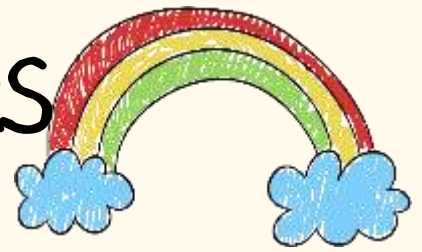


# TWECHAR EARLY YEARS CENTRE



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DATE: MAY 2026

## WELCOME

*Hello everyone! We have been very busy at Twechar Early Years Centre over the past few months. We have celebrated Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday, Mother's Day and lots more! We also recently had an inspection from Care Inspectorate which went well, we will provide you feedback on this when we receive our report.*

*We are sadly saying goodbye to Arran this month as she moves on to a new job. Arran has been a highly valued member of our Early Years Team and will be greatly missed by everyone here at Twechar. Arran has shown profound dedication to her role within the Team, and this shines through with the care and devotion that she shows towards all the children, their families, and the Twechar Team. We wish her all the very best as she moves onto a new and exciting adventure.*

## TIME-KEEPING

Please be aware of your child's session times as this can have an impact on the running of the Nursery day. We encourage you to **arrive at least 10 minutes** prior to the end of your child's session in order to receive feedback about your child's day, review any forms and allow your child time to get ready to go home.

## GATES

A polite reminder to close both of the entry gates when entering the playground on the Early Years Centre side via the ramp. This allows safety for all of the children.

## CLOTHING

Can you also ensure that your child's drawstring bag is **filled**. This bag should contain spare clothes including socks, pants, trousers, tops, vests etc. If you have any nursery clothes at home, please return these asap.

## ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent, can parents/carers please ensure that they contact the nursery office by **9.30am/1.30pm**. If we do not hear from you by these times, we will begin to follow the absence procedure by contacting parents and emergency contacts. If contact is not made during this time, it will result in an attendance officer being sent to your home.

## PARENT GROUP

We would like to invite all parents, families and carers to join our parents group for the new school year, starting in August 2026. We would love to see you all there! Please see **Sandra** for any more details or info about this!

## CONTACT DETAILS

Please let us know if you have changed your phone number or home address recently. It is very important we have working contact details in case your child becomes unwell or we need to contact you urgently.

## SAFETY FIRST

If someone else is collecting your child, please let us know and we can add them to the list of authorised people to do so. It is important that whoever collects your child has the password given at enrolment and I.D. Please see the table as you enter the main cloakroom and sign your child in and out at the start and end of each session. **Remember to close the black gates in the playground as you enter and exit.**



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27<sup>th</sup> May 2026: Sponsored Walk

10<sup>th</sup> June 2026: Sports Day

17<sup>th</sup> June 2026: Nursery Graduation

24<sup>th</sup> June 2026: Day trip to Briarlands Farm

20<sup>th</sup> July 2026: Nursery Closed

31<sup>st</sup> July 2026: Pre-School children's last day at nursery

*\*Please see full list of Dates for your Diary attached\**

## BOOKBUG



Bookbug sessions with Natalie have been very successful and it is lovely to see so many of you there. Our sessions will resume in the new school year and we hope to see you there! We will regularly update you with dates for this.

## PHONE CALLS

If you are calling the Centre, please be aware that we cannot receive voicemails on our system. If you need to get in touch and can't get through to us on the phone, please try again later or send us an email to [eyc@twechar.e-dunbarton.sch.uk](mailto:eyc@twechar.e-dunbarton.sch.uk)

## CLOTHING

We kindly ask that belongings are clearly labelled to ensure items can be found with ease. To ensure your child is comfortable, soft shoes should be worn indoors. We ask that these shoes are **not slippers** as they can become loose easily and/or children can slide in them. We play outdoors in all weathers, so we recommend **clothing for all seasons**. As we are now in the colder months, we ask that a **warm waterproof jacket, welly boots and waterproof trousers** be supplied if possible. We often explore the local area so wellies and waterproofs are essential.

## NO BREAKFAST CLUB

For your information, we do not have a breakfast club at Nursery. Children should have their breakfast before attending.

