

# Kilbarchan Community Nursery



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## Nursery Contact Details

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<https://kilbarchancn.com/>



Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to families joining us this session.

We have a few opportunities planned for parents to engage with their children's learning this session.

More information is contained within this newsletter.

The children really benefit from having their parents join them in nursery and hope that you take up some of the opportunities on offer.

Allocation procedures for session 25/26 will be getting under way very soon. Please look out for letters coming home to confirm your child's hours.

Also, if you are aware of any children due to start nursery next session, could you please inform their parents that they must submit an application form as soon as possible, and no later than the end of January, to secure their preferred hours.

The trustees will be organising social and fundraising events and would welcome any suggestions or offers of help. Please come along and support the trustees with their plans. An email will be sent out once the date has been set for the next Trustees meeting. Remember to keep an eye on your emails for information and reminders of events.

A wee note to say that Mairi is thoroughly enjoying retirement so far and is enjoying coffee dates and shopping trips. I am very looking forward to managing the service. My email address is [victoria.orr@kilbarchancn.com](mailto:victoria.orr@kilbarchancn.com) should you wish to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Victoria

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES SESSION

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## Keyworker Groups and Contact Details

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□ **Red Group – Morag**

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□ **Purple Group – Chloe**

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## After School Care

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If you wish to speak to your child's keyworker you can ask to see them at your child's, drop off or collection time, contact them by email (see above), or by telephoning the nursery. Keyworkers will aim to keep you up to date with your child's progress, particularly during the first few weeks while settling. More formal arrangements will take place throughout the year.

For general enquiries, you can speak to Victoria, Chloe or Sarah at any time using the contact details above.

**All absences must be reported to the office rather than the keyworker.**

**Please telephone the office or email enquiries or admin.**

**FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU CLOSE THE INTERNAL DOOR WHEN LEAVING THE BUILDING!**

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN NURSERY THIS MONTH

### PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT	WHEN
Forest Kindergarten	Indicate your availability on the list in the cloakroom
Baking	Tuesday Mornings
Musicland with Jo	Wednesday 1.30-2.30
Pre-School Physical Programme in the school gym hall	Wednesdays 9.15-10am Fridays 10.45-11.30am
Friday Bookbug	1-1.30pm

If you are interested in joining us for any of the above sessions, please inform a member of staff.

### Burns Day

On 24<sup>th</sup> January, children will have the opportunity to sample haggis, neeps and tatties. We will be listening to Scottish music and attempting some Scottish dancing.

The children are welcome to wear something Tartan if they would like to.



### Nursery Sessions 2025 – 2026

We will shortly be allocating places for session 2025 – 2026. You will receive a letter asking if you wish your child to continue with the same sessions as this year or if you wish anything different. It would be helpful to allow us to allocate new starts if you could return the form as soon as possible.

All children are entitled to up to 1140 hours of Early Learning and Childcare each year. For term-time establishments such as us, this equates to 30 hours per week. The most popular option is 9am – 3pm, equivalent to a school day. You can also have 3 long days from 8am – 6pm or 4 x 7.5-hour days starting at 8, 8.30 or 9am and finishing at 3.30, 4 or 4.30pm. If you require more flexible sessions, please contact us to discuss your requirements. Additional hours can also be purchased at an hourly rate of £5.50.

We are aware that some families have issues around childcare over school holidays. We would like to make you aware that your early learning and childcare funding can be split between two different childcare providers. This would allow you to share a place with Kilbarchan Community Nursery and a registered childminder or all year-round children's centre. If you would like more information on this option, please contact the nursery.

### Children due to start nursery in 2025 - 2026

Children who will reach their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday by 29<sup>th</sup> February 2025 will be eligible to start nursery during the next academic year. Applications should be submitted to the nursery by the end of January.

If you have any questions around early learning and childcare entitlement or to apply for a place, please get in touch on 01505 704839 or by emailing [enquiries@kilbarchancn.com](mailto:enquiries@kilbarchancn.com) or you are more than welcome to pop into the nursery to speak with a member of staff.

## Stay and Play

During February we will be having our annual Stay and Play month. We welcome parents to join us for a session with your child at any time, however during Stay and Play month we encourage all parents to take part. You will have the opportunity to see your child in the nursery setting, spend time looking through their profile with them and sharing their progress with their keyworker. We also require you to review your child's personal plan at this time. A calendar will be available on the noticeboard in the cloakroom for you to choose a session. If you are unable to attend any of the allocated sessions, please make an alternative arrangement with your child's keyworker.

## FUNDRAISING



We raised £45.50 for children in need. Thank you for your contribution.

**Our Christmas Fayre raised just over £1900!!**

**Thank you to everyone involved in making the day a great success.**

Keep an eye on your emails and newsletters to find out what fundraising events are coming up.

If you have any new ideas for fundraising, please let us know or speak to one of our trustees.

If you still owe money for tea towels, please arrange payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

### RAG BAG

Please remember to support our rag bag recycling programme when you are having your New Year clear out.

**Thank you for all your donations.**

**We raised £298.50 for the Beatson Cancer Charity!!**

## DIARY DATES

FRIDAY 24 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY	BURNS DAY
FEBRUARY	STAY AND PLAY MONTH
FRIDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY	STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY
MONDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> & TUESDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY	HOLIDAY
FRIDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	LAST DAY of TERM SERVICE CLOSES at 2.30PM (No after school care service)
MONDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> – MONDAY 21 <sup>st</sup> APRIL	SPRING HOLIDAY
MONDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	PRIMARY 1 INDUCTION DAY (KILBARCHAN)
MONDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> MAY	HOLIDAY
FRIDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> MAY	STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY
MONDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> MAY	HOLIDAY
THURSDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	PRIMARY 1 INDUCTION DAY (KILBARCHAN)
THURSDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	END of TERM PARTIES (Last day for returning children)
FRIDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	LAST DAY OF TERM PRE-SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS NURERY CLOSES at 1P.M. (No after school service)