



CVN Newsletter

November 2024



About Us

We provide high quality early learning experiences for children from 2½ to school age. We operate in partnership with Stirling Council to offer fully funded (free) places to eligible* children. We welcome younger children on a fee paying basis. We place a high value on the benefits of outdoor learning particularly on learning in a natural environment and provide regular Woodland Play Session held in the local woodlands.

From January 2025 we are open 0900 - 1500 Monday-Friday during school term times.

* Eligibility criteria can be found in Stirling Council's [Nursery Admissions and Charging Policy](#).

We are a Community Interest Company

We are a nonprofit making organisation and any surplus is invested back into our service for the benefit of our community.

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Welcome Back

We hope you all enjoyed the October break. It's hard to believe we are already past Hallowe'en and also beginning the Christmas planning!

Our November newsletter contains several pieces of important information about what will be happening over the next few months and also into 2025!

Change to Opening Hours

From January 2025 we will be changing our opening hours to 0900-1500. For several years we have been operating an additional 30 mins every session to facilitate families dropping off and picking up from school and also because staggered drop offs and pick ups were required during COVID times.

Unfortunately the additional operating times are no longer sustainable. From January 2025 therefore we will change to open only between 0900 and 1500. This reflects the offer available throughout the early years sector in Stirling Council. We will retain a flexible drop off and pick up to accommodate parents who are also dropping off at school. Drop off times will usually be between 0900 and 0930 and collection between 1430 and 1500. We will not be able to accommodate children in nursery before 0900 or after 1500.

We are aware that this will have a impact on some of our families but hope you understand that we cannot continue to operate additional hours with the limited funding we received.

Co-op Community Fund

We're delighted to let you know that, with immediate effect, you can support CVN via the Co-op Local Community Fund!! CVN has been selected to be one of the Co-op's "causes" and will receive a contribution every time one of our supporters shops in the Co-op. CVN will be an Co-op "cause" until 18 October 2025 so there will be plenty of time and opportunity to help us raise much needed funds to support the running and development of our nursery.



If you shop at the Co-op (any co-op) and have a members card you can choose CVN as your "cause" and, every time you shop using your member's card, CVN receives a donation.

If you have a member's card PLEASE go to our [page](https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/87676) (<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/87676>) and click "choose this cause". If you don't yet have a member's card please consider getting one and choosing CVN as your "cause".

The more members that choose CVN as their "cause", the more money we will receive.



Staffing



As you will all now be aware we sadly said “Goodbye” to Lynda at the end of September. We marked her leaving the staff team with a special party and some gifts. Our children used hand prints to decorate a very special t-shirt for her to remember us by.



Although we will all miss Lynda we are very pleased to be able to welcome Lisa Wright to #TeamCVN. Lisa started with us on Tuesday October 29th and will be working Tuesdays through Fridays. Initially Lisa will take over the care of the children in the Oak group although we may make some changes to key groups as we move forward. Lisa will also take on the role of Communication Champion leading play and learning in literacy while Jordan will continue to lead in numeracy and Katie in health and wellbeing.

We plan to host a stay and play session for parents during November (more later) to make sure all parents have an opportunity to get to meet Lisa and speak with her and the rest of the team.



CVN Enrolment

We are now accepting enrolments for session 2025/2026. Please click below for more information.

We do have limited availability for the remainder of this session (December 2024 -June 2025. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more.

APPLY NOW

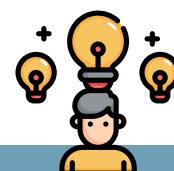


Join our Board of Directors

Are you interested in what we do at CVN? Would you like to be involved in taking us to the next stage of our journey?

We are looking for enthusiastic, forward thinking individuals to join our board of volunteer directors. Our directors are a like minded and friendly bunch of individuals passionate about supporting CVN children and our community and in working towards becoming an outdoor setting. It's not an onerous role, we meet about once a term.

Please get in touch to find out more about the role.



Woods Stay and Play Session

All parents and carers are invited to join us at a Stay and Play session in the woods on the morning of **Tuesday November 26th**. We are excited to show you where the base for our woodland shelter will be and also to let you see some of the things your children like to do while we are in the woods.

Parents are welcome to join us at 10am and walk from the Community Centre with us to the woods or we can arrange to meet with you at the Garages (beside 44 Gillies Hill) later on in the morning and lead you to our site,

Mince Pie Open Information Session



We will be hosting an open event in the Community Centre on **Wednesday 4th December between 2:30 and 3:30pm**. This will be an opportunity for parents to come along to hear the latest progress in our project to become a fully outdoor service. It will also be an opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns. If you have questions it might help to send them in before hand in case we can bring resources and/or equipment along. Otherwise please just come along and join us for a mince pie or two!



