



September 2026 Newsletter



Kirktonholme Primary School Early Learning Class



A warm welcome back to our returning families and an equally warm welcome to the families who are joining us this year. Our team are raring to go and looking forward to the session ahead.

Stay and Play

Our first Stay and Play of the session will be during week beginning 5th October, please see the dates for the diary section at the end of the newsletter for each group's stay and play date.

Up to two adults per child are invited, from the start of the morning until around 09:30.



Newsletters

Newsletters are normally published on the first working day of each month and will be posted on our school website. Please take time to look at the newsletters to ensure you are aware of nursery events and key dates for your diary. If any family has difficulty accessing our newsletters online, please speak with Mrs Moran, Miss Mckendrick, Mrs Clow or the school office and we can issue a paper copy.

Who do I belong to?



Please **label everything** that your child brings to school. This will help staff reunite you with lost items and save any upset.

Two Stars and a Wish



At the end of each session, we ask families for their feedback to help us continually improve our nursery. Our team would like to thank everyone who took the time to respond and for all your positive comments. Our strong relationships personalised and responsive curriculum enabling children to lead their learning and our welcoming environment were amongst strengths recognised. We also appreciate your suggestions and this year we had three wishes. One family asked if we could add the dates for the diary on our door and to our Google Classroom. We send newsletters out on the first working day of each month, and these are available on our school website so families can find key dates there, the newsletters usually give families much more advance notice. Please feel free to take photos of the key date notices on the doors. One family asked about more outings, this is something that we aim to do every year and incorporate into our planning, last session we had no available parent helpers, with a PVG, to enable more outings. If you would be available to help please speak to the school office to complete a PVG as we would love to take our children out and about more often. The final wish was to have a celebration for our ante pre-school leavers being part at our end of year prize giving. This event is for our pre-school children only and the younger children will have the opportunity to take part in a similar celebration at their new nursery, they will however be presented with their Learning Journals on their last day by our team. Thank you for your feedback and support!

Packed Lunches



A reminder that our school is a nut free zone, please **do not send any nuts** with packed lunches including chocolate bars and spreads that contain nuts.

We ask that if you are giving your children grapes in their packed lunch that they are quartered, in line with guidance from the Care Inspectorate. Care Inspectorate have also advised that carrot batons are chopped up and that raisins are not given. These requests are made to avoid choking hazards.

Care Inspectorate have also requested that children having packed lunches have a cool pack in their box to keep food fresh. If you do not have one, please speak to Mrs Moran and we will provide one.

Financial Supports

Social Security Scotland has many supports for families. To check eligibility for your family please use the link below.

[Children and family - mygov.scot](https://mygov.scot/children-and-family)

Dress for the weather



Outdoor learning is an integral part of our curriculum; we ask families to dress children for the weather conditions. Please ensure labelled suncream has been handed to our nursery team. We have outdoor jackets and wellingtons for our outdoor area.

Car Park Parking Permit



We encourage our families to either walk to school or to park and stride, but we appreciate that these options are not always possible.

As a result of a suggestion from one of our families, we have parking permits for our nursery families. Families have been issued two permits to displayed inside vehicles when parked in the designated nursery area (the parking bay facing the nursery entrance). As we are a big school, if the nursery area is full please find alternative parking out with school grounds.

If you have a blue disabled badge please email a copy of it to the school office, for the attention of Mrs Wright. Please be a courteous user of our car park.

Theme



This session's first focus is, Families. Our staff team also plan responsively so some groups may investigate other focuses.

Nursery Start and Finish Times

Please ensure that you drop off and collect your child at their designated time to ensure that our cloakroom is not too busy and overwhelming for your children.

Staffing Update

Miss Mckendrick will be continuing in her role as Acting Team Leader on Mondays and Tuesdays, leading the Red Group on the other weekdays. Mrs Hong has temporarily joined our team and will be the key worker leading the Red Group on Mondays and Tuesdays. We do our utmost to keep families up to date with staffing, however when we have an absence or an unexpected staffing change, we are not always able to give advance notice of this. If we have a vacancy and it is covered by supply staff, who are not on a long-term temporary contract, Mrs Moran and Miss Mckendrick are your first points of contact.

What have I been up to?



If your child takes part in activities out with nursery, please share their achievements with us. We always enjoy sharing in celebrations and achievements and it gives your children a further opportunity to shine!

Shoes and bags



Children can keep indoor shoes in school to change into each day; they can also bring a water bottle and a bag with a change of clothing. Please make sure that you **label everything** clearly.

Dates for the Diary



Wednesday 16th September Coffee

Morning, 9am in nursery staffroom

Friday 25th September School Closed

Monday 28th September School Closed

Monday 5th October Green Group Stay and Play

Tuesday 6th October Blue Group Stay and Play

Wednesday 7th October Yellow Group Stay and Play

Thursday 8th October Red Group Stay and Play

Friday 9th October Orange Group Stay and Play

Friday 9th October School closes for October week break at 3pm

Monday 19th October School reopens

Tuesday 27th October PEEP session one of four (more information in the next newsletter) 3-4pm

Tuesday 3rd November PEEP session two of four 3-4pm

Monday 9th November InSet day 3, school closed

Tuesday 10th November PEEP session three of four 3-4pm

Thursday 12th November Parents' Evening 15:30-17:30

Tuesday 17th November PEEP session four of four 3-4pm

Tuesday 8th December

Nursery Nativity 2pm

Monday 14th December Christmas Party

Wednesday 16th December Sibling Stay and Play

Tuesday 22nd December School closes at **2:30pm** for Winter break

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