



Wee Rascals Too - Term 1 August 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to wish all our School Leavers who graduated from Wee Rascals Too the best of luck with their new school journey. We are very proud of how far you have come on, and all you have achieved within your time at Wee Rascals Too.

I say this in every newsletter, but I cannot believe that Term 4 is over already and the summer holidays are completed. It has been a term full of learning opportunities, ever changing weather, a fantastic Parents Evening, Graduation, and a successful Sports Day!

Staff

Rebecca Laverton has successfully completed her SVQ Level 3 in Childcare and is now a qualified Nursery Practitioner - Well Done!

Michaela Ure has settled into the 2-5 Room and has had a great time getting to know all the children and families here at Wee Rascals Too.

Amy Mackie and Briony Morrison are starting their SVQ Level 3 in Childcare this month through our Modern Apprenticeship Scheme with Aberlour Futures.

Parental Questionnaires

Thank you for all your questionnaire responses regarding the questionnaires sent out at the beginning of August. We appreciate the feedback and the time taken to complete these. We will collate all the results and share this with families shortly.

Children's Nursery Bags

Please ensure your child's clothing is all clearly labelled with their name to prevent items being mixed up or going missing!

Please also ensure weather appropriate clothing is provided, along with children's bags being well stocked. Ensure you check your child's bag and take home any dirty clothing and replenish with stock.

Nursery Uniform

Nursery Uniform is available from 'School Wear Made Easy'. The link to the website is below.

<https://schoolwearmadeeasy.com/collections/summers-nursery>



Parent Interviews

Thank you to all parents who attended the Parents Evening in June. We had some great feedback from you all - this is a fantastic opportunity to meet with your child's key worker and discuss their learning and care in more depth. Our next Parent Interviews will be held at the end of October. These are a ten-minute informal chat with your child's key worker - looking at your child's termly focus week and updating the nursery passports.

Facebook Page

Just a reminder that we do have a private, closed Facebook page available only to parents of children at the nursery. Please contact me if you have any queries or wish to join.

Our Action Plan

Parental and Staff Questionnaires were sent out at the start of August, and these are what we use to create new Action Plans, working alongside Aberdeenshire Council to show we are continually striving to improve any areas that service users and staff feel could be improved or updated.

Last term, we finally erected the Poly Tunnel and it has been extremely popular with the children within the garden area, providing a dry outdoor space where lots of outdoor learning can take place alongside learning new skills.

Each room has looked at implementing the Curiosity Approach throughout and have successfully transformed spaces within their rooms.



When the Action Plan is created for 2026-2027, this will be shared with you all and displayed on our Action Plan wall within the hallway.

Charity 2026/Sports Day

Our 2026 Charity of the Year is **Friends of the Neonatal Unit**. FOTNU supports the Neonatal Unit at Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, which cares for premature and sick babies. It became part of the Archie Foundation family in 2016, raising funds for life saving equipment, staff training, and direct family support such as accommodation and travel costs for babies born too soon or sick to travel across the North of Scotland. They are now the leading charity for the new **Baird Family Neonatal Hospital**. The hospital is still under construction and will provide cutting edge research, bringing together several services which will include maternity, gynaecology and neonatal.

Thank you for coming along to our annual Sports Day! It was a drizzly day but there was still lots of fun had, and I cannot thank you enough for the support in raising a fantastic £1,609.48 for the Neo-Natal Unit.

Learning Experiences

Little Bunnies

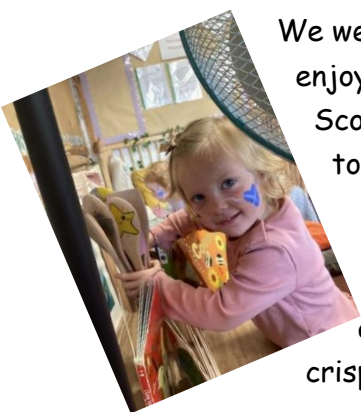


The Little Bunnies have had a fantastic few months full of learning, fun and new experiences. We finished off our wellbeing topic by enjoying lots of walks to the park where the children loved running, playing football, dancing and taking part in lots of physical activities. These outings help to promote healthy lifestyles while building confidence, coordination and teamwork.



