

Antonine Early Learning and Childcare Centre



Learning in ELC

With the nicer weather, children's interest in outdoor learning has continued to grow. We have been learning all about planting and growing and have extended our interest when out on our community walks by using Google Lens to identify and find out more about plants and flowers in our local area. We have also visited our local library, where we explored lots of books on offer. The children enjoyed this visit so much that we have arranged some further visits for later in the month.

Our interest in plants have also transferred into the snack area. We have discovered that there are things we can eat that grow in the ground and this has led to us planting our own carrots, peas and beans in our garden. We also planted cress seeds which we can eat at home.



ELC Fun Day

On Friday 16th May, we will be holding a Shorts and Shades Party for all ELC children. Please note this is a children only event. During this event, children will have the opportunity to enjoy a bouncy castle, face painting, glitter tattoos, party games and dancing. For this event, can we please ask that children come to ELC wearing their shorts and shades if possible?

Stay and Play Breakfast Event

On the week beginning 19th June 2025, 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. Sign-up sheets are now available in the cloakroom.

Sports Day

On Wednesday 28th May 2025, we will be holding our annual ELC Sports Day. Families are welcome to join us for this event, meeting us on the grass at 1.30pm.

Celebration of Learning

On Wednesday 25th June 2025 at 1.30pm, we would like to invite parents/carers of only children moving on to Primary 1 in August 2025 to join us for a celebration of their learning and achievements.

Sun cream

Following an email shared last week regarding the provision of sun cream and requests from parents, we are now offering all families the opportunity to contribute £1 towards the purchase of sun cream for all ELC children. This will be factor 30+, 4 or 5 factor rating and suitable for sensitive skin. If you would prefer to have your child use ELC sun cream rather than their own, please give your donation to a member of staff. Similarly if you continue to want to provide sun cream for your child's use only, can we please ask that the bottle is clearly labelled with your child's name and given to a member of staff.



Primary 1 Transition

We have launched our transition story, *The Rainbow Fish* with all of our children moving onto Primary 1 in August. The children have also been enjoying visiting the Primary 1 area, gym hall and school playground. We are becoming more and more familiar with the school building, new faces we might see and also the school bell. Information was recently emailed to all families regarding transition events coming up. Please see a reminder of these dates below:

Friday 9 th May 2025	P6 and ELC buddies get together 1.30-2.30pm Children only
Monday 26 th May 2025	Lunch in the dinner hall 12.00-12.30pm Children only
Wednesday 28 th May 2025	P6 and ELC buddies get together 1.30-2.30pm Children only
Monday 2 nd June 2025	P1 Induction Information event for parents/carers only in Antonine PS main hall 1.30-2.45pm Parents / Carers only
Thursday 5 th June 2025	Lunch in the dinner hall 12.00-12.30pm Children only
Friday 13 th June 2025	Lunch in the dinner hall 12.00-12.30pm P6 and ELC buddies get together 1.30-2.30pm Children only
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	P6 and ELC buddies get together Morning picnic 10.00 – 10.45am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the Teacher Event for children in P1 classroom 10.45-12.00pm Lunch in the dinner hall 12.00-12.30pm Children only
Wednesday 25 th June 2025	ELC Celebration of learning 1.30 – 2.30pm Antonine ELC Parents and Children



Other Important Dates for your Diary:

Date	Event
Friday 16 th May 2025	ELC Fun Day – Shorts and Shade Theme
Week 19 th May 2025	Stay and Play Family Breakfast Event
Wednesday 28 th May 2025	ELC sports Day 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Thursday 19 th June 2025	ELC Sibling Singalong Event
Wednesday 25 th June 2025	ELC Celebration Event for children moving onto Primary 1 only. 1.30pm – 2.30pm. Families welcome.
Friday 27 th June 2025	ELC closes for the summer at 1.30pm Week beginning Monday 23 rd June, ELC will be open from 8.30am to ensure that all families receive their allocated hours despite the early closure on Friday.

