be there too). This year we are delighted to share that there will be no cost for the trip. We are extremely grateful to the school for allocating funding to cover the expensive cost of the bus and our Parent Council have given us a donation of £200 to cover the costs of ranger workshops and the use of a room for lunches. As a school we are very mindful of the cost of the school day for our families and supports from our school community are invaluable.

Illness



In line with NHS guidance, please do not send your child to nursery if they have a temperature.

Upcoming Events

Some families have been asking about dates for term three events. Where possible, these have been added to the Dates for the Diary section of the newsletter.

Family Learning

Our wonderful family learning packs have been going home for a few weeks now and we appreciate your positive feedback. We love the photographs that have been posted on our Google Classroom, and we will create a display with them which you will be able to see on Family Fridays.

We ask that the packs are only used with an adult present, to help get the most from them and to keep them safe. When you return the packs can you please let staff know if any items are missing or damaged?



Our Learning

Last month the children learnt some Scottish songs and dances as well having many other learning experiences. This month we will be including Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday, Ramadan and St Valentines Day in our nursery curriculum.

PEEP

Miss McKendrick is looking forward to starting her next PEEP sessions at the beginning of March. She will be in touch soon with more information. We know from your feedback that many of our families are keen to participate.

Pupil Council



Mrs Moran led a recent pupil council meeting, and our children, as usual, were full of great ideas. They would like to go back to Dean Castle for their summer outing, so have organised this. The children have requested some winter animals such as penguins and polar bears as well as more magnetic shapes and we are ordering these wish list items. They also said that they love painting and would like more painting opportunities in our outdoor area, the team have already put this request into action. Our pupils' opinions, thoughts and ideas are really valued by our team and where possible we take them onboard.



Primary One Transition

Our transition day for all children coming to Kirktonholme Primary School in August will be on Thursday 28th May 09:30-11:30. On this date the children will hopefully meet their Primary One teacher and their future classmates. Mrs Clow will lead a presentation for parents/carers when the children are with their new class.

South Lanarkshire Council

South Lanarkshire Council have early learning pages on their website. Please follow the link below to access the valuable information.

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200184/early_learning_and_childcare

Grapes



Many families are putting grapes in packed lunches, as they are a healthy and tasty snack. We would like to ask families to quarter grapes to reduce the risk of choking. Thank you!



Dates for the Diary

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

Thursday 2nd April School closes at **2:30pm** for Spring Break

Monday 20th April School re-opens

Thursday 28th May Transition visit for new P1 pupils and parents/carers 09:30-11:30

Friday 5th June Whole nursery outing to Dean Castle

Tuesday 16th June Nursery leaver's prizegiving

Friday 19th June End of year Beach Party

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