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# Apple Tree Nursery News



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## August 2026



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# BABIES NEWS

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## Pink Bales of Bute 💕

The babies had a lovely adventure out spotting all the pink-coloured bales in the fields! 💕 🚜

These special pink bales are being kindly wrapped by Hamish's Daddy on farms all across Bute to help raise awareness and support for Macmillan Cancer Support. We're so proud to see our local farming community getting behind such an important cause.

Keep your eyes peeled when you're out and about—you might spot a few pink bales yourself! 💕 🌻  
#pinkbalesofbute



## Thank you Jack! 😎

The babies would like to say a big thank you to Jack for bringing in glasses for them to add to their curiosity basket.



## Visit to the Cattle Show 🐑



The babies attended the Bute Agricultural Show, where they enjoyed visiting a mixture of animals then watching them take part in the different show categories. They had lots of fun exploring the show, and getting to see all the different tractors! 🐄 🐑 🚜

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# BABIES NEWS

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## Welcome!

Welcome Machair, Hamish and Ethan to the Apple Tree Nursery family. 🍏 🌳



## Terrapins Visit 🐢

Wednesday afternoon, the babies enjoyed a special visit from Shelly and Teapot, two 15-year-old terrapins! 🐢 The children loved watching and touching them, building confidence through curiosity. A huge thank you to Sharon for this wonderful experience!



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# TODDLERS NEWS

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## Well done Leo!



Leo won first place for his decorated footprints at the Annual Flower Show!

## Toddlers wall display



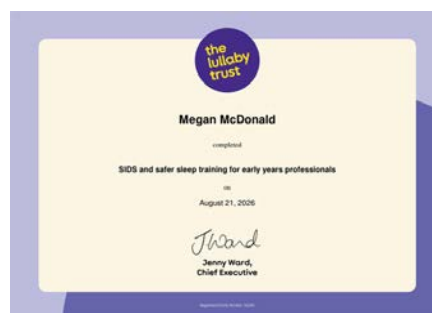
The toddlers created their very own wall display inspired by the book *The Perfect Fit!* ■ ● ▲  
They explored colours, shapes and patterns while using their creativity to bring the story to life. What a fantastic piece of collaborative artwork!

## Beach Schools



Our toddlers went to the beach and explored all things seaside! They had been learning all about tidal waves and were excited to discover more about how the sea moved and changed, whilst going for a paddle. 

## Safe Sleep Training



## Well done Finn!

Well done Finn for participating in your first baby bulls session! 



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# ELC NEWS

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## Shinty Camp!

We had a fantastic time at today's shinty camp! 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿

A huge thank you to the coaches – Jambo, Moose, Josh, Noj and Doreen – for giving our nursery children such a fun experience



## Seashore Scientists 🌊

Over the next 5 weeks, Lucia, Ash, Callen, Edoardo, Gibby & Lexxie will explore our local seashore, making discoveries and learning through their senses. 🔍

This week we explored the beach, talked about safety, collected treasures, enjoyed mark making and discovered lots of shells, sea glass and even a crab! 🐚🦀



## Solar Eclipse Telescopes 📡

The ELC children got ready for the solar eclipse by creating their very own telescopes! 📡 ✨ As demonstrated by Rowan, with their backs safely facing the Sun, the children can safely enjoy this amazing natural event while learning all about the wonders of space. 🌌



## Forest Schools 🌳



Our first ELC group began their 5-week Forest School adventure on Wednesday! We explored the forest, made plans for future adventures and enjoyed spotting dens, bugs and plenty of challenges along the way. 🐛🌳

With fire-making, cooking, den-building and Gruffalo hunting on the agenda, we're excited to see what the next five weeks bring! 🔥🐻

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# ELC NEWS

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## Cattle Show 🐑 🐎 🐮

Some of our ELC children attended Bute Agricultural Show, where our nursery sheep Billy, Larry and Shaun were proudly entered in the pen of 3 lambs class! 🐑

The children enjoyed cheering on their ladies, Ellie and Leigha alongside their families, proudly showing their own homebred animals. Our children also entered the domestic section with crafts they had created at nursery. 🎨 It was great to see our friend Abby from Quality Meat Scotland judging the Domestic Section!



## Meet our new Thermomix team 👩🍳



## ACHA Sunflower Competition 🌻



A huge well done to Lochlan, who won the ACHA Sunflower Competition! 🌻 🏆

Angie from ACHA came along to present Lochlan with his fantastic prize.

## Welcome Ash!

We would like to welcome Ash to our Apple Tree family 🍏 🌳



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# STAFF NEWS 🍎 🌳

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## Congratulations Lauren 🎉

Happy 2-year anniversary! Thank you for all your hard work, dedication, and everything you bring to the team. Your contribution is truly appreciated. Wishing you many more happy and successful years ahead! 🥳 🙌



## Well done Charlotte!

Well done to Charlotte for taking part in the Inflatable Runner! 🏃



## SCERTS Training

Jean our Speech & Language Therapist and Isla our Educational Psychologist delivered SCERTS (Social Communication, Emotional Regulation, and Transactional Support) training to Leigha, Megan, Charmayne and Yvonne.



