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Apple Tree Nursery

News



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BABIES NEWS

Babies Picnic 🍓



The babies headed out to the putting green for a lovely picnic in the fresh air and sunshine. They spent time together with their friends, exploring their snacks, chatting, and sharing lots of smiles and laughter.

Babies improving their environment



The babies improved their environment with the addition of a designated shoe basket. This encourages them to independently put away their shoes and wellies after outdoor play, helping to develop their independence and sense of responsibility.

We made our own ice lollies 🧊



The babies made their own healthy ice lollies by helping to cut up a variety of fresh fruit and adding it to the lolly moulds. They explored different colours, textures, and smells while developing their fine motor skills and building confidence through hands-on learning.

Commonwealth Games Baton



Some of our babies and ELC had the lovely experience of holding the Commonwealth Games Baton 2026. We met Siobhan the Commonwealth Games Baton Bearer at Bute Fabrics in celebration of Bute Fabrics bringing to the life the official tartan of Glasgow 2026 Team Scotland Tartan 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿

BABIES NEWS

Thank you Lauren! 🚜



Following Marco's interests in Tractors, Lauren kindly brought in her Tractor for the babies to explore!



Well done Esmé's Mum!



Well done to Esmé's Mummy who took part in Pit Bull's world record! Esmé celebrated by wearing a bauld cap herself!

TODDLERS NEWS

Good luck to Ruby's Dad!



We would like to wish Ruby's dad, Kalum, the very best of luck as he heads off to the Police Academy.

Thank you to Kodi from Nadia's

Thank you to Kodi from Nadia's hair dressers for giving Violet an amazing experience in the big chair!



Thank you to Kodi from Nadia's



The toddlers were off and running, during our recent visit to the park, eagerly participating in our relay races, passing on the batons to one another, demonstrating their competitiveness and support to one another.

Visit to Tilly's Farm

A huge thank you to Tilly and her family for giving us such a warm welcome at their farm. The toddlers had an amazing time learning all about where milk comes from, exploring the milking parlour, and meeting the beautiful cows (we loved learning their names!). It was a wonderful learning experience, full of curiosity, smiles, and new discoveries. Thank you - we can't wait to visit again! 🌾✨



Gruffalo hunt!



The toddlers visited the woods to hunt for the Gruffalo! They explored the natural environment together, using their imaginations as they searched for clues and talked about the story along the way.

ELC NEWS

Opening of the new play park

Some of our ELC had the pleasure of officially opening our new public park! Thank you to Bute BID for inviting us along we enjoyed testing out the park for the community. 🏊



Thank you Fyne Homes



We would like to say a huge thank you to Fyne Homes for their kindness and support. Their generosity will help enhance our children's learning, curiosity, and imaginative play.

End of term Pool Party 🏊

Thank you to everyone who came along to the ELC End of Term Pool Party! We hope you all had a fantastic time. 🏊



Rights Committee visit Ballochgoy 🧑



The Rights Committee visited the Fyne Homes Ballochgoy development again for an update on the new homes.

ELC NEWS

SIMOA Seatbelt safety

Some of our ELC children have been busy learning all about seatbelt safety this week! They have been practising how to put on a seatbelt properly and making sure they listen for the all-important “click” before setting off.



Flowers by Maia

Thank you so much to Nana Janine for providing the flowers for us to enhance our imaginative play. 🌹



Good luck to our 2026 Graduates! 🎓



Congratulations to our 2026 graduates we are very proud of everything you have all achieved and would like to wish you good luck on your next chapters!

Visit from the Police 🚔

Responding to some of our children's growing interest in becoming police officers when they grow up, we would like to say thank you to Nola's dad Scott, who kindly arranged for himself and his colleague, Jack, to visit us.



Trip to the Commonwealth Games - Gymnastics 🤸



We travelled to the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome in Glasgow to watch the Commonwealth Games Gymnastics 🤸

STAFF NEWS 🍎 🌳

Happy Birthday Isla 🎂

We wished Isla a Happy Birthday this month 🎉



Lesley-Anne's Holiday ☀️



Lesley-Anne enjoyed a two week holiday in sunny Wales



Stephanie's Holiday 🤗

Stephanie enjoyed a holiday with her family in the Lake District 😊



Holiday - Ellie



Ellie ventured to Yorkshire to show her family Clydesdales 🐾

Room Changes

From August, some of our staff will be moving to different rooms within the nursery. We are excited for this change and look forward to supporting the children in their new environments.