## SUNCREAM

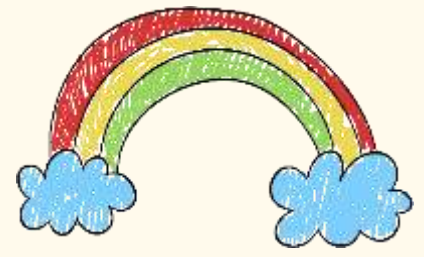
We are asking for a £2 donation from every child towards nursery suncream. This is applied throughout the day to your child when the UV is above 3, this means we go through bottles quite quickly. Donations towards this would be extremely appreciated, this donation can be paid in cash or through the nursery bank.

## LENDING LIBRARY

Wednesday is our 'Library Day' where children will choose their own book with a staff member. Please remember to bring in their library bags on this day. If your child does not attend on a Wednesday, their library day will be on a Tuesday.



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## TREAT FUND

We would like to say a big thank you for your donations to the nursery treat fund. This enables us to provide a variety of experiences throughout the year, such as our Graduation ceremony as well as Halloween, Christmas and Easter events. This also allows us to buy snacks and treats, to buy the pre-school children their school ties and a book, to go on nursery trips, have fun days and to provide a gift for every child for Christmas. Without these donations, none of this would be possible. Thank you for your continued support with this!

We now have a nursery bank account for the Nursery Treat Fund. The details for this are as follows:

**Account Name:** *Twechar Nursery Class Fund*

**Sort Code:** *82-69-13*

**Account Number:** *50419195*

When sending money to this account, please include the following reference:

**"TF – CHILDS FIRST INITIAL AND LAST NAME"**

*(Example Reference): TF – J Smith*

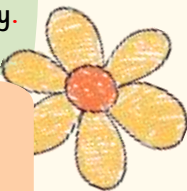
*Recently, we have used some of our Treat Fund donations to purchase new resources for the children at Twechar EYC. This included a new climbing wall and obstacle course for the garden, a fire pit, new jigsaw puzzles, sensory toys and new technology including Bee Bots. Your Treat Fund donations are so appreciated by all of the children at Twechar EYC as this allows us to purchase these amazing new resources and funds events like our Graduation.*

## SUMMER TRIP

We have provisionally booked our Summer Trip to Briarlands Farm in Stirling. The date of this will be Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2026. We will be leaving at 9.10am so please arrive at the Early Years Centre before 9am to give us plenty of time to get organised. We require every child to have an adult attend with them, this can be a parent or a trusted adult. We will return to the Early Years Centre just after 3pm. There will be a designated undercover area for our group for the day to use as a base/for lunches etc. We will also provide each child with a small packed lunch, consisting of sandwich, fruit and a drink. We are hoping to cover the cost for the children's tickets with the proceeds from our Sponsored Walk on 27<sup>th</sup> May. The cost of an adult ticket is £6.00 each. A letter will be issued to each child shortly.

## SPONSORED WALK

We are going to be doing a sponsored walk to raise funds for our Summer trip to Briarlands Farm. The theme for this will be a 'duck waddle' where the children can wear something yellow, wellies or any duck themed outfit. We will be completing this sponsored walk around the Twechar Health Living Centre on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2026 between 10am and 11am. We hope you can come and support our children by joining our walk, or by collecting donations using your sponsor sheet. If you require another sponsor sheet or haven't received one, please ask a member of staff and we will be happy to give you another!



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## OUR LEARNING

Indoors, we have been exploring a variety of ways to use technology including creating our own stop motion films in the Story Corner. We have been inspired by the 'Supertato' stories to create our own characters and then use the 'Chatterpix' app on the iPad to make these characters come to life. We have also been exploring technology through the use of the Bee Bots in the Construction area, we have created paths for the Bee Bots to follow and used our knowledge of directional language to programme the robots to move. In the Art area, we have explored a range of shape and pattern experiences including printing with different shapes and tracing shapes using bingo dabbers. We have also explored creating our own art inspired by the sea and sea creatures. In the Home Corner, we have transformed this space into a classroom to support our Pre-Schoolers' transition into Primary 1. We have role played as we tried on school uniforms, practiced packing our school bags and talked about how we feel about going to school.

