

August 2025 Newsletter



Welcome Edition

Dear Families,

Welcome to the first nursery newsletter of the new session! A very warm welcome to all our new children and families joining us this year, and a heartfelt welcome back to those returning. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you to make this a happy, nurturing, and fun-filled experience for your child.

Settling In

The first few weeks of term are all about helping children settle into nursery life. Our staff team are supporting children as they get to know new routines, make friends, and explore the learning environment both indoors and outdoors. Please remember, every child settles in their own way and at their own pace, and we are here to support both children and families through this transition.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

To support smooth transitions in the mornings and 1.15pm drop off, we continue to use our drop-off and go system. This approach helps children settle more quickly and reduces upset at the start of the day.

From 4pm onwards at pick-up time, families are welcome to come into the playroom to collect their child. This provides a lovely opportunity to see the play environment and have a brief catch-up with staff.

Through conversations and questionnaires in session 2024–25, families told us this system worked well, so we are continuing it this year. We will also keep gathering feedback throughout the session to make positive improvements where needed.

Learning and Play

This term, we will be focusing on building relationships, exploring our nursery environment, and encouraging children to share their interests. Through play, children will be developing early skills in communication, problem-solving, creativity, and independence. Outdoor learning will also be a big part of our days, so please ensure your child has suitable clothing for all weathers. Watch out for our 'Sharing the Learning' sways which highlight children's monthly learning.



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Working Together

Strong partnerships with families are at the heart of what we do. We will keep in touch and share children's learning in a variety of ways, including:

- Our nursery Facebook page for updates, news and celebrations – **Michelle Lauren Auchinairn**
- Children's online learning journals, where you can see progress and add your own comments/photos from home
- Our email 'Group Call' system for reminders and important information
- Face-to-face conversations at drop-off and pick-up

Please don't hesitate to speak with any member of staff if you have questions, suggestions, or something special to share about your child.

Vision, Values & Aims

Our Vision

Our goal is to provide a safe, secure and nurturing learning environment that feels like home, with a supportive family-like atmosphere for children and families. It's a place where everyone can learn, develop and have fun in an inclusive setting.



Our Values

We have a clear understanding of our values at Auchinairn EYC:

Friendship – we encourage kind, caring relationships and help children form strong social bonds

Acceptance – We celebrate diversity and respect every child's background, culture, and ability

Meaningful Connections – We build strong partnerships with families and create secure relationships with children

Inclusion – Every child has equal access to opportunities and feels a sense of belonging

Learning through play – We provide rich, play-based learning experiences that inspire curiosity and creativity

You Matter – We value every voice, child, parent and staff, and ensure everyone feels heard and important

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Our Aims

At Auchinairn EYC, we believe that everyday is an opportunity to learn and that learning is everywhere. We are dedicated to creating a nurturing and supportive environment where children are cherished, and their voices are heard. We actively engage both children and families in our efforts to constantly enhance the service.

We aim:

- To build strong relationships with families, working in partnership to support each child's development
- To provide a safe, loving, and stimulating environment that promotes emotional security and well-being
- To nurture confident, independent learners through play, exploration, and positive interactions
- To promote kindness, empathy, and cooperation in every aspect of nursery life
- To respect and reflect each child's home and family culture, making all families feel welcomed and included.
- To support transitions – from home to nursery and beyond, with care and compassion
- To foster a FAMILY feel – where every child feels valued and every parent feels connected

Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn.

– Benjamin Franklin



Stay & Play Opportunities

We would love families to join us for play and learning:

- Drop-in Stay & Play – Every Tuesday and Friday (See sign up book at the reception desk)
- Monthly Learning Focus Stay & Play – Once a month, we will invite families in to share learning linked to a particular area of the curriculum.

These sessions are a wonderful way to see your child at play, meet other families, and get involved in nursery life.

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Dates to remember:

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Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
12th & 13th nursery closed 25 th Wear it yellow day for the Beaton £2 donation 27 th Getting to know us Evening 6.30pm 28 th Photographer shoot	11 th STV Big community Breakfast 18 th Gran & Grandad Stay and Play 24 th Parents Connections: Tea, Talks & Tips (1.30-2.30pm) 26th & 29th nursery closed	9 th Parents Connections: Tea, Talks & Tips (evening) 9 th Christmas photographer shoot 10th nursery closed 23 rd STEM Stay and Play 28 th & 29 th Panda Fundraiser event 29 th Parents evening for ALL children	7 th Family Fun Night	8 th & 10 th Dough Disco Stay and Play 11 th Christmas Party 16 th Christmas Concert 25th – 31st nursery closed	5 th nursery reopens

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STV Big Breakfast Appeal

- Thursday 11th September – 9.30-11.30am
 - Auchinairn Community Centre
 - It's a 'chuck it' in the bucket event for charity, loose change or notes appreciated
 - Everyone welcome, bring your family, friends, and appetite!
- We would love some extra helping hands to make it a success! If you can support us, whether it's setting up, or tidying away, we'd be grateful.**

Gran & Grandad Day

We are celebrating Grandparents Day on Thursday 18th September, 10 am-11 am.

