

Lisbellaw Community Nursery Newsletter

November- December 2025



Theme for Nov-Dec: **Traditional Tales and Christmas**
Our emotion: **Sad (November)**
Excited (December)
Colour: **November - Blue** (linked with sad)
December - Christmas colours -Red, green, gold, silver

Some things we will be doing:

- Talking about what makes us feel sad or excited and what we do when we feel like this.
- Playing in our role play house, bakery and café (and having our breakfast here!)
- Putting on a traditional tale drama for our friends.
- Telling stories and saying nursery rhymes using hand and finger puppets.
- Making houses with various materials from the art trolley and using different ways to join bits together.
- Making bridges with construction blocks and other materials.
- Baking bread and gingerbread men.
- Using the cutting box to help improve our cutting skills
- Getting to know the Nativity story and practising for our Christmas play.

School Photographs

School photo orders, if you ordered by the deadline, will be delivered to school and sent home from here. It will probably be another few weeks before we receive them but you will get them as soon as we do. We still have no date for a Nursery whole group photograph but will let you know as soon as we do.

Dates for your diary**Shared Education trip
to Castlecoole**

Our first trip out is a little later this year, next Wednesday November 12th, as we are sharing it with St Ronan's. If you have not returned the permission slip, please do so as soon as possible and definitely this week. We have enough parents now to help, thank you.



Nursery is joining with the primary school again this year for the coffee morning on Saturday November 29th. We will be requesting home bakes (including Christmas bakes), jams, chutneys etc or whatever you are good at making! Helpers will also be needed on the morning. More details about items and help required will be sent later. Thank you.

Open days for next year's admissions

See details about LPS open day on page 5. **Please note that you can fill in a pre-registration form for school and nursery on the Lisbellaw Primary Facebook page.**

We would kindly request that our current children are picked up at 10.20 on December 3rd. We will make up for it over the Christmas period! I will let you know Tattygar and Mullanaska Primary Schools' open day dates when they let me know as neither has yet confirmed.

Dates for your diary**Book Fair**

A book fair is being held in the primary school on Mon-Thurs this week - beginning November 3rd. Nursery parents may visit before or after Nursery on any of these days if you wish to purchase any books. We will have plenty in our bookbags of course, but you may wish to think of Christmas presents for other family members/friends. We receive a significant percentage of the sales in the form of books, chosen by each class teacher, so it would be nice if you feel that you could support us by buying a book. Thank you.

Home-school lending programmes

We hope that the children enjoyed the Big Bedtime read introduction evening and are enjoying their books each day. Bedtime reading is a great way to settle your child into a good bedtime routine, and I know that many of you are already doing this but if not please do try as it will improve your bed-times, guaranteed! Some parents say to me that the child will not sit for a story, but if you create the right environment - quiet place, no screens or other noise, ready for bed and cuddled up -they will, as they can do it in Nursery with twenty-five others here! Another lovely benefit is that in a busy household it still ensures that you get to spend some one-on -one time with your preschool child each evening. There are nine books in each preschool bookbag, don't feel you have to read them all but try to read a range as you may find books that your child and you enjoy that you may never have picked for them yourself. If they want to read the same one over and over, let them, that is good too.



Children are invited to stay and play sessions in the primary school in advance of P1 applications.



**LISBELLAW PRIMARY SCHOOL
AND COMMUNITY NURSERY**

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 3rd December 2025
10.30am - 12noon

All to meet in school hall at 10.30am
(refreshments at 10.30am)
Tour of school & nursery at 11am - 12noon

Parents and prospective pupils are warmly
invited to attend - meet the staff, pupils
and view the school work.

GRADE 1 SCHOOL
ETI inspection: "The school has a high level
of capacity for sustained improvement in
the interest of all learners"

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Open days and applications process

Applications for nursery and P1 open online on Weds January 7th 2026 at 12 noon and close on Weds January 21st at 12. You can read the admissions criteria of each school or nursery from December 10th (<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>). Attendance at Lisbellaw Community Nursery is no guarantee of a place at any Primary School, so please carefully read the admissions criteria of your chosen school and give all the information relevant to each criterion when applying. Always put more than one choice. **NB** You can fill in a pre-registration form on Lisbellaw Primary's Facebook page for LPS or Community Nursery.

