

Islay Hospital

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NEWSLETTER



Children and Families HUB



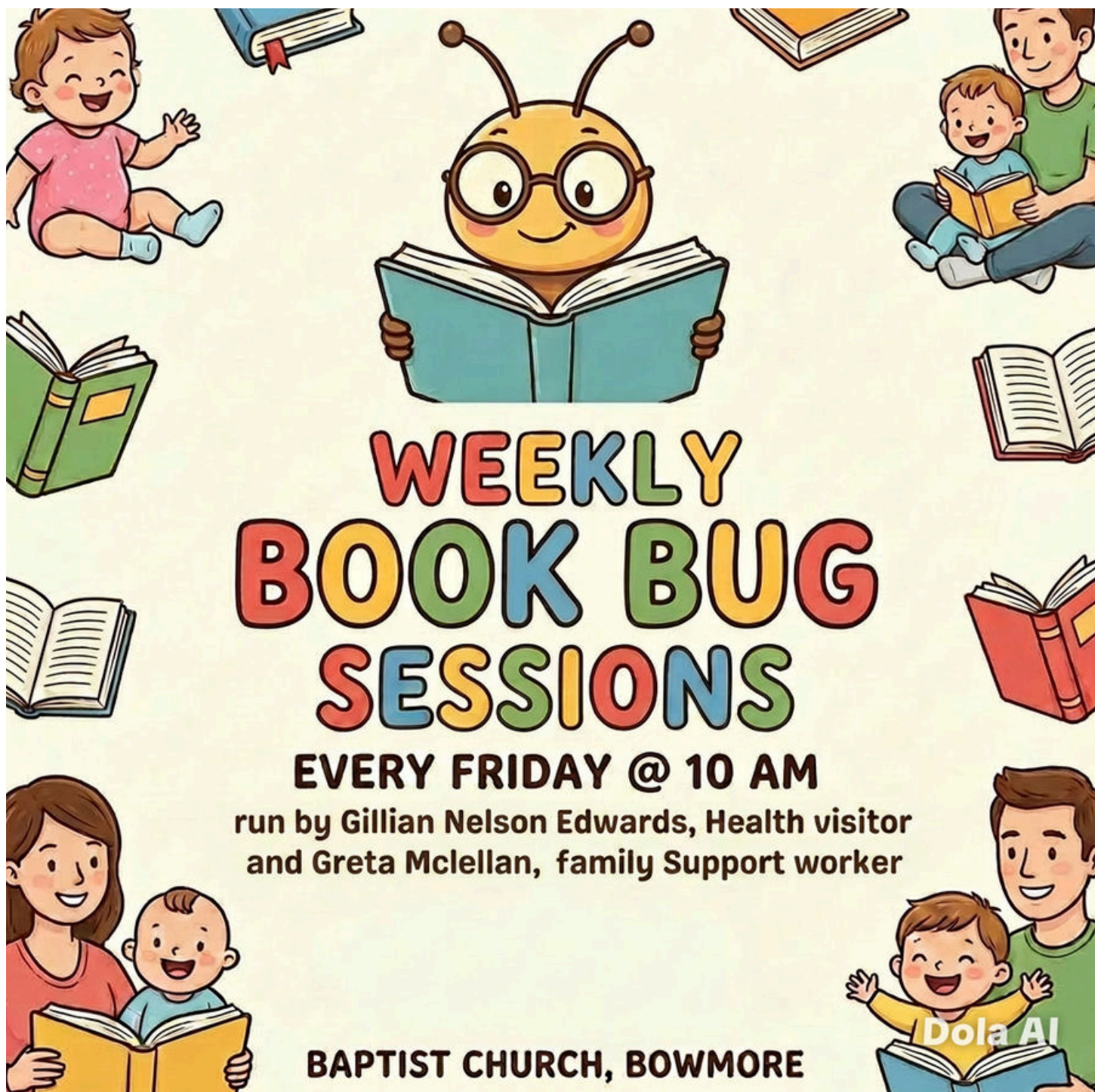
The Child Health Hub brings together a range of child health services, including Speech and Language Therapy, midwifery, health visiting and school nursing, all working closely as one team to deliver the best possible care for children and families. By working collaboratively within a single hub, staff are able to provide joined-up, coordinated support and clear pathways between services. The Child Health Hub can be accessed via the external door located beside the Child Health office, making it easy for families to find and access the services they need.

