



monthly Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2026



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 but must be made by March 2026.

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

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday the 9th of February – Monday the 16th February** schools off (nursery open)
- **Schools re-open on Tuesday the 17th February**
- **Friday 13th February** – Valentine's stay and play (10am – 11am) – all welcome
- **Saturday 14th March** - Easter Fayre 10am-12noon

Health and Wellbeing

If your child experiences sickness or diarrhoea, please notify nursery of absence and be 48 hours clear of symptoms before returning your child to nursery. More information can be found here: [Gastroenteritis - NHS Inform](#)



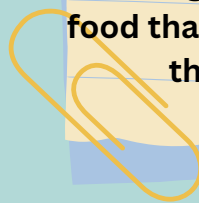
Little Reminders

- Please can we ask that toys from home, remain at home unless this is part of your child's support plan. This is to ensure everything is safe and to prevent disagreements between children.
- Please can you ensure you are aware of the times of the end of your child's session to ensure the children are collected at the correct time and there is enough time to complete a handover from staff.
- We have a table in the cloakroom for lost property that is found in the nursery. Please can you check this to identify any of your belongings.

Can you help!

We are looking for some junk modelling for our creative area, if possible? This can include boxes, cartons, tubes, tubs etc.

We are also looking for empty boxes of household items for our house corner such as empty milk cartons, butter tubs, pizza boxes, washing up bottles and any tins of food that don't have ring poles that the children can open.



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.

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

PLANNING AND LEARNING


This past month, our focus has been on numeracy throughout the nursery with a particular emphasis on numbers and counting. The children have been learning to count to 10 or 20 in sequence through various games, songs and stories. This has included board and table top games in our skills sessions, treasure hunts, interactive action songs like "5 green frogs" and "10 monkeys jumping on the bed", and hide and seek, hopscotch and "What's the time Mr Wolf". We also will be supporting the children to recognise numbers 1 to 10 and look at how we use these in everyday life. This will include walks around our local environment to look for signs and numbers around us, as well as baking and cooking experiences and following sequence instructions in our routine.

We will also be celebrating Valentine's Day in the next few weeks by looking at the people and things we love. This includes our friends, family, pets and favourite things. We will explore the meaning of love and how we show this towards each other within the nursery and at home. We will be chatting about the things we love to do in nursery and the toys we love to play with as well as things we would love to add.

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)

 **10 LITTLE PIRATES all say
ARRRR! | Learn to Count Kids
Book Read Aloud by Storytime
with Owl**



**HERE ARE SOME SONGS THAT YOU
CAN SING TOGETHER:**



Five Little Monkeys



10 in the bed



10 green bottles

Home Learning

- Can you do a number hunt in your house? Which numbers can you see?
- Can you draw a picture of the people you love in your life?