We wish to welcome all our children's grandparents to come into the nursery for a wee play, sing a couple of songs, read a story or two, and share a snack. If your child's grandparents want to join us for an hour, please let the office staff know. It should be a lovely morning.

Photographer

Please note the photographer's visit has been rescheduled to **Wednesday 3rd September**. Children who do not normally on this day will be invited in for their photo. If you do not wish your child to have their photo taken, please let the nursery office know.

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Meet Team Auchinairn EYC Keyworkers



We say goodbye and good luck to Ronnie (Hazel, 31st July), Jessica (Beech, 9th September), and Adele (Fern, 19th September). We wish you all the best in your retirement and future roles.



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Friendship Code

At nursery, we help children learn the importance of keeping themselves and others safe by following our friendship code. We use our SHANARRI wellbeing buddies and SIMOA to explore what this means, and we regularly reinforce these ideas both verbally and visually with the children.

Alongside this, we follow our Positive Behaviour policy, which you can find in our policy folder.

Our Friendship Code is:

- Safe Stella says – “I manage my risks”
- Healthy Henry say – “I share my feelings”
- Achieving Andrew says – “I try my very best”
- Nurtured Nora says – “I have kind hands and feet”
- Active Amir – “I know where I can run”
- Respected Rhiya says – “I listen to others”
- Responsible Robbie says – “I look after our toys”
- Included Isabella says – “I am kind and help others”
- SIMOA says – “I keep myself safe at nursery”

Celebrating Achievements

At nursery, we love to celebrate the amazing things our children achieve. In our corridor, we have an Achievement Board and a Star of the Week tree. We would be delighted if you could share your child's successes with us by adding photos, certificates, or comments to their Learning Journal. Our Little Chatters Matter Children's Rights Committee will then print and display these on the board for everyone to enjoy.

Each week, we also celebrate s Star of the Week. Children receive a certificate from staff for showing our Friendship Code, making safe choices, and being a kind and helpful friend. Certificates are placed on the tree, ready for children to collect and proudly take home.



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Important Information

Absence Reporting

Please contact our office on 0141 955 2289 if your child will be absent from nursery. If we have not been notified, we will call you.

Sickness Policy

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, please keep them at home for 48 hours after the last episode to help prevent the spread of illness. This also protects staff, as they must follow the same rule, which can impact service delivery.

Medication

If your child requires medication during their session, it must have a prescription label, and a consent form must be completed with staff. Please allow time at drop off to arrange this.

Session Times & Doors

Please arrive and collect your child on time for their session.

Doors open at 8.00am and close at 6.00pm

Session times:

8.00am-12.45pm, 1.15pm-6.00pm, or 8.00am-5.30/6.00pm

Clothing & Belongings

- Velcro shoes wherever possible.
- Label all items of clothing, this will ensure a swift return!
- Please no toys from home– children get upset, when others bring things from home as they have been told they are not allowed. No toys mean no unnecessary upset.
- Ensure children wear suitable clothing for outdoors – we love to explore in all weathers!



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Car Parking

When dropping off or collecting your child, please park considerately. Our car park is shared with other community centre users, so it's important that spaces and access are kept clear. Please also note that pavement parking may now result in a fine of £100.

Treat Fund

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the Treat Fund. Families are encouraged to pay £2.00 per week and all contributions are greatly appreciated. This can be made weekly, monthly, termly or yearly. Linda and Fiona, our admin team are happy to help with collecting payments.

The fund helps us provide children with a range of extra, including:

- Ingredients for playdough and sensory play
- Additional snack items (such as cereal, rice cakes and bread)
- Christmas gifts and parties
- Summer fun day and activities
- Graduation celebrations
- Local bus/taxi outings in the community
- And more

We are delighted to share that we have already booked 2 upcoming Christmas parties with Bounce and Party, costing £550.00. These special events are just one example of how the treat fund helps us create lasting memories and happy moments for your children at nursery.

Without your support for the fund, we would not support be able to provide the same experiences and celebrations that Auchinairn nursery is known for. Every contribution matters, and it really does make a difference to the children.

We are really looking forward to an exciting year ahead, filled with learning, laughter, and lots of play. Thank you for trusting us with your child's early learning journey – together we can make it a positive and memorable one.

Warm regards,

Michelle, Lauren & Team Auchinairn

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