Christmas in Nursery

Sorry to bombard you with Christmas things at the start of November but it gets so busy we need to be organised and I'm sure you do too. We have lots of nice things planned for the children and it will be good for us to get the 'performance' done first!

Nativity Play

You and other family members are invited to watch our Nativity play in the school assembly hall on Friday December 5th at 10am. As it's in the school hall, there is no limit on numbers as Nursery is unlikely to fill it! There will be refreshments in Nursery afterwards and then the children may go home, but of course they may also stay until normal time if someone else is picking them up. Thank you.

Shared Education with St Ronan's - Share Centre Santa Experience

As part of our shared education programme we are planning to go to the Share Centre on Tuesday December 9th to have fun and meet Santa. We will travel by bus and will be back for normal pick-up time. You will receive a permission slip for this in due course.

Tattygar Christmas Play

We plan to go to see Tattygar Primary School's Christmas performance in St Mary's Church, Cloghcor Road, on the morning of Wednesday December 10th. Hopefully P6 or P7 will be able to accompany us. There will be no separate permission slip sent out for this as such a local trip is covered by the consent form you sent when your child started Nursery.

Christmas Dinner

Nursery children are very kindly invited to join the primary school for Christmas dinner on Friday December 12th. The children may wear Christmas jumpers and we will make party hats beforehand. Dinner costs £2.60 per child. We would like all the children to be included, but if you know your child won't eat the dinner they may bring a packed lunch instead, and hopefully it won't put the others off! Please return the slip enclosed with this newsletter to indicate whether your child will have dinner or packed lunch, and enclose payment if applicable. **NB** Lunch is at 12 and pick up time from Nursery will be 1pm on that day.

Lisbellaw Primary School Christmas Play

The school's performance for parents is on Wednesday December 17th, morning and evening, so we will go to see the dress rehearsal on the Monday or Tuesday of that week.

Movie Day

We plan to have a movie day in Nursery on Wednesday December 17th. We will watch a suitable movie and the children may bring a snack and a drink of their choice with them on that day.

Christmas party

Our Christmas party at Nursery will be held on Thursday December 18th, which is the last day of term for our children. Santa Claus will be paying a visit. Please let us know if this is likely to cause your child any distress so that we can be sensitive to it.

School Uniform

Please continue to send the children in their school uniform until the last day of term. They may wear what they want on Thursday 18th for the party. Thank you.



We hope to read as many traditional tales as we can this month, whilst concentrating our main activities on a smaller selection. It would be good if you would try to support this at home also. The stories we hope to read include (we don't expect you to read them all!):

Three Billy goats Gruff
Goldilocks and the 3 Bears
Cinderella
The Elves and the Shoemaker
Little Red Riding Hood
Jack and the Beanstalk
Sleeping Beauty
The Three Little Pigs
The Gingerbread Man
Rumpelstiltskin
Rapunzel
The elves and the shoemaker
Ugly duckling
Snow White and the Seven Dwarves
The magic porridge pot



We are not giving you many new rhymes to learn this month as we would like you to concentrate on the stories, but please encourage your child to be able to recite 3 or 4 well-known rhymes from memory. The selection of rhymes we will be using will include Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star; Baa Baa Black Sheep, Humpty Dumpty; Incey, Wincey Spider; Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary; Mary Had a Little Lamb; Hey Diddle Diddle; Little Bo Beep.

When Goldilocks went to the House of the Bears (Song story-look it up on Youtube to find the tune if you don't know it!)

When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears,
Oh what did her blue eyes see?
A bowl that was huge, a bowl that was small, a bowl that was tiny,
And that was all.
She gobbled them 1,2,3!

When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears,
Oh what did her blue eyes see?
A chair that was huge, a chair that was small, a chair that was tiny,
And that was all.
She sat in them 1,2,3!

When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears,
Oh what did her blue eyes see?
A bed that was huge, a bed that was small, a bed that was tiny,
And that was all.
She slept in them 1,2,3!

When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears,
Oh what did her blue eyes see?
A bear that was huge, a bear that was small, a bear that was tiny,
And that was all...She ran from them...
AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH! (*loud scream*)

There are also lots of Christmas songs but these are a surprise, although no doubt you will get to hear them around the house!

