

Welcome to Tudhoe Moor Nursery School

Hello everyone and welcome to our school!

For our returning families, it's great to have you back with us again. For all of our new families, hello and welcome. We hope that you and your children will love coming to Tudhoe Moor Nursery School and we look forward to them learning lots of new things.

We use these newsletters to keep you up to date with all the exciting things that we've been doing and as a reminder of dates and forthcoming events so that you know what's happening. The newsletter will be sent to all families via ParentMail, uploaded onto our school website and there will be hard copies available in the entrance porch. If you want to know anything but don't have your newsletter you can always ask at school, look on our website or our Facebook page.

Thank you

Julia Hymers- Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Week of 9th September	Library starting
Week of 9th September	Forest School starting
Wednesday 23rd October	Coffee afternoon
Friday 25th October	Last day of term
Monday 4th November	Return to nursery

Snack money

We politely ask for a voluntary contribution of £2 per week for 30 hour children and £1 per week for 15 hour children. This money is used to provide a snack for the children in the morning and the afternoon. We also use it to buy additional resources, e.g. items for baking or special activities in nursery; without these contributions we would not be able to do this. You can put your donation in the money box by the front door.



ParentMail

We use an app called ParentMail to send all of our important information and letters. You will receive an email shortly asking you to register for this. Please sign up so that you do not miss anything important!

Library

Children will be able to take home books from our library every week to share and enjoy with their family. Your child will pick a book to take home and will need to return it the following week where it can be changed for a new one. Your child will be given a plastic wallet to take their book home in. Please look after the books that we send home, each book damaged or lost will incur a charge of £5.00 so that we can replace it.



Your child will change books on **Mondays**

If your child is not in on this day, please arrange an alternative day with their key worker.

Tapestry

You will shortly be receiving an email asking you to set up an account for Tapestry (if you do not already have one). This is a secure system in which we send photos of your child to show you what they have been up to. We usually send around 1 or 2 per week as we try not to be stuck to tablets, and would much rather be playing with your children!

Keep an eye out for the email and sign up to see your child's first week photos.



Bicycle shelter

In order to support those families that want to encourage their children to walk to school we have a shelter to store bikes, pushchairs and scooters while their children are at nursery. There is a coded padlock on the shelter– please ask at the office for the code.

Little Stars clubs

We offer before and after school club care from 7.45am until 5.30pm. Breakfast Club is charged at £4.00 per session and After School club is £10.00 per session. These can be booked in advance or with no notice too. We try to be as flexible as possible!

We have now introduced a mini After School club for those that might not need the full session. If you pick your child up before 4pm, we are now offering a reduced rate of £5.00 per session. Any children staying past this time will be charged at £10.00 as normal.

Book your child's place with Erin at the school office.



School places

Many of our children will be leaving us in July 2025 to join Reception at a local Primary school.

Applications can be completed online– the portal for this is now open and will close in January 2025. You are required to select up to three schools of your choice and need to pick the order that you would like.

We usually recommend going to visit a few schools before making your decision, however, given the current situation all school will be dealing with admissions differently. You can phone the school directly to find our more. The phone numbers for our main link schools are below:

North Park Primary School	01388 815 943
St Charles RC Primary School	01388 814 285
Tudhoe Colliery Primary School	01388 814 399
Rosa St Primary School	01388 815 427
Springmoor Grange Primary School (previously Ox-Close)	01388 814 860
King Street Primary School	01388 816 078
Kirk Merrington Primary School	01388 816 230

Forest School



Mrs Forth will be running forest school sessions with our three year old children starting in the week of the 9th September. Children will be outside for half a day per week learning about the environment, using tools, planting seeds and lots more!

Each group will have the same session each week. We would like to ask that your child wears suitable clothes on this day. We will provide waterproof protective outerwear for your child which should protect their clothes.

For any questions about what the sessions entail, please speak to Mrs Forth. Once the sessions start, there will be a floorbook displayed in the porch to see what children have been doing.

Yellow	Friday AM
Red	Tuesday PM
Blue	Thursday AM

What are we learning this half-term?

Our main topic this half term is 'My Family'. Children will be talking about who lives in their home, different family members and how all families are different. The children will have the opportunity to take part in lots of different activities to help to develop mark-making and early writing skills; counting and making sets and becoming familiar with the routines and expectations of nursery school. Children will also begin to make new friends and play imaginatively with them.



Names in children's clothes

Please remember to put your child's name in all of their belongings; jumpers, coats, scarves, and shoes. We have several children with the same shoes and jumpers and they can easily be muddled up! Please make sure that you put your child's name in everything to help us dress your children in the right things.



Also if your child comes home in nursery clothes after having an accident here at nursery school please make sure that you return them as soon as possible as we need them regularly.



Facebook Page

A little reminder that we have a Facebook page; hopefully more families will be able to keep up to date with events and diary dates. There will also be some posts about things that we have been doing that might be of interest... keep watching and like our page. You should have received a letter asking for your consent. Please sign and return this so that we can start posting!



ParentPay

All payments need to be made through an app called ParentPay. This will show a running total for anything owed plus a breakdown of the cost. We have found that it is easier to pick a day that you would like to pay your bill (for example 1st of the month) and pay the outstanding amount. This will then clear the money owed and start again from that date ready for the following month.

If you are struggling with any money, please speak to Erin at the school office or Mrs Hymers. Both will be able to help and set up a payment plan so that you do not get behind on payments.

SEN Coffee Mornings



On the last Wednesday of every half term one of our staff members Linsey Donaldson runs a coffee afternoon for all families. Linsey's role in school is working with children with additional needs. If you ever have a concern about any aspect of your child's development, you can book an appointment with Linsey for any tips or advice.

She will be hosting coffee mornings on the last Wednesday of every half term for all families. This will give you a chance to meet other parents, have a chat and unwind. You are welcome to bring your child (and any siblings) along for soft play, toys and more.

Our first coffee morning will be on Wednesday 23rd October at 1.30pm.

Parents comments

If you have any questions or comments about anything in the newsletter or nursery in general; or you would like further information about anything to do with nursery, please see a member of staff or contact us on: 01388 436 000

or e-mail: tudhoemoor.nursery@tudhoemoor.durham.sch.uk

If you would like to have a more in-depth discussion about anything, you can make an appointment to speak to with your child's key worker or Mrs Julia Hymers (Head Teacher).

Staff members in Three Year Olds

We have some new and existing staff members in our three year old room.



Mrs Lowes

Red Group



Mrs Forth

Blue Group



Mrs Jenny

Yellow group/SEND



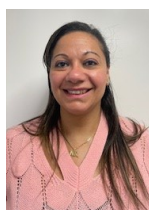
Mrs Hughes

Forest School/ Cover



Linsey

SEND



Mrs Faltas

SEND



Miss Johnson

SEND



Mrs Smith

SEND



Mrs Murray

SEND



Mrs Atterby

SEND