



## Willowview ELC – Autumn 2024

Welcome to our latest newsletter at Willowview ELC.

It's almost the end of September already! Welcome back to our returning families – we love having you back and can see how you have all grown over the summer. Hello to our new families that have joined our Willowview family this term. It's been a lovely first term and we are enjoying getting to know you all.

### Mod Celebrations



An Comunn Gàidhealach  
Organisers of The Royal National Mod®

You may be aware the National Mod is in Oban from 11-19<sup>th</sup> October. As a link to exploring our local culture and place in the world, some of our practitioners are recruiting friends involved in the local Mod to come and share their skills and talents with the children in the run up to the October break. We have already had Erin and Holly piping and drumming for the children and we have lots planned including highland dancing, Gaelic Bookbug, and a ceilidh. We have also asked Bun-Sgoil Achadh na Creig if any of the children would like to come over and practice their entry in front of our children. We'll update the daily board when people are coming in.



### Communication

A reminder that we have a welcome board in reception where we let you know about our learning, what's for lunch etc.

We use Seesaw as a very useful tool for communicating with you so please check for general information (such as the daily board) as well as individual learning journeys about your child and there is now an area where families can share home life back to nursery with us.

If you need a new scan code please get in touch.

Please also check your child's tray in reception daily.



### Sunscreen

Although the weather is cooling down we still get some lovely days.

Please remember that sunscreen is also protecting against UV rays so even although it may not be overly hot the first application of sunscreen must be applied to your child before they arrive at nursery.

If you haven't already please also bring a sun cream to be kept at nursery, with your child's name on it, for re-application in the afternoon.



## Medicine

If your child needs to take medicine whilst at nursery please ensure you complete a medicine form with the office.

The medicine must either be prescribed by a GP or have a chemist label on it which states the dosage. Thank you



## Toys from Home

We understand that your child may need to bring in something from home when they first start to comfort them and help them settle.

However we would encourage families to leave toys at home (or if they need to bring them please leave in their bag till hometime) to avoid things being lost or damaged whilst at nursery.



## Rag Bag Recycling

Our textile bin for the nursery through the Rag Bag scheme has finally arrived.

This scheme increases awareness about recycling for the children and helping reduce the amount of material going into landfill. It also has the added bonus of raising funds for the nursery. It is located at the far end of our carpark. If you are having a clear-out then please consider dropping them into the bin as this is a great way to fundraise for extra resources for your children. They accept wearable clothes, paired shoes, handbags and belts.



## Nursery Uniform

A few parents have asked about the nursery uniform. We have a jade green polo shirt and a sky blue sweatshirt available. These are completely optional so there is no requirement to purchase these – it is only if you want to.

They can be purchased from a company called Schoolwear Made Easy on this link <https://schoolwearmadeeasy.com/collections/willowview-nursery> If you would like to see a sample just ask at the office. The link is also available on the nursery website at [www.willowview.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.willowview.argyll-bute.gov.uk)



## Dates for your diary

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> -  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct**

▶ October break for children on **38-week model (termtime)**. Children return on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 8.45am

**Thur 31<sup>st</sup> Oct**

▶ Halloween celebration in nursery – optional dress-up

**Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Nov**

▶ Fluoride varnishing for 3-5 year olds

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov**

▶ Children in Need – optional dress-up

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Nov**

▶ Inservice training for staff. Closed for **all** children. Centre reopens at 8.45am on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov at 8.45am

**To be confirmed**

▶ Christmas celebration

**Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Dec –  
Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan  
CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAYS**

▶ Christmas holidays for children on **48 week model**. Centre closes at 3.30pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec and children return on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan from 8.45am

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**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Dec –  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Jan  
CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAYS**

Christmas holidays for children on **38 week model (term-time)**. Centre closes at 3.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec and children return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan from 8.45am

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## Reminders

- If your child is absent please contact us either by phone or email by **9.45am** so we can update our team (there is an answering machine for out-of-hours as well so you can leave a message if that's easier).
- Don't forget to check the daily board to see today's learning, the story and what was for lunch.
- If a different person is going to be picking up your child than the person that dropped them off please let us know and ensure they are given the password - they will be asked for it. This is for all parents, carers and other relatives, even if it is someone who collects on a regular basis. This is for the safety of your child and is part of our child protection protocol.
- As you can never guarantee what the weather will bring in Argyll please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately and layers are a great way to go with some spare clothes kept at nursery. In particular a warm jumper or fleece for under waterproofs. Having clean, dry clothes of their own allows children to feel comfortable in expressing and meeting their needs. As with all items kept at nursery please label any clothes with your child's name to avoid any confusion.
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***We appreciate your assistance in following our procedures to make Willowview a happy and healthy space for everyone.***



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