

Antonine Early Learning Centre

Jan/Feb 2026



Welcome Back

We have enjoyed welcoming everyone back to ELC after the Christmas break. We hope you all had a great festive break with your loved ones. All of the children have settled back into ELC routines well and it has been lovely to hear about all the fun things they got up to over the last few weeks.

Sincere Thanks

Thank you to all of our families who joined us in December for our Family Festive Fun event and who took part in our Raffle. Our ELC Raffle was a huge success. Thanks to everyone's very generous contributions, our final count was a fantastic £330. Staff are currently consulting with the children on what they would like to spend this money on. So far, there have been suggestions of "a slide, watching a show and building toys (construction, Lego, mobile). We will keep you up to date on our purchases in the coming weeks.



This was the 2nd year we have run a festive family fun day. Thank you to everyone who came along. The children were excited and had a great time. I think the highlight of the day was a visit from the Grinch, Santa and his Elf. As always we strive to make improvements on these events and appreciate your feedback. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their feedback sheet. If anyone would still like to contribute to this can you please return the sheet by Friday 16th January 2026.



Learning Interests

Children are currently showing a significant interest in the weather, exploring the natural environment and how this changes in the cold and icy weather. The cold and ice has sparked an interest in STEM and we have been exploring how things change from one element to another. Some children have been keen to bake and cook and have been looking at different recipes to make. We are also exploring our feelings and how our actions make others feel. We are continuing to explore kindness and what this looks like in our ELC. Have a look at the kindness song the children have been singing. [The Kindness Song | Official Lyric Video | Songs for School](#)

Makaton

This term we have introduced a Makaton sign of the week. Our sign of the week will be uploaded onto our Blue sky account each week. There are some fantastic resources on YouTube for learning Makaton. Singing Hands is one of our favourite – we love learning the Makaton signs for some of our favourite songs.



Clothing

We enjoy learning in lots of different ways at ELC. Sometimes we can get messy and wet when learning, especially outdoors. 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 this is 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.

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. Dates for all transition will be emailed in the near future.



Other important dates for your diary

Monday 12 th January 2026	Future Me Day - Children are welcome to come to ELC dressed up as what they want to be when they grow up.
Week beginning 2 nd February 2026	Health and Wellbeing Stay and Play
Friday 13 th February 2026 Monday 16 th February 2026 Tuesday 17 th February 2026	February Holiday
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Sibling Sing Along Event – for younger children who are not yet attending ELC
Monday 6 th April – 17 th April 2026	Easter Break
Friday 1 st May 2026	In service Day
Monday 4 th May 2026	May Holiday