

Antonine Early Learning and Childcare Centre



Welcome Back

All children returned to ELC very excited and keen to share news about their Christmas Break. They have all settled back into ELC routines well and we are excited to see where their learning takes us Term 3. The cold weather has sparked an interest this week, with the children enjoying exploring the ice outside, looking at the shapes and discussing how it forms and melts.

Staffing

We are really pleased that Laura Jane has returned and will continue to share the red group with Debbie.

Irene has also returned this term and will continue to share the yellow group with Susan in Louise's absence.

Outdoor Learning

Our outdoor adventures to the school Fairy Garden continue this week. Can we please ask that all children have suitable footwear that you don't mind getting dirty? Although we have some spare welly boots children can borrow, these are very limited. Please see attached copy of our planned outdoor learning programme.



Come Cook with Me

At Antonine ELC, we are committed to offering regular family engagement opportunities. This term we will be offering parents and carers the opportunity to join their child in some cooking activities during the following Come Cook with Me sessions at Antonine ELC.

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| • Red and Blue Group | Monday 4 th March 2024 | 1.20pm – 2.20pm |
| • Yellow Group | Tuesday 5 th March 2024 | 1.20pm – 2.20pm |
| • Green Group | Wednesday 6 th March 2024 | 1.20pm – 2.20pm |
| • Purple Group | Thursday 7 th March 2024 | 1.20pm – 2.20pm |
| • Orange Group | Friday 8 th March 2024 | 1.20pm – 2.20pm |



Clothing

We have lots of fun at ELC but sometimes we can get messy and wet while we are learning. Although we do have some spare clothes we can provide children with, our supply is becoming limited. Could we please ask that all children bring a few changes of clothes with them to ELC? As we are outdoors learning every day, please feel free to leave these, along with welly boots at children's pegs if easier to do so.

Sickness and Medication

We understand that there are times when your child may require medication if they have been under the weather. If your child requires medication to be administered whilst they are attending ELC, the medicine must have a prescription label and be accompanied with a medication form that can be collected from your child's key worker.

Similarly, if your child only receives medication at home, it is useful to alert your child's keyworker as it allows them to better support your child whilst in ELC. In the event that your child becomes unwell whilst in ELC, a member of staff will notify you or your emergency contact. Can we please ask that all parents/carers ensure that these contact details are up to date? Thank you.

On some occasions, illness can lead to the following exclusion periods:

- Sickness / Diarrhea – Children can return to ELC 48 hours after the last episode of sickness/diarrhea.
- High Temperature – Children can return once they no longer require medication to regulate their Temperature. Further information on high temperatures from NHS can be found here [High temperature \(fever\) in children - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health/a-z/high-temperature-children/)

Further guidance on other exclusion period can be found here [exclusion-criteria-for-childcare-and-childminding-settings-poster-2018.pdf \(nhsggc.org.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health/a-z/exclusion-criteria-for-childcare-and-childminding-settings-poster-2018.pdf)

Primary 1 Transition

At Antonine ELC we are committed to ensuring all children have a positive transition to Primary 1. All children have various opportunities throughout their pre-school year to become familiar with a classroom environment, meet their buddies and engage in school experiences. The dates for all transition events are detailed below:



Week beginning 25 th September 2023	P6 buddies complete buddy training and begin ELC visits. Every Tuesday and Thursday 1.30pm – 2pm.
Week beginning 4 th March 2024	Groups of children begin visiting P1 classrooms for one 30 minute Stay and Play Session on a fortnightly basis. In Term 4, this becomes a weekly arrangement.
Week beginning 22 nd April 2024	Transition information shared with families.
Wednesday 1 st May 2024 Wednesday 8 th May 2024 Wednesday 15 th May 2024 Wednesday 23 rd May 2024	P1 teacher visits ELC
Friday 24 th May 2024	P6 and ELC buddies get together
Friday 31 st May 2024	P6 and ELC buddies get together
Tuesday 4 th June 2024 1.30pm – 2.30pm	P1 Induction Information event for parents/carers only
Friday 14 th June 2024	P6 and ELC buddies get together
Wednesday 19 th June 2023 1.30pm – 4.30pm	P6 and ELC buddies enjoy Teddy Bears Picnic
Wednesday 19 th June 2023 10.45am – 12pm	Meet the Teacher Event / Classroom Visit for children only.
Wednesday 26 ^h June 2023 1.30 – 2.30pm	ELC Celebration of learning – Parents welcome

Other important dates for your diary

Date	Event
Wednesday 31 st January 2024	Visual Screening Team visiting to assess pre-school children
Friday 9 th February 2024 Monday 12 th February 2024	ELC Closed for all staff and children.
Tuesday 13 th February 2024	ELC closed for children – staff development day
Week beginning 4 th March 2024	Come Cook with Me Family Event – see group times above.
Friday 22 nd March 2024	ELC and Primary 6 Spring Hunt
Week beginning 18 th March 2024	Children’s Reviews (Red, Yellow and Purple Groups) Sign up times will be available in due course,
Week beginning 25 th March 2024	Children’s Reviews (Blue, Green and Orange Groups) Sign up times will be available in due course,
Monday 1 st April 2024 – 12 th April 2024	Easter Holidays – ELC closed
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 – more details to follow.
Wednesday 5 th June 2024	ELC sports Day 2.30pm – 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. Parents Welcome Parents welcome to join all other children in playroom for Stay and Play event.

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Planned Outdoor Learning Programme

As you are aware outdoor experiences are a fundamental part of children's development. The outdoor environment promotes Health and Wellbeing, Literacy, Numeracy and Science, as well as introducing our children to lifelong skills they will use throughout their life. Exposure to outdoors builds resilience, confidence and independence and supports development of risk assessing skills.

As outdoor experiences are such an important learning opportunity we have developed an outdoor learning programme for our children. Our outdoor learning programme will consist of both visits to our fairy garden, which is within the school grounds and visits offsite around the local community. These planned outdoor experiences will take place in key groups with your child's keyworker leading the experience. To support us with delivering outdoor learning, can we please ask parents to provide welly boots or appropriate outdoor shoes that they don't mind getting muddy, appropriate clothing for the weather, an outdoor jacket and a change of clothes. We will provide children with a waterproof suit or waterproof trousers and light jacket

Please see below for your child's dates for outdoor learning.

<u>Orange and Yellow Group</u> <u>(Kimberley and Susan, Tracey)</u>	<u>Blue and Purple Group</u> <u>(Heather and Danielle)</u>	<u>Red and Green Group</u> <u>(L.J, Debbie and Eilidh)</u>
<u>Term 3</u> Wednesday 10 th January 2024	<u>Term 3</u> Wednesday 17 th January 2024	<u>Term 3</u> Wednesday 24 th January 2024
Wednesday 31 January 2024	Wednesday 7 th February 2024	Wednesday 14 th February 2024
Wednesday 21 st February 2024	Wednesday 28 th February 2024	Wednesday 6 th February 2024
Wednesday 13 th March 2024	Wednesday 20 th March 2024	Wednesday 27 th March 2024
<u>Term 4</u> Wednesday 17 th April 2024	<u>Term 4</u> Wednesday 24 th April 2024	<u>Term 4</u> Wednesday 1 st May 2024
Wednesday 8 th May 2024	Wednesday 15 th May 2024	Wednesday 22 nd May 2024
Wednesday 29 th May 2024	Wednesday 5 th June 2024	Wednesday 12 th June 2024
Wednesday 19 th June 2024	Wednesday 26 th June 2024	Thursday 27 th June 2024