

Our success in 2025



A fire monkey, a scratchy lion, a funny orca, a snow cat, a castle made of diamonds, a golden bicycle. What do all these things have in common? They are just some of the wild imaginings unleashed through this year's Storyplay with Licketyspit's children and families across Glasgow.

Thanks to our funders, our partners, our incredible team and most of all the inspiring children and families, Licketyspit has enjoyed many months of joyous Funky Chickens, Witch's Fingers, Monsters' Footsteps, Flying Balloons and Magic Ball Adventures. Arrays of spectacular invented characters, from a "dragon with silver titanium teeth, green eyes and green acid coming out of his nose" to Glory the Undercover Spy!

"In Storyplay we can be anyone, do anything and go anywhere and everyone has something equally magical to bring to the game!"

Virginia Radcliffe, Artistic Director and CEO, Licketyspit

In 2025 BIG Porridge and Play Glasgow celebrated its ninth consecutive year with Licketyspit Hubs in Castlemilk, Whiteinch, Bridgeton, Govan, Cranhill, Maryhill and online. We had a summer of outdoor Storyplay in nature – 27 families including 64 children launched Forest Storyplay at Glasgow's Children's Wood and 43 families including 67 children took Picnic & Play trips to Balloch and Troon. Our school and nursery Taster sessions were attended by 85 children, 28 parents and 16 teachers and these fed into wonderful new blocks of Porridge & Play for 34 new and existing families - 140 people at our Castlemilk, Bridgeton and Whiteinch Hubs - two in libraries. We had glorious Autumn Outdoor Forest Sessions for 21 families (60 people) with forest skills and fire with Andrea from Children's Wood. We have ten families currently enjoying online sessions and we are preparing for the Winter Ceilidh where Licketyspit families from all over Glasgow meet and celebrate Storyplay together.



"I would say this is my second family."

Mum

Massive thanks to all our community partners for working with us again this year - Glasgow Children's Wood; Community Central Hall; Bridgeton's Church House; Whiteinch and Castlemilk Libraries; all the local schools and nurseries and family workers. Without your help and support, none of our projects would be possible or reach as many families.

"They weren't very social, they didn't speak to anyone but now they're speaking to anyone. They also say all these songs help their language, they're able to say and sing a lot."

Mum of three children (via Arabic interpreter), Bridgeton, a Lickety Spit participant since 2023

As always, all of our groups were heavily over-subscribed and attracted high numbers of children with additional support needs and English as an additional language. We take great care in making sure that all of our sessions – which are free to attend – are bespoke to the participants taking part, trauma-informed and provide everything needed including transport, language translation and additional support to ensure that children and families can relax and have fun.

"This is the first class that we've found that's very inclusive. He has lots of fun when he comes and I think his speech and confidence has improved in a few weeks of just coming here."

Mum of 5-year-old, Whiteinch, who heard about us on a WhatsApp Group for SEN families.



"It was amazing. I loved so much the dances we did, the meal, those funny games and most especially the fire making and baking. It was fun packed day, and my kids were over the moon."

Maryhill Mum



Our deepest thanks to our funders who support us to make such a positive difference in the lives of children and also in the lives of their parents and carers. Storyplay brings many benefits, not least joy.