



Lisbellaw Community
Nursery
Newsletter
January - Early February 2026

A collection of colorful icons representing various vehicles and objects, including an airplane, bus, truck, boat, tractor, scooter, helicopter, bicycle, car, school bus, and train. The icons are arranged in a grid-like fashion. The background is grey with handprints in white, yellow, and teal.

Theme for the month: **TRANSPORT AND JOURNEYS**

Our emotion for January: **CROSS**

Colour: **BLACK & WHITE**

Some things we will be doing:

- ◆ Using the art trolley with growing independence to create 'vehicles' with various materials
- ◆ Investigating shapes to see why circles make the best wheels
- ◆ Making vehicle pictures from basic shapes
- ◆ Printing with various patterned objects
- ◆ Playing in our very own travel agent, bus /train station, building site, garage
- ◆ Investigating magnetic items
- ◆ Discussing journeys we've been on – long/short, how we got there, who with, reason for journey etc – and journeys we would like to make
- ◆ Learning about what a stranger is and how to keep ourselves safe.



My face is very special – poem

My face is very special
It belongs to only me,
And it can tell without a word
Exactly how I feel.

If tears are falling from my eyes
It tells you I am sad,
And if my face is all screwed up,
It means I'm feeling mad!

But if I'm feeling happy,
As I am once in a while,
Everybody knows
Because I wear a great big smile!

Five little men in a flying saucer (*You'll find the song/animation on Youtube*)

Five little men in a flying saucer

Flew round the earth one day.

They looked left and right

But they didn't like the sight,

So one man flew away

Continue until all the men have flown away!

Climb aboard the Spaceship (*do appropriate actions until the countdown on fingers*)

Climb aboard the spaceship,
We're going to the moon!
Hurry and get ready
We're going to blast off soon.

Put on your helmet
And buckle up real tight,
Cause here comes the countdown
so count with all your might!

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1,
(*Start with ten fingers up and put one down at a time as we count backwards, then zoom around room!*)

Vehicle rhyme

Take a bus,
Or take a train
Take a boat
Or take a plane.

Take a taxi
Take a car,
Maybe near
Or maybe far.

Take a rocket
To the moon,
But be sure
To come back soon!

Here is a steamroller

(Action rhyme)

Here is a steamroller,
rolling and rolling,
Ever so slowly because
of its load.
First it clanks up to
the top of the hill,
Puffing and panting it
has to stand still;
Then it rolls...all the
way down!

*(Roll fists) around
each other slowly upwards,
then down again very fast
on the last line)*

Some nice links to super simple songs on youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdrZWu2dZ4c&list=RDBdrZWu2dZ4c&start_radio=1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GzrjwOQpAl0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFxAiWkSePk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DO41xyuo1MM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxcSxYZSbiQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nySqdZAannw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7otAJa3jui8>

Crossing the street –

(Action rhyme)

Stop, look and listen
*(Shade eyes with hand and
look from side to side)*
Before you cross the street.
First you use your eyes, then
ears,
Before you use your feet.
*(Point to eyes, ears and feet
in turn)*



Welcome back and Thank you

- ◆ We hope that you all had a very enjoyable Christmas holiday and are refreshed and ready to go again for 2026!
- ◆ Thank you again to everyone for their lovely Christmas gifts for myself, Mrs Johnston, Mrs McCleery and Mrs Niedwiecki. Your kindness is much appreciated.

How you can help this month

- ◆ In relation to our topic this month, if you have any travel/holiday photos or other holiday-related items, please send them in for our topic table. One or two photographs will be sufficient. Thank you.
- ◆ Please remind your child about our 'Golden Rules' and continue to display them at home to reinforce what we do in school. Things can lapse a little over the Christmas holidays so it's good to get back into routine.
- ◆ All children should be wearing a warm coat now please. Some are still wearing thin coats and get very cold during outdoor play. If your child over heats and prefers a thin coat that is ok, but most do need a warm one. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

- ◆ A reminder that the EA online application system for nursery and primary 1 places opens on Wednesday January 7th at 12 noon and will close at 12 noon on Wednesday January 21st. Applications are **NOT** dealt with on a first come first served basis, but it is advisable to do it sooner rather than later in case you forget!
- ◆ Our upcoming shared education days with St Ronan's are next Tuesday January 13th when they will come to visit us to share in classroom activities and a Jo Jingles session in the school assembly hall; Thursday January 29th when we will visit them at their nursery/school for classroom activities

and a 'Mindful Me' session; and Thursday February 19th when they will again join us here/in hall for messy play.

- ◆ As a follow-up to the health visitor questionnaires last term, our health visitor, Jayne Kempton, is giving parents of all children in their **PRE-SCHOOL** year the opportunity to meet with her in Nursery on Wednesday 14th or Thursday 15th January. A timetable is available for you to fill your name in on so please call in to nursery in the morning or message Mrs Saunders. You may request a phone call if you are unable to attend but please still fill your name on a timeslot and leave your phone number.
- ◆ Health week takes place in the primary school during the first week in February, Mon 2nd-Fri 6th. Nursery children will take part in various activities during the week, details to follow.
- ◆ The half-term holiday is Mon Feb 9-Fri 13th inclusive.
- ◆ Our 'Bring your parent to school' week takes place during the week of February 16-20th after the half term. See below.
- ◆ Mid-year parent teacher meetings will take place on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th February. If you have **any preference** regarding the day please let me know so every effort can be made to work out a schedule which suits everyone. Thank you.

February 'Bring your parent to school week'

Parents are invited into Nursery during the week beginning February 16th, after half-term, for our 'Bring your parent to school' week', just to give you a snapshot of life in Nursery. You can come in to share in our whole morning, or part of it, whatever suits each family. We can just accommodate one parent at a time but you may split the morning between mum/dad if you wish. The timetable below is just done alphabetically and I am aware that the days may not suit everyone, but please swap amongst yourselves if you can. It is not essential to attend if it really doesn't suit but the children usually expect it when they see other parents in! Thank you.

Monday 16th- Surnames Armstrong-Doherty

Tuesday 17th - Surnames Falconer-Graham

Wednesday 18th - Surnames Gray-Keys

Thursday 19th - Surnames Lindsay - Marsh (includes Mc) - also our messy play shared education day with St Ronan's here in Lisbellaw.

Friday 20th- Surnames Plunkett-Williams

Stranger Danger

We are having a focus on 'Stranger Danger' this month as it is important for young children to know some basic rules around this. Hopefully a local police officer will visit to reinforce our message. We will let you know when. Our aim is not to scare the children, but to begin to develop their awareness, through discussion and understanding their current perceptions of strangers, and teaching that:

- ◆ a stranger is just someone that they don't know, and most people they don't know are fine
- ◆ it is good to talk to people but we must never go away with anyone we don't know, even if they seem nice e.g. give sweets or let you stroke their dog
- ◆ most people can look and sound nice but, if there is a bad part of them, it will be on the inside where we can't see it
- ◆ your mum or dad should always know where you are so always ask before you go anywhere, even just walking away to play with your friend in the park
- ◆ if you get lost in a shop or in the street, stay where you are and the adult you were with will find you - you can ask someone who works in the shop or someone in uniform for help.

Please discuss these things with your child and maybe work out your own system of what to do if they get lost. All children of preschool age should be taught their address and should know their parents' full names.

Please help your child to learn the following rhyme, in addition to those printed on the back of this newsletter. Thank you.

If you're lost
You really must
Find a grown-up
You can trust.

If you find
You're all alone,
NEVER go off
On your own.