One of the children got a new pet fish which led us to change our topic to pets, transforming our room into a veterinary surgery and pet shop. The children enjoyed caring for the toy animals through imaginative role play and exploring a range of pet themed tuff trays. We also went for walks around our local community, spotting sheep, rabbits, cats and dogs, and we talked about how to care for these animals and what noises they make.





We were very excited to celebrate Scotland being in the World Cup! The children enjoyed getting involved with lots of Scotland-themed activities, including making Scottish crafts, listening to Scottish songs, and proudly wearing their Scotland tops. It was lovely to see the children joining in and celebrating together.

As Sports day approached, the children got practicing their races and celebrated their achievements by making their own medals. They also enjoyed baking some top hats and making delicious chocolate crispies which were available to purchase on Sports Day.



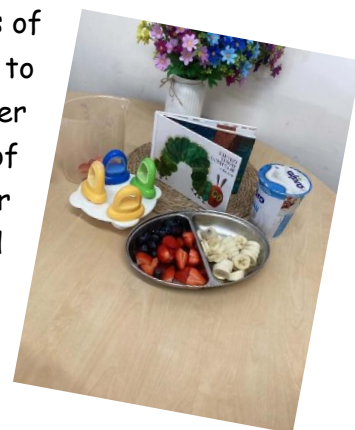
Over the past few months, we have celebrated our friend's Birthday's by participating in Birthday themed tuff trays, singing Happy Birthday, and baking fairy cakes, truffles and rocky road. The children enjoyed helping to measure, mix and decorate their tasty cakes.

We were also very lucky to have a special visit from a paramedic and his ambulance. He showed us around the ambulance and told us all about his job. The children had the opportunity to look at and explore some of the equipment used by paramedics, and we even have a go at using some of it. It was a fantastic experience, and the children were very excited to see a real ambulance up close!



We moved onto our exciting new topic all about summer! Throughout this period, the children have been enjoying making delicious smoothies, learning about planes, and talking about holidays and places we might visit. We have also been exploring lots of fun summer-themed tuff trays, giving the children opportunities to investigate, explore and use their imaginations. With the lovely summer weather, we have made the most of our outdoor spaces, spending lots of time in the garden exploring, playing and enjoying nature. A particular favourite has been making our own ice lollies before sitting together and enjoying them in the sunshine.

We are so proud of everything the Little Bunnies have achieved this term and can't wait for more exciting adventures together



2-5 Room

The 2-5 room started their term looking at farming. When we came back from our trip to Wynford farm, the children loved looking at different types of animals, what they eat, and where they live. The children helped design a farm shop within the small world corner and created mud, straw and grass for their farm tuff trays! The children learnt all about where food comes from, including cheese, milk and eggs, and then they looked at how different fruits grow along with our Kitchen Assistant, Agnes.



In June, we started discussing 'Going to School' and our pre-school children had their Graduation. They loved practising their songs which they then performed in front of their families. They looked at photos from their first day at nursery and spoke about their favourite memories too!



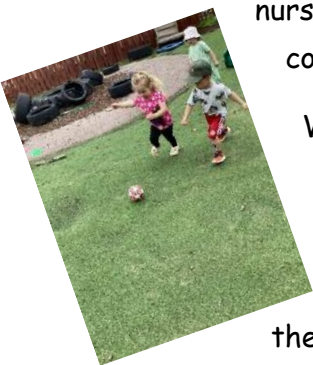
Lauren's son Logan came into the 2-5 room to show us all his schoolbooks and what he takes to school with him to help him. We looked inside his pencil case and spoke about different things you learn in school. The children had great listening ears for this!



One of our friends went on holiday to Korea, so we spent some time following this up and learning about the country and its culture. We designed flags, listened to music, and were shown lots of pictures from our friend, who took in various souvenirs for us to explore. Karen then took the children to the shop to choose some Korean foods for a food tasting session, and we chose noodles and prawn crackers!



