



Apple Tree Nursery



Respect. Responsiveness. Achievement. Inclusion

Respect. Responsiveness. Achievement. Inclusion

News

December 2025



Apple Tree Nursery News

Bute Pre 5 - Bookbug

A huge thank you to Pre-5 for inviting us to your wonderful Bookbug session. The children had an amazing time singing songs, dancing, and meeting new friends. Their smiles said it all!



Thank you Irene

A lovely act of kindness from our good friend Irene Kidd who visited us with biscuits and sweets for the staff and children.



Thomson Home - Decorations

Our intergenerational partnership provided an opportunity to visit the Thomson home to deliver our hand made decorations for the community Christmas Tree.



Christingle Service

Our ELC attended the Isle of Bute Parish Church for their Christingle service. We sang along to some familiar songs such as jingle bells and we wish you a merry Christmas. Thank you for having us along to celebrate.



Apple Tree Nursery News

Baby Room Grotto

A big thank-you to the families of the babies who joined us for our festive grotto 🎄 Biscuits were decorated, the reindeers dust was bagged, Christmas crafts were collected, the babies met Santa, they toasted marshmallows on the fire and experienced the snow falling in the garden 🔥❄️



Thank you Chimamanda



Thank you to Chimamanda for gifting all of her friends with Christmas watches!

Thank you Lorna

Another act of kindness from our good friend Lorna Campbell who visited us with some snow spray, providing us with new Christmas windows.



Toddler Room Grotto

A huge, jolly thank you to all the amazing families who joined us — you filled our grotto with giggles, sparkle, and Christmas cheer 🎄❤️



Apple Tree Nursery News

Thank you very much Ardmaleish Boat Yard!

We would like to say a very big thank you to Mirren's Auntie Heather and Ela from Ardmaleish Boat Yard for gifting our children with a selection box this Christmas 🎄



Carol Concert

We held our Carol Concert in the 292 hall, thank you to all our families who came along!



Woolly the Nativity

We had so much fun filming our nativity out on location at Ellie's Farm this year.

A huge thank you to Ellie's family for welcoming us into their home, and for the endless supply of chocolate biscuits which kept us all going throughout filming 🍪

Thank you to Chloe Robertson for bringing Clover and Zebadee, the miniature Shetland ponies, to Ellie's farm for the week on their holidays so we could film with them – they were absolute stars. ⭐

Thank you to Fraser for kindly lending us his farm animal teddies, which made perfect props for our stable scene. 🐾 🐰 🐻

Finally we would like to say a massive thank you to our superstar cast you all gave an amazing performance and to everyone who came to the cinema to watch our Nativity ⭐



Apple Tree Nursery News

Spreading Christmas Cheer in our Community

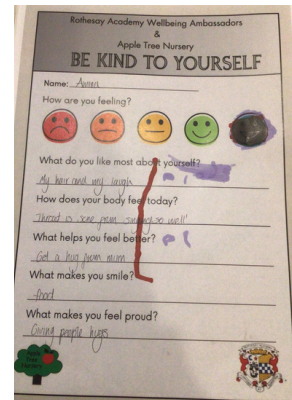
Today, ELC, Toddlers and Babies set off around the town, spreading Christmas joy 🎄👶

The children hung candy cakes on car doors, and sang a variety of Christmas songs throughout the town!



Rothesay Academy Wellbeing

ELC took part in the Rothesay Academy's Wellbeing ambassadors 'be kind to yourself'. The children all filled out their own sheets, with the help of their educators!



Thank you Bute Tools

Thank you to Sofie's family at Bute Tools for donating a present from Santa for all our children!



Apple Tree Nursery News

Thank you to Rothesay Joint Campus!

Thank you to Rothesay Joint Campus for our lovely Christmas Card and homemade mince pies!



Annie the minibus

Bute Community Forest borrowed our minibus to take the community to the Forest for their light show!

Welcome Maggie

Welcome to Maggie who has settled into the Baby Room.



Children's Committee

Our children's committee visited Rumours to continue being food critics.



Singing for the hospital patients

We had the pleasure of visiting the Victoria Hospital in Rothesay to sing some Christmas songs for the patients



It was lovely to spend time there and hopefully bring a bit of festive cheer to everyone. Thank you so much to the staff for welcoming us.



Apple Tree Nursery News

Minibus clean

We took Annie our minibus to the car wash to give it a good clean after all our trips to Ellie's farm to film our Nativity.



Christmas Dinner

All our children had Christmas Dinner on our last day, thank you to the cooks at Thomson Court, it was delicious!



Christmas Parties



Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas parties, we hope you all had great gime!

Apple Tree Nursery News

School Nativities

We were so lucky to attend all three school nativities — every single one was absolutely brilliant! 🌟 The children did an amazing job and made each performance so special. Huge well done to everyone involved! 🙌🎄



Butty & Blether

Lesley-Anne held Butty & Blether morning where parents/carers had the chance to hear about Nursery plans, share ideas and ask questions. Thank you to Scott's Mum, Rowan & Coll's Mum, Andrew's Dad, Owen & Callen's Mum for coming along.



Babies new waterproofs

The babies got some new waterproofs to keep them warm and dry in the winter months!



Apple Tree Nursery News

Friendships

Jay visited the Baby Room to play with his friend Leo.



Thank you to Stephanie's Dad Barlow!

We would like to say a massive thank you to 'Santa' for visiting both of our parties again this year!



Christmas visit to the Farm



We visited Ballycurrie Farm to visit the Christmas ponies, thank you to Chloe and Mary Beth for having us!

Staff Christmas Night Out

Thank you to all our families who picked up early on Friday to allow our staff to get ready for our staff night out.



Staff News

🎉 Congratulations 🎉 Lesley-Anne

Huge congratulations to Lesley Anne, our amazing Head of Centre, on reaching this incredible milestone. Your dedication and commitment over a quarter-century means the world to us!



🎉 Congratulations 🎉 Charmayne



Congratulations to Charmayne on 7 years at Apple Tree Nursery! Your hard work and care in the nursery make every day brighter. Thanks for all you do! 🍏🌿

Training

Heather furthered her personal development taking part in Language and Communications Friendly Environments.

Lesley-Anne furthered her knowledge and took part in Child Protection Training.

Stephanie developed her learning taking part in Play is the Curriculum - Island Settings.

Staffing

Leigha will now be a keyworker in the ELC room from January to July.

Celebrating Birthdays

We celebrated Yvonne, Megan, Lesley-Anne and Charmayne's Birthday this month!



Training

Caitlin took part in online training for supporting Neurodiverse Learners, Kobie and Leo both wanted to join in with this training course!



merry christmas

We would like to say a massive thank you to all parents/carers for their lovely gifts and Christmas cards, we really appreciate these lovely gestures.

Apple Tree Nursery would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 🎉