## Safe sleep Training

Yvonne, Charmayne, Megan, Stephanie and Lesley-Anne all took part in Safe Sleep training.

## Congratulations Heather!

Celebrating Heather and an amazing 27 years at Apple Tree Nursery! Thank you for your hard work, dedication and for caring for so many little ones over the years. You are such a valued part of the nursery team!



## Environments 🌳

Thank you to Charmayne, Leigha and Megan, who spent their Sunday afternoon enhancing their environments!

## Hitch & Harvest 🌾

A huge thank you to Ellie, Caitlin, Abbie, Abbie's Auntie Karen, Leigha, Yvonne's niece Rachel, Lesley-Anne and Hannah for baking and bringing along some delicious treats to sell at Hitch & Harvest. 🌾 🍪 Your kindness, time and generosity are very much appreciated!

## Megan - University

Megan has returned to university to continue her BA studies for another year. We wish her every success and look forward to hearing all about her progress!



## Childsmile Training 🦷

All of our staff have completed Childsmile toothbrush training



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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Annie the minibus 🚌

Annie the minibus has been used by many community groups this month including Brandane Bulls and Highland Games.



The minibus required new window wipers totalling £292.16

## Birthday Celebrations 🎂

You are more than welcome to bring in cakes or a birthday cake to help us celebrate your child's special day with their friends!

## Happy Retirement Chris!

We celebrated Chris and his amazing 44 years at Thomson Court! ★

Thank you for delivering our lunches every day and for being the best bus driver, picking us up and dropping us off at the Day Centre each week. 🚌



## Pride of Bute Award! ★

Congratulations to Donna Taylor, our very first Pride of Bute Award recipient. Donna was recognised for her outstanding dedication, commitment and passion for early years education, following her recent shortlisting for the Early Years Scotland Award.



## New waterproofs 🌧️

We are delighted to share that we have purchased 10 new sets of waterproofs for the Toddlers, at a total cost of £900, helping them to enjoy outdoor play in all weathers!



## Front door finger guards

We have purchased new finger guards for our front door, costing £487.07 which Caitlin has now fitted. These will help to keep little fingers safe when children are entering and leaving the nursery.

## Toddlers Beds 🛏️

We have purchased 6 new toddler beds at a cost of £150, supporting every child's right to rest and sleep in a comfortable, safe and cosy environment. Caitlin put her DIY skills to work and built them for us!

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# WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS

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## Well done Mirren

'Mirren had a great day at the show. It was Mirren's first time showing her Valais blacknose lamb, Neivie.' - Mirren's Mum



## Well done Layla and Lexxie

'Lexxie and Layla in the marchpast for the Highland Games walking very proudly and confidently.' - Lexxie's Mum



## Well done Fraser

'Fraser proudly won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Bute Agricultural Show with his Highland calf, Daisy.' - Fraser's Mum



## Well done Noah!

'Noah competed in the cattle show this year and was placed 1st in the best fancy dress competition along with his cousins Stanley and Lillian and Auntie Meggan and Auntie Jessica.' - Noah's Mum



## Well done Finn!

'Finn getting 3rd prize at the cattle show with his Ayrshire calf' - Finn's Mum



## Happy Birthday Hamish!

'Hamish is celebrating his first Birthday today which we are all thrilled and blessed to celebrate. What a milestone. Hip hip hooray!' - Hamish's Mum



## Well done Esmé

'Esmé has completed her starfish 2 swimming badge. She loves splashing and playing in the water as well as learning pool safety. She will now move to the next class to start starfish 3.' - Esmé's Mum



## Well done Henry!

Well done Henry for competing for the first time at the Highland Games!



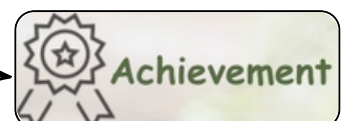
## Well Done Maia

'Maia won 2 firsts at her first time riding at the cattle show on her pony Blue. Who then went on to win the Champion Horse.' - Maia's Mum



## Well done Jay!

'Jays first session at Brandane Bulls on Sunday he had a ball.' - Jay's Mum



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# Family Buisnesses

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**Fraser's Mums - Bute Fold Coo Encounters**



**Terry's Auto Repairs**



**Nadia's Hairdressers**



**Violet's Dad Reece - Campbell Plastering & Rendering**



**GRG Hard Landscaping**



**Leo's Family -Zan-Kryser Taxis**



**Rae's mum - The SULA Collective**

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# Upcoming Community Events

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|    | Jazz Weekend - 3 <sup>rd</sup> September - 6 <sup>th</sup> September                                                             |    |
|    | St.Andrews Primary Community Bookbug - 2 <sup>nd</sup> September, 4 <sup>th</sup> November, 2 <sup>nd</sup> December             |    |
|    | Family Fun Fair - 3 <sup>rd</sup> September-6 <sup>th</sup> September<br>10 <sup>th</sup> September - 12 <sup>th</sup> September |    |
|    | Baby Bulls - 27 <sup>th</sup> September                                                                                          |    |
|   | Community Halloween Hunt - Coming Soon                                                                                           |   |
|  | Photographer - 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2026                                                                                     |  |