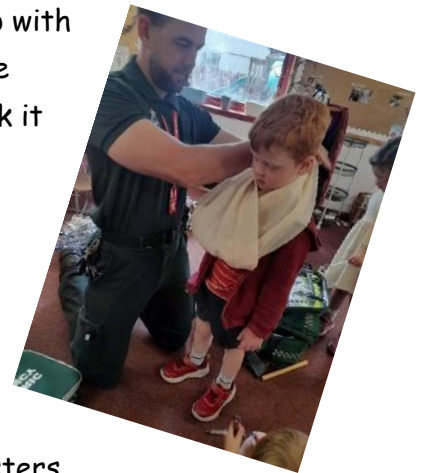
There was lots of talk about summer and the World Cup. We had a full week of dressing up and wearing our football tops. We decorated the nursery and learnt new football skills and team names - developing our hand/eye co-ordination and goalie skills!



We celebrated Father's Day by designing cards and gifts for our dads to take home, taking pride in our designs and presenting them to our families!

In July we have been very busy learning all about transport and there has been lots of responsive planning about our summer holidays, learning about the circus, hedgehogs and the spa.

The children were very interested in our transport topic, and we looked at all the different modes of transport that can help us. We followed this up with a visit from the ambulance crew. The children got to look inside the paramedic's bags and see all the different equipment, and they took it in turns to use the blood pressure machine, oxygen mask and heart rate monitor. We went inside the ambulance and learnt about what they do to help us, and the children each got to have a turn of the bed inside. We then went into the driver's seat and pressed the siren button.



The children continued their play with opportunities to role play in the tuff trays with the play medical equipment, which included plasters and bandages!

Later, Lauren came into the 2-5 room to explain all about her diabetes as all the children were asking lots of questions about the sensor on her arm. They all got to scan her arm to check her blood sugar levels and learnt words such as 'insulin' and 'pancreas'.



The children have been engaging with our Inverurie nursery through becoming pen pals! Summers in Inverurie had a spa day at their nursery and wanted to see us have our very own spa day. Through a real-life experience, they washed Adele's hair with water, shampoo and conditioner. They risk assessed the hair dryer and used it to dry Adele's hair, taking turns. This encouraged fantastic role play skills, communication and using their imagination!



Recently, we have had a visit from a marine biologist who taught us all about the different creatures in the sea and how to protect our sea by keeping it clean. We all became scientists for the morning using the lab coats and pipettes. We also learnt how long some of the animals were and investigated real shark teeth!



We were then extremely lucky to have Josh from the Marines visit is, telling us all about his kit bag and the importance of teamwork within the Marines. Josh taught us all about the boats he works on, his recent meet with the King, and where he has travelled. He showed the children his ration bag and what he eats when he is away. Josh then took the children outside and completed a fitness obstacle course with them! The children were very inquisitive and asked lots of questions!



Throughout the summer, we have had a variety of activities in our Poly tunnel! The children love exploring the Poly tunnel and being very curious. They use their outdoor classroom very well and are always excited to go inside and take part in story times, bug hunts and potion making classes!



The 2-5 room have had a few updates and changes to the room. We have added our new sandpit which the children have been exploring with different resources. They have also been using the scales to develop their numeracy and using their sense of touch with the sand. The children were included in making a risk assessment for this, so it is very safe and everyone gets a turn.

We continue to visit The Garioch Gymnastics fortnightly every Thursday during term time, and Laura from Flash Dance visits us for our weekly dance class every Tuesday!

To add to the visits, Isabel Hogg, our new French teacher will now visit the pre-school children to teach French on a Monday morning during term time. The class is for those children who will start school in August 2027.



We also continue to attend the Wee Green Space weekly, bringing snack, risk assessing, exploring the fields and the burn!

[Tempest Photography](#)

Tempest photography will visit the nursery on Friday the 16th of October. They visit every year, and will take photos of the children, along with siblings, which you can purchase. They make a great Christmas gift!

I will pop up a timetable for you to choose a time slot on Friday 16th October. If your child attends nursery that day you do not need to choose a slot. If you would like to take your child into nursery or bring siblings along then you will have to choose a time slot.

Please see list below for important dates for your diary.

Kind regards

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Dates for the Diary

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER - 2-5 TRIP

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER - TEMPEST FAMILY PHOTOS

THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER - HALLOWEEN PARTY

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAYRE

THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER - 2-3 TRIP TO PLAYTOWN

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER - NATIVITY AT CHURCH (PM)

WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER - PANTO TRIP (PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN)

FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY

TUESDAY 22ND DECEMBER - LAST DAY, 6PM. RE-OPEN WEDNESDAY 6TH OF JANUARY AT 7.30AM