Baby Room

- Yvonne
- Charlotte

Toddler Room

- Megan
- Stephanie

ELC Room

- Caitlin
- Leigha
- Ellie
- Charmayne

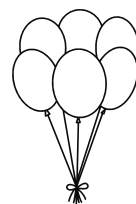
End of term night out



We enjoyed a staff night out to celebrate the end of term! Thank you to Iona's Mum and Grandpa for buying us two bottles of Prosecco to enjoy whilst at Bute Yard!

Graduation

Thank you to Charlotte for making our Graduation Balloon arch and thank you to Caitlin for making our 20 Graduation cakes!



Bute Golf

Charmayne's partner runs Bute Golf, if you would like any more information, feel free to have a chat with Charmayne 🏌️

GENERAL NEWS

Big thank you to Uncle Alex!



A massive thank you to Lesley-Anne's Uncle Alex for coming and polishing 'Annie' our minibus.

Annie the minibus 🚐

Annie the minibus has been used by many community groups this month, SULA, Ardbeg Bowling Club, Rothesay Bowling Club, Young Carers, Bute Shinty Club and Brandane Bulls.

Thank you to Yvonne's Neighbour

Thank you to Yvonne's neighbour for gifting us with yummy biscuits for the children to enjoy as a treat! 🍪



Thank you to Lesley, Bonnie & Sonny

Thank you to Lesley, Bonnie & Sonny for donating a huge bag of spare clothes for us to use.



Thank you to the newly weds

We would like to say a huge Thank You to Mr and Mrs McNally for donating us some beautiful Peace Lillies 🌿🌱



GENERAL NEWS

Thank you Donna!



Thank you Donna for making our graduation hats! 🎓 We really appreciate you doing this for us and helping us get ready for our special day.

Thank you to the Bike Shed!



Thank you to The Bike Shed for making our Commonwealth Bear mascot a personalised T-shirt for our trip to the Commonwealth Games gymnastics! 🇬🇧 We really appreciate your help in making our mascot look the part for such a special event.

Thank you Frances MacGregor

A big thank you to Frances Macgregor for making our new graduation gowns. After all these years, you're still supporting Apple Tree Nursery! 🍏🌳



Thank you Rowan's Mum!

Thank you to Rowan's mum for making our Commonwealth Bear mascot a kilt in the Commonwealth tartan and making each child a rosette to wear on our trip to the Commonwealth Games gymnastics!



WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done Lexxie & Layla

"Lexxie and Layla started highland dancing and they are practicing really hard at home which is showing when they go to dancing." - Lexxie's Mum



Well done Oliver

"Very proud of Oliver for completing his first Park Run last week running/walking the whole way without stopping"- Oliver's Mum



Well Done Lewis

"I would like to share a lovely milestone about Lewis. Recently, he showed kindness, confidence, and a sense of community by helping support a neighbour who sells fresh eggs. He enjoyed encouraging people to buy eggs from this egg stall." - Lewis's Mum



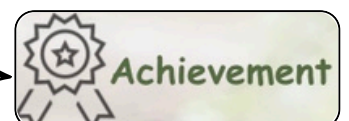
Well done Ruaridh

"This month Ruaridh has been showing us more of his adventurous side! We've had lots of days out and he's enjoyed trying various fairground attractions including a rock-climbing wall and his first roller coaster. We're so proud of him for showing an interest in trying these things and it's clear to see how much he is enjoying each new experience - even if he has said after that they've been 'a little bit scary'. Well done, Ruaridh!" - Ruaridh's Mum



Well done Theia

"Theia won a 5th and 6th medal at Inveraray Games which was her first time competing at a Highland Games and she got up on to the stage and danced amazingly 🌟" - Theia's Mum



Family Buisnesses



Iona's Grandpa - Mini drivers



Nadia's Hairdressers



Violet's Dad Reece - Campbell Plastering & Rendering



GRG Hard Landscaping



Leo's Family -Zan-Kryser Taxis



Terry's Auto Repairs



Fraser & Findlay's Mums - Bute Fold Coo Encounters



Iona's Uncle - Gary Hebdon Painting & Decorating

Upcoming Community Events

	Bute Community Band Concert (Bute Yard) - 9 th August 2026	
	Cattle Show - 12 th August 2026	
	Free Shinty event (new Primary 1s and above) - 6 th August 2026	
	Flower Show - 15 th August 2026	
	Brandane Bulls (new Primary 1s) - 19 th August 2026 (weekly)	
	Highland Games - 22 nd August 2026	
	Baby Bulls (2 years - not yet at school) - 30 th August 10am-11am (weekly)	
	Photographer - 6 th November 2026	