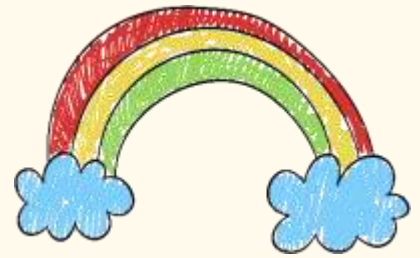


## OUTDOOR LEARNING

We have been very busy outdoors, exploring planting our own herbs, vegetables and fruits. We have worked very hard to develop our outdoor space and have introduced areas like our 'Numeracy Nook' and our 'STEM Shed'. We have continued to explore bush craft experiences and we have introduced a 'fire pit' to our nursery garden. This allows us to explore fire experiences, develop our awareness of risk and gives us a sense of responsibility. We have spent lots of time on the bikes, developing our confidence on pedal bikes and some of us have even learned how to ride a pedal bike independently. We are all so proud of you! We have explored various herbs, fruits and flowers in the Mud Kitchen and have used these as ingredients in our Mud Kitchen recipes.



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## LITERACY AND NUMERACY FOCUS

### Literacy

We have been focusing on information texts and learning about the differences between fiction and non fiction books. In particular the children have been learning about the purpose of a contents page and what diagrams look like. We read books about healthy food, and how to keep our bodies healthy. We used the contents pages to find out things we wanted to learn about.



The children used their drawing skills, which have been developed through Foundations of Writing, to draw detailed diagrams of the inside of an orange and a healthy body. Through our Word Aware programme, Concept Cat has been teaching the children about different words selected from the non fiction books we have been reading e.g. diagram, juicy, germs.



### Numeracy & Maths

The children have been developing their Early Number Sense by working on what is meant by 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>....these are known as ordinal numbers. We took part in lots of different activities to introduce the concept and reinforce understanding such as jumping on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> spot. We have also been practicing our 1 to 1 correspondence through counting lots of different objects.



## HEALTH & WELLBEING FOCUS

As part of our Nursery to School Transition programme, children who will be attending Twechar Primary School are taking part in a "Getting ready for School" Wednesday. Every Wednesday they have their lunch in the Dinner Hall, and spend time in the Primary 1/2 classroom, taking part in a "STEM a story" learning experience. The big P6 buddies have also been visiting the Nursery to get to know the children. All these activities will help them to become familiar with the routines of the school day and ensure a smooth transition to Primary 1.



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MAY 2026

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to Rosie (Kelly's Gran) for once again being so generous towards the nursery. Rosie has funded our transport for our Summer trip in June. Throughout Kelly's time at Twechar EYC, Rosie has been so generous and has made a huge impact on the Centre. We are so grateful for everything she has done for all of us here at Twechar EYC, and we would like to say a MASSIVE thank you. Without these donations from Rosie, we would not have been able to provide the experiences and opportunities to the children at Twechar EYC that we have this past year. Thank you again, Rosie!

We would also like to thank Tiegan and Mary (Esmail's mum and Gran) for their very kind donation of Easter Eggs.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our Parent Meetings to discuss your children's progress. We appreciate you taking this time out of day!



## ORCHESTRA SHOW

We were very lucky to win tickets to an Orchestra show at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall. The children attended the Royal Concert hall to see 'YoYo and the Big Sleepover'. We were generously donated transportation from Kelly's Gran which allowed us to take all of the children and staff on a coach into Glasgow. This was a lovely experience for the children to experience classical music and a range of different instruments. The children were very happy and enjoyed the show. It was possible as we walked through Glasgow



**Dates For Your Diary**  
**Twechar Early Years Centre**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>May 2026</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> May and 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Nursery Closed
5 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Pre-School Parent Consultation
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 and 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Ante-Pre and 2 Year Old Parent Consultation Weeks
11 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Mental Health Awareness Week
18 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Bookbug Week
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	Walk to School/Nursery Week
21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Summer Fayre
22 <sup>nd</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Nursery Closed
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