



monthly Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2025



Primary 1 Applications

You can apply for a P1 school place from November for the following August intake.

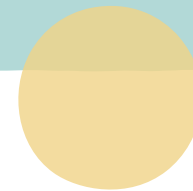
Parents/carers of children attending a West Lothian Council nursery class or partner nursery/childminder and who reside in the authority should receive a letter in November advising applications are now being accepted and prompting them to apply.

Applications for your child's Primary 1 place is encouraged to be submitted by December 31st 2025.

More details, including a link to the application form is available here:

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

*Please note, the application has not yet opened.
We will keep parents updated via seesaw announcement.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

17th-23rd November

• **BOOK WEEK SCOTLAND**

- children invited to wear pyjamas or dress up as favourite story book character during this week.
- Parents invited to join us for story time at drop off or pick up (times on Seesaw or speak with Mrs Watton.)

Friday 19th December

• **CHRISTMAS PARTY 9.30-11.30am - Please see our website for more information:**

https://parkheadprimary.westlothian.org.uk/media/68097/Nursery-Christmas-Party-2025/pdf/Nursery_Christmas_Party_Information_Email.pdf?m=1762689585213

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/bjPvAjp8Gwk>

Friday 19th December - End of Term

Monday 5th January - Nursery reopens



Gentle Reminders

- Please ensure your child has a set of spare clothes within their bag each day and this is brought to nursery with them.
- We kindly ask you to make sure you name all of your child's items as they all look similar and can easily be lost or mistaken for someone else's belongings.
- As our children can be in close proximity of each other during their play, this is a gentle reminder to check your child for head lice periodically. More information can be found at the NHS inform website below.

Head Lice

Communication

We hope that you feel you can come into the nursery and chat to a member of our team if required throughout the week. However, if you can't speak to us at collection or drop off times, and need to speak to a member of staff about any concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch by telephone. You can also arrange for an appointment to speak to a member of staff in person if required. If you need to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team then please contact Mrs Wardeh.

Telephone - 01506 871404 EMAIL ADDRESS: wlparkhead-ps@westlothian.org.uk

WEBSITE: <https://parkheadprimary.westlothian.org.uk/>



PLANNING AND LEARNING

Last month the children really enjoyed celebrating and learning about Halloween as it became our focus in the nursery. Throughout the weeks of October, the children had fun exploring spooky potions in our water play and experiments, carving pumpkins, exploring the insides, and making Halloween crafts in many creative experiences. The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up and learning scary songs and dances to participate in our Halloween party. We had the opportunity to invite our families in to celebrate with us in the Halloween Stay and Play which was a huge success! Thank you!

In the next few weeks, we will be focusing on exploring our literacy skills. This will include learning about the art of rhyming through classic nursery rhymes, songs, musical experiences, and games for the National Rhyme Week.

We will then be celebrating National Book Week with lots of events. The children will have the opportunity to attend nursery in their pyjamas or dress up as their favourite characters from books for the week. We will also be re-launching the Big Bedtime Read packs which will give parents the opportunity to choose a pack of books to take home to read with their child. Our parents are invited to stay with their child to join in a story or song throughout the week. The nursery children will have lots of opportunities to read with the older children in the school when they come down to visit them and help explore favourite stories and fairytale.

Finally, our most exciting part! We will be holding a teddy bear swap stall where children will have the opportunity to swap one of their own teddies for a new one or choose a teddy to read to at home.

There will be lots to choose from to ensure each child has a new friend by the end of the week!

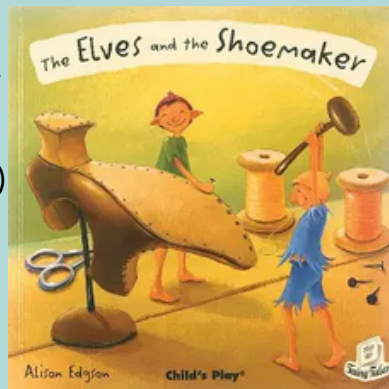


THE BOOK NOOK

If you don't have the book at home, why not watch this video of the story with your child

(click on the links underlined below)

The Elves and the Shoemaker



HERE ARE SOME SONGS THAT YOU CAN SING TOGETHER:



Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Wind the bobbin up



Home Learning

- Can you share your favourite nursery rhymes?
- Can you take a big bedtime read pack home to read with your child?