CVN in the Woods Update

We were delighted to learn that we had obtained planning consent for our shelter in the woods in the middle of September. Unfortunately, because of the way one of the planning conditions has been worded, it has become evident that we will find it difficult to work with the various funding bodies as we progress our project. As a result we are now working with the planners to agree a change in the wording of the condition. Unfortunately however this requires us to submit an amendment to our planning consent costing more money and delaying progress.

As soon as we hear back from planning we will be in contact with the various funding bodies and getting back on track. Meantime our architect has been working on developing our Building Warrant and we hope that will be submitted soon.

We have also begun working with a business strategist to support our project planning and development.



Jordan and Katie have started their Forest Leader training sessions and are enjoying learning more about the woods and how to deliver high quality learning experiences which meet the needs both of children and the woodland environment



Santa's Magical Lighthouse



We are delighted to be able to take all of our children to visit the MacRobert Arts Theatre for their performance of Santa's Magical Lighthouse on Wednesday December 11th at 10am.

We have booked a coach to transport everyone from nursery to the theatre and back again. The outing will be free however comes at a cost of £15 per child to CVN. We would really appreciate it if any parent who is able to would consider making a contribution towards our costs.

More details about arrangements will come closer to the time but note that there should not be any changes to current normal drop off and pick up times.



We will be celebrating Christmas with our friends at the Oasis group again this year. The party will be on Tuesday December 17th at 1pm in the Church Hall. We will take children over to the party and parents should collect them from the Church Hall (across the road from the Community Centre) at the usual time.

All of our children are welcome to attend but please let us know if you plan to attend so we can let the Oasis group know how many to cater for.



We will celebrate the end of term and of 2024 on Friday December 20th with a fun and games session in the centre and some party food. Please note that nursery closes at **12 noon** on that day.

School Enrolment

The 2025/2026 school year starts on **13 August 2025**, this is the **only** date for beginning school education for that year.

All children who are five years old on or before 13 August 2025 are of school age and must start their primary school education on 13 August 2025. Children who are five years old between 14 August 2025 and 28 February 2026 may start their primary school education on 13 August 2025 or can defer entry to P1 until 2026.

If your child is starting their primary school education in August 2025, or if you are choosing to defer their entry into primary school to August 2026, **you must enrol them at their catchment school by 31 January 2025.**

As part of the enrolment process Stirling Council are required to check the residency of all parents wishing to enrol their child at their catchment school, you will be required to scan and upload a copy of your child's birth certificate, and two of the following - child benefit book/award letter, tax credit/universal credit award letter, two recent household utility bills or a recent council tax bill.

Please see the council's [website](#) for more inf

2025 Calendars

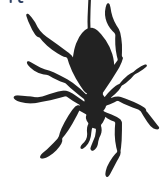
Our 2025 calendars are now available to order. Please send us a message via Family or drop me an email (Jane@CambusbarronVillageNursery.com) to reserve your copy/copies.





HALLOWEEN

We celebrated Hallowe'en last week with children hollowing out pumpkins to make pumpkin soup for lunch. We practised our hammering skills and tested how hard a pumpkin is. We made spooky slimy gloop and got it everywhere! We also visited the woods and spotted our friend the badger also getting into the Hallowe'en spirit



ChildSmile

We had a visit from Lisa at ChildSmile last week. She brought her puppet friends with her and children learned why brushing their teeth is important and how to brush their teeth properly.



Socks!



This will likely be the last opportunity for you to buy hand knitted socks from our friend Ginnie while also supporting CVN. As you may be aware Ginnie is donating all of her 2024 socks sale* money to CVN. So, as well as having cosy socks to wear, you will also be supporting CVN!

Win : Win!!

Please email me

(jane@cambusbarronvillagenursery.co.uk) if you want to order a pair.

*As a guide the average donation is £20.



Our 5th Birthday Party



Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating our 5th birthday as
Cambusbarron Village Nursery CIC!



Dates for your Diary

Note that our sessions in the woods happen daily throughout the week but are subject to change depending on staffing and the weather.

Woodland Stay & Play Session : Tuesday November 26th 2024 @ 10am (meet at Community Centre)

Open Information Session for Parents/Carers : Wednesday December 4th 2024 @ 2:30pm, Activity Room, Community Centre

Santa's Magical Lighthouse : Wednesday December 11th 2024 @ 10am.

Christmas Party with Oasis Group : Tuesday 17th December @ 1pm (joint with Oasis Group in Church Hall)

Pre-schooler eye tests : Thursday 19th December 2024 pm

End of Term Celebration : Friday 20th December 2024 @ 9am

Close for Christmas Holidays : Friday 20th December 2024 @ 12 noon.

New Term starts : Monday 6th January 2025 @ 9am

School Enrolment Deadline : 31st January 2025

