



Kilbarchan Community Nursery News

January, February and March 2026

Happy
New Year
2026



Check out our website at:
<https://kilbarchancn.com/>

Nursery Contact Details

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Keyworker Groups and

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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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 2025/26

Chair: Holly Ferguson Vice Chair: Lainey Welsford

Treasurer: Loren Burleigh Secretary: Karen Dickson

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 who joined us last session and to those joining us this session.

We have a few opportunities planned for parents to engage with their children's learning this session. More information can be found on our Family app.

Allocation procedures for session 26/27 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.

Mrs Brady left us in December; we would like to thank her for all her help at After School. We'd also like to congratulate Siobhan who is expecting a new arrival in May.

I look forward to working with you all this term 😊

Victoria x

As you know, all proceeds from our Christmas Sing Along tickets were donated to SUDEP (Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy). We donated £518 but the first installment of our donation was doubled as part of a special project they were involved in, meaning our overall donation was just over £800.

We received a lovely email of thanks from SUDEP, they really are very grateful.

CERTIFICATE Of Achievement

This certificate is proudly presented to

Kilbarchan Community Nursery

for donating a wonderful £518 in memory of Lucy.
Thank you for helping raise vital awareness
of SUDEP and epilepsy.



SUDEP Action
Making every epilepsy death count



Our Christmas Fayre raised just over £2000!!

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

Children's Session Times

To help our sessions run smoothly, we kindly ask parents and carers to adhere to allocated start and finish times. Thank you for your support.

Nursery Sessions 2026 – 2027

We will shortly be allocating places for session 2026 – 2027. 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. (subject to change)

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 2026 - 2027

Children who will reach their 2nd birthday by 28th February 2026 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@kilbarchan.nhs.uk or you are more than welcome to pop into the nursery to speak with a member of staff.

Dolly Parton Week!



Monday 19th to Friday 23rd January

Dolly Parton is turning 80!



To honour Dolly and recognise the amazing gifting programme – *Dolly Parton's Imagination Library*, the children will enjoy listening to Dolly Parton songs, dancing and celebrating Dolly's love of music, books and community.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library inspires a love of reading in young children everywhere and has gifted millions of free books to children worldwide. We can't wait to celebrate 80 years of Dolly!

Monday 9th to Friday 13th February

Wellbeing week at Nursery – A Week of Fun, Feelings and Celebrations.

Wellbeing week is all about helping children feel happy confident and cared for in a fun and nurturing environment.

Wellbeing Activities All Week

Mindfulness and calm time

Sensory and creative play

Stories about feelings and emotions

Come to nursery in your cosiest pyjamas as we focus on rest, relaxation and feeling safe and comfortable.

Valentines Day – We will be talking about kindness and friendship and making heart crafts.

Pancake Fun – Children can enjoy pancake themed activities, learn about traditions and maybe even enjoy some tasty treats.

Chinese New Year – We will be learning about Chinese New Year through stories, music, dancing, crafts and exploring colours, animals and traditions from around the world.



Burns Day

On Monday 26th January, children will have the opportunity to sample haggis, neeps and tatties. We will be listening to Scottish music and attempting some Scottish dancing.

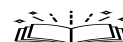
The children are welcome to wear something Tartan if they would like to.



Sponsored Event – March

We would like to raise money to subsidise our summer trip and for end of term celebrations. More details to follow.

On Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. The children can dress up as a character from their favourite book and will be encouraged to use their imagination to create their own stories.



The children will be using puppets to retell and invent stories. Playing with puppets helps to develop children's thinking skills and encourage them to use their imagination.

Red Nose Day **Friday 20th March**

The children can wear something **red** or wear pyjamas if they would like to. We will be decorating red nose biscuits for the children to enjoy for their pudding. The children will have the opportunity to make a **red nose**.

DIARY DATES

Monday 19 th to Friday 23 rd January	Dolly Parton 80 th Birthday Week
Monday 26 th January	Burns Celebrations
Monday 9 th to Friday 13 th February	Wellbeing Week
Monday 16 th and Tuesday 17 th February	Holiday
Wednesday 18 th February	Staff In-service Day
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day
Friday 3 rd to Friday 17 th April	Holiday
Monday 4 th May	Holiday
Thursday 7 th May	Staff In-service Day
Monday 25 th May	Holiday
Monday 29 th June	End of Term Parties (Last day for returning children)
Tuesday 30 th June	Last Day of Term Pre-School Presentations – 12.15pm NURSERY CLOSES at 1pm (No after school service)

All dates are subject to change and additional events will be added throughout the year. Please keep an eye on Famly for updates and more specific information about events.