

Antonine Early Learning and Childcare Centre



Learning in ELC

Our children's interest in spring, animals and outdoors continues to grow. We have been developing our outdoor area and have enjoyed going on bug hunts. The children have been engaging in outdoor learning out with the ELC garden, going on community walks and learning in our woodlands.



Our wonderful community links with our families and friends brought us visits from ducklings, chicks, lambs and even a pony. The children and staff had a ball! Thank you again for supporting us with extending the children's learning. This term we are learning all about our environment and how we can care for it and the creatures around us.

Indoors, our interest in bugs continued as we explored the story of the very Hungry Caterpillar. Through this we have been developing our sequencing skills and exploring numbers through our play, even exploring quantities through loose part materials.



Primary 1 Transition

We have launched our transition story, We're going on a Bear Hunt with all of our children moving onto Primary 1. Please follow our Denny Cluster twitter page @p1_denny to keep up to date with our transition experiences.



ELC Fun Day

This year's fun day will take place on Wednesday 12th June. In the morning we will have face painting, bouncy castle, glitter tattoos and dancing on offer. In the afternoon we will have Magic Den the magician and would like to welcome the children's family to join us. More information around timings etc. to follow closer to the event.

Suncream

We are hopeful that the warm weather will appear over the next few weeks. The ELC has a sun cream which can be used throughout the day. This is a minimum of SPF 30 and a UVA protection of 4 or 5 stars in line with NHS guidelines [Sunscreen and sun safety - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk). However, if you would prefer to supply your own sun cream, please label this with your child's name and hand it to your child's key worker. It is also useful for children to have a sun hat at ELC that they can use when the weather is hot. Can we please ask that the children's names are clearly labelled on these?

ELC Sports Day

ELC sports day will take place on Wednesday 29th May 2024. Families are welcome to come along and join their child during their group's allocated time.

Red, Purple and Blue group 1.30pm – 2pm

Yellow, Orange and Green 2.15pm till 2.45pm



Celebration of Learning

On Wednesday 26th June 2024 at 1.30pm, we would like to invite parents/carers of all children moving on to Primary 1 to join us for a celebration of their learning and achievements.

Stay and play

On the week beginning 17th June 2024, we are looking forward to inviting our families to join us for a breakfast Stay and Play. This will run every day this week, with a maximum of 10 spaces being allocated to each session on a first come first serve basis. Sign-up sheets will be available from Nicola in due course.



Summer Fayre

This year's summer fayre will take place on Wednesday 29th May from 6pm – 8pm. The ELC will be hosting the bottle stall and would be really grateful for any donations of bottles. This can be shampoo, wine, soft drinks etc. Donations can be handed into the ELC from Thursday 9th May.

Important Dates for your Diary:

Date	Event
Friday 3 rd May 2024	ELC closed for children – staff development day
Monday 6 th May 2024	ELC Closed for all staff and children.
Wednesday 29 th May 2024	Antonine Summer Fayre 6pm – 8pm
Wednesday 29 th May 2024	ELC sports Day 2pm – 2.30pm
Wednesday 12 th June 2024	ELC Fun Day
Wednesday 26 th June 2024	ELC Celebration Event for children moving onto Primary 1 1.30pm – 2.30pm. Families welcome.
Friday 28 th June 2024	ELC closes for the summer at 1.30pm Week beginning Monday 24 th June, ELC will be open from 8.30am to ensure that all families receive their allocated hours despite the early closure on Friday.

