



Resilient

Despite the chilly weather, the children have shown remarkable resilience as they continue to explore and play outdoors. Their excitement grew with each new patch of ice they discovered, turning the playground into a natural learning environment. As they investigated the ice—touching, breaking, observing, and experimenting—they are developing key skills such as problem-solving, scientific thinking, teamwork, and perseverance. It has been wonderful to watch their confidence grow as they embrace the cold, engage with nature, and learn through hands-on winter play.





Equal

Falkirk Council Information-

Please see links below for all parents with children whose birthday falls within the date of birth range (13 Aug 2021 to 28 Feb 2022) and who are therefore eligible to defer entry to Primary 1.

Please speak to a member of staff if you would like more information. Applications for a deferred entry must be made before 28 February 2026.

Further information including a decision-making guide for parents/carers can be found here:

<https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/early-learning/delayed-deferred-entry-to-primary-school>

Please also refer to the Government website

<https://www.parentclub.scot/articles/can-my-child-defer-starting-school>

We had a very special visitor join us at our Christmas party this week! The children played plenty of fun party games, enjoyed a tasty festive snack, and proudly welcomed Santa with a cheerful song. Santa chatted with each child about what they hoped for this Christmas and, to their delight, gifted everyone a special present to take home. It was a magical moment that made our celebration even more memorable.





Achieving

Many of our children visited the Letter to Santa station in the art area this week. They eagerly selected a special pencil, thought carefully about what they hoped for this Christmas, and set to work writing their letters. There were lots of exciting conversations, wonderful mark-making, and detailed drawings. Once finished, the children folded their letters and posted them thoughtfully into our post bag—Santa will certainly have plenty to read! Throughout this activity, the children developed important skills such as early writing, creativity, fine motor control, communication, and decision-making, all while experiencing the joy and imagination of the festive season.



The children were excited to create their own Christmas tree display, so Mrs. Wright prepared a festive decorating station for them to enjoy. Drawing on the skills they've been practising—like using their fine motor skills, planning where decorations should go, working together, and expressing their creativity—they thoughtfully decorated the tree with great care. The finished tree looked wonderful, and the children were delighted with their work. Well done, boys and girls!





Contributing



Over the past term, staff have been busy gathering observations of your child's learning and are now bringing these together into individual learning summaries. These will be published on each child's online e-journal before the Christmas holidays.

Following this, staff will meet with parents to discuss your child's progress and next steps. As part of the council's aim to strengthen family involvement in children's learning, we will also be encouraging parents to contribute to their child's online journal.

This can be something simple—such as sharing a photo and a short note about an activity your child enjoys at home. For example, if your child tells us through their “What Matters to Me” paperwork that they love spending time with a grandparent, you might add a picture of them together along with a brief description of what they were doing. These small contributions help us build a richer picture of your child's learning experiences.

We kindly ask parents to read their child's learning summary before meeting with their keyworker so we can make the most of this time together. If you are unable to access your child's e-journal at any point, please let us know before your meeting and we will be happy to reset your password.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership





Please join us for our next Bookbug session, where we'll be celebrating Burns Day with a wonderful selection of Scottish stories and songs on Monday, 26th January 2026 at 2 pm.

We look forward to sharing this special session with you. More details will be shared in the New Year.

♥ Healthy



Children have continued to explore healthy choices and are trying a variety of new foods offered on our menu, supporting the aims of the Setting the Table guidance. Our mealtimes use real cutlery, plates and glasses to help build children's independence, and we encourage families to do the same at home. We've also shared a Sway created by our children's council for parents, which you can view here:

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft>

We'd love to hear whether children are trying new foods at home as part of a balanced diet and how you are supporting healthy choices within your family routine.



Forthcoming Dates



Date	Event
Monday 5 th January	Pupils return
Monday 26 th January	Bookbug session with parents



Please remember if you need to contact the nursery the phone number is – 01324 849971 or you can private message us on dojo where a member of staff will get back to you during working hours.



