



Willowview ELC – Autumn 2025

Welcome to our latest newsletter at Willowview ELC.

It's the middle 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 so far and we are enjoying getting to know you all.



Staffing

You may have noticed we have a couple of additions to our staffing team this year. We welcome David Simpson who is our Modern Apprentice and we also have Natasha Devlin who is providing long-term supply cover as a Practitioner for the next few months. We also welcome Mrs McLeod our class teacher who is with us every Tuesday. Erin has left to go to university and we wish her all the best with her studies. Her post has been recruited and Ashleigh MacEwan will be joining us after the October break.



Communication

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.

For our returning children you will have been given a More About Me Form to complete. Please return as soon as possible if you haven't already done this.

Our new children will be invited for a short chat with their key worker on how they are settling in the next couple of weeks.



Stay & Play

We will be holding stay and play sessions throughout the year as an opportunity for you to see your child in the nursery environment and better understand what they get up to at nursery.

We will be holding sessions this term on Tue 23rd September from 2.00pm-2.30pm and Wed 24th September from 9.30am-10.00am.

Sign-up sheets for next week's session will be posted at reception. If you would like to attend please sign up for the session that suits you best.

If you aren't able to attend this time there will be additional sessions next term running on 8th-10th December.



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 and child's name.

Please remember that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must stay off nursery for 48 hours after the last episode. This is to ensure all families and staff are protected. NHS guidance can be found in the Parent Hub section of our website.



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 bedtime or in the toy nursery) to avoid things being lost or damaged.



Fundraising

A reminder that we have a textile bank in the carpark.

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. 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.

We will also be organising Christmas cards as we did last year. More information to follow soon.



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



Clothing

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. **If you have any spare clothing (particularly trousers and leggings) you would like to donate for spares that would be gratefully appreciated.**



Dates for your diary

22nd- 26th Sept	▶ Recycling Week
Mon 6th- Fri 17th Oct	▶ October break for children on 38-week model (termtime) . Children return on Monday 20 th October at 8.45am
Mon 20th Oct	▶ Diwali celebration
Tue 28th Oct	▶ Eye Screening for children going to school next year
Fri 31st Oct	▶ Halloween celebration in nursery & Bookbug session – optional dress-up
Tue 11th Nov	▶ Flouride varnishing for 3-5 year olds
Mon 24th Nov	▶ Inservice training for staff. Closed for <u>all</u> children. Centre reopens at 8.45am on Tuesday 25 th Nov at 8.45am
Mon 8th, Tue 9th & Wed 10th Dec	▶ Stay and Play Sessions – more details to follow
Thur 18th Dec	▶ Christmas celebration
Sat 20th Dec – Sun 4th Jan CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	▶ Christmas holidays for children on 38 week model (term-time) . Centre closes at 3.30pm on Friday 19 th Dec and children return on Monday 5 th Jan from 8.45am
Wed 24th Dec – Sun 4th Jan CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	▶ Christmas holidays for children on 48 week model . Centre closes at 3.30pm on Tue 23 rd Dec and children return on Monday 5 th Jan from 8.45am



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).
- 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.
- 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.

We appreciate your assistance in following our procedures to make Willowview a happy and healthy space for everyone.



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