



Willowview ELC – Spring/Summer 2026

Welcome to our latest newsletter at Willowview ELC.

Well, Spring has finally arrived and we are making the most of it in our outdoor spaces.

We've loved hearing all about your adventures over the Easter break and we have welcomed some new friends too last week. See below information on our upcoming fundraiser, Bookbug session and dates for your diary along with some reminders on nursery procedures.

We would like to thank you for your response to our recent family consultation. We've had a fantastic response from parents/carers sharing some valuable information. The team will now work together to plan and make developments to how we deliver your child's 1140hours of early learning and childcare provision and we will feedback to you all soon.



Fundraising

So that we can facilitate some activities in our summer term, we are holding a **Sponsored Walk** on **Saturday 16th May**.

We will meet at the Corran Halls just before 10am and then set off for a walk along to Dunollie Castle where we will have a snack and play at the park. We did this last year, and it was an amazing event. You can dress up if you want to and bring anyone in your family you want to join us. Sponsor forms are in everyone's trays this week (with some pictures on it designed by one of our friends). Dunollie House has asked if we can refrain from using their carpark as this offers limited space due to current works being carried out. A gentle reminder that the Corran Halls car park is pay and display – we don't want any friends to be caught out! Every penny helps us buy resources for activities in the nursery as well as local trips and special events such as our celebration for those moving on to primary one.

Another way you can also support the nursery is by using our **RagBag Textile Recycling** bin the carpark. They accept wearable clothes, paired shoes, handbags and belts. Anything going in should be in black bags and shoes should be paired. We have our next collection on Thur 7th May so any donations can be put in the textile bin by Wed 6th May (if it's full just let someone in the office know).



Personal Learning Planners

Your child's Personal Learning Planner (purple folder) has been placed in their tray for you to take home, look through and chat with your child. These are personal to your child and share a little of their learning at Willowview. Please add comments for us to share back with your child.

They should be returned by Fri 1st May. Thank you.



Medicine

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

At this time the medicine must either be prescribed by a GP or have a chemist label on it which states the dosage and child's name. A review is currently taking place of our administration and storage of medication policy and procedures.

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.



Sun Protection

We will be sending out our updated Sun Safety & Procedures policy shortly. We have nursery sunscreen available or if you do not wish to use this you can provide your own bottle (It should have your child's name on it, date opened and expiry date – it will be used for the sole purpose of your child).

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. Staff will reapply as required.

All parents will be asked to review their child's consent form to ensure we hold the most current information.

For more information on sun safety please visit <https://www.britishskinfoundation.org.uk/resources>



Bookbug

Bookbug Week – 18th-24th May

All of our children will have the opportunity to join in with a Bookbug-themed session on the morning of **Wed 20th May**. In the afternoon our parents/carers are invited to join us for a session at 2pm where our three-year olds will receive their Explorer Bookbug bag as we celebrate Bookbug Week. There is a sign-up sheet in reception.



Nursery Uniform

In our suggestion box we received a request for a darker colour of sweatshirt. A consultation went out to all families and the majority voted for navy. This is now available, along with original sky-blue sweatshirt and jade polo shirt at the link below.

<https://schoolwearmadeeasy.com/collections/willowview-nursery>



A reminder that there is no requirement to purchase uniform – it's optional!



Dates for your Diary

Thur 7th May	▶ Rag Bag Collection (textile recycling) – donations by Wed 6 th May please
Wed 13th May	▶ Childsmile teeth varnishing for all 3-5 year olds (if you don't attend on a Wednesday and wish to participate please contact the office).
Sat 16th May	▶ Sponsored Walk – leaving from Corran Halls at 10am to Dunollie Castle
Wed 20th May	▶ Family Bookbug session 2pm – signup sheet at reception
Fri 22nd May & Mon 25th May	Inservice training for staff (Fri) and Bank holiday (Mon) Closed for all children. Centre reopens at your child's normal drop-off time on Tuesday 26 th May
JUNE	Reports out and Parent's night – dates to be confirmed ▶ Percy the Parkkeeper Treasure Hunt – we will invite friends from other nurseries who will be transitioning to school to join us for a treasure hunt – more details to follow
Tue 23rd June	▶ Teddy Bear's Picnic for those heading off to primary 1 with Soroba Young Families Group – more details to follow
Fri 26th June	▶ 'Being Me' Celebration – 2pm – for our children moving on to school - more details to follow
Wed 1st July	▶ Last day of term for children on 38 week model (term-time) . For returning families the centre reopens on Mon 17 th Aug.
Fri 31st July	▶ Last day of term for children on 48 week model. For returning families the centre reopens on Mon 17 th Aug.



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 from 8am – 5pm as well so you can leave a message if that's easier).
- With the every changing weather we get here in Argyll, and how much we enjoy exploring, please ensure your child has a change of clothing that is clearly labelled with their name. We currently care for 64 children and it can be difficult for the team to remember what each child was wearing when they arrive to play. This includes shoes etc. We try to put any belongings a child takes off in their trays or on their peg however, at times, this does not always work. There is also a basket of clothing in the reception area, please check for any items that may be yours. We appreciate your support with this.



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