Health Visitor Service: 01496 301013

Midwifery Service: 01496 301014

School Nurse service: 01496 851025

Speech and Language Service: 01496 301019



Child Health Hub – Bookbug Sessions

As part of the Child Health Hub's coordinated approach to supporting children and families, weekly Bookbug sessions are held on **Fridays at 10am at the Baptist Church in Bowmore**. The sessions are delivered jointly by Gillian Nelson-Edwards, Health Visitor, and Greta Mac Lellan, Family Support Worker.

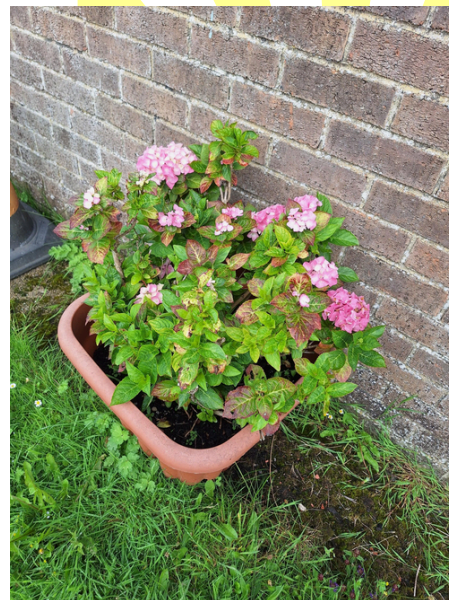
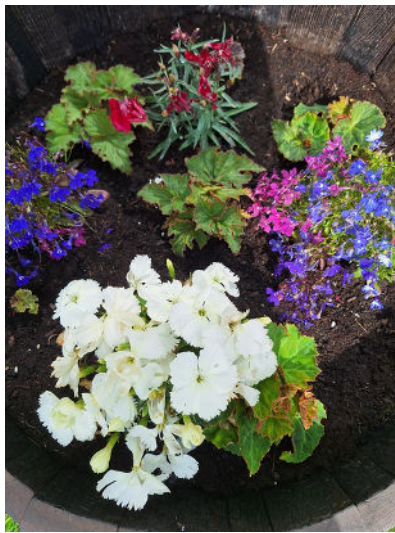
Bookbug offers a free story, song and rhyme session for children aged 0–5 years, alongside their mums, dads and carers. Each session lasts around 30 minutes and provides a relaxed, welcoming space for families to come together.

These sessions support the work of the Child Health Hub by promoting early bonding and helping to develop children's social skills, speech and language, while strengthening links between families and local child health services.

New Staff Members

A warm welcome to our new staff members:

- Staff Nurse: Pretty Taengwa
- Staff Nurse: Claire Dunlop



A big thank you to our fantastic staff who have been volunteering their time to plant summer flowers around the hospital grounds. Their efforts have helped brighten up the outdoor spaces and bring a bit of summer cheer for patients, visitors and colleagues to enjoy. The colourful displays are looking wonderful and are a great example of the kindness, teamwork and community spirit we're lucky to have across the hospital. We would also like to thank Gelengedale plants for their kind donation of flowers🌻🌸🌻 The enthusiasm shown by staff in helping to brighten our hospital grounds has inspired plans for a larger community gardening "Working Bee" next year. We would love as many colleagues as possible to get involved and help shape the project. A suggestions box will be available in the coming months, giving staff the opportunity to share ideas on what they would like to see achieved, from new planting areas and outdoor seating to wildlife-friendly features and other improvements that will help make our grounds an even more welcoming space for patients, visitors and staff.

