

Welcome to Tudhoe Moor Nursery School

Hello everyone and welcome!

It is lovely to be back and to see old faces and new!

We would like to say an extra warm welcome to our new starters! It has been lovely to see them settle into nursery life . Our older children have certainly been excellent role models and helped our new friends find their feet.

We are looking forward to another fun filled half term with lots of activities planned for the children to enjoy.

We have a very short half-term this year and so a smaller than normal newsletter.

Julia Hymers – Head teacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY- Nursery closed
Wednesday 13 th May	School Photograph Day
Monday 18 th May	Coffee morning @ 9am
Friday 22 nd May	Break up for half term
Monday 1 st June	First day back



School places



If your child is leaving us this year to join Reception in September, please go online to check which school your child has been allocated. If you have not already done so, please can you let Erin know which school your child will be attending. This will help us to arrange transition visits.



Summer holiday club

We have some places available in our summer holiday club which runs from Monday 20th July to Friday 14th August (first four weeks of school holiday). The club is open from 8am to 5pm, Mon to Fri at an additional charge. To book a place, please complete a form which can be found in the porch.

School photographer

We have arranged for a photographer to come into Nursery on Wednesday 13th May to take photos of your child. You will then receive some small samples where you can decide whether you would like to purchase any or not.

If you would like to have a sibling involved, please speak to Erin who will arrange a time for you.

If your child does not attend on a Wednesday, please speak to Erin who will book you in for a time slot.



Summer weather

Now that the weather is beginning to change, on sunny days please can you bring your child to nursery with a sunhat (clearly labelled with their name). Please apply suncream to your child before they come to nursery and we will top this up throughout the day using our suncream (Aldi's own brand which has 5* UV protection). If your child has an allergy or needs a particular brand, please bring your own cream to school for us to apply.



Sensory Play Coffee Morning

Everyone is welcome to Linsey's Sensory play coffee morning on Monday 18th May at 9.00am! Younger siblings are also welcome to join in. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents, have a chat with staff and watch your child play with some of our sensory resources.

What are we learning this half term?

Our topic this half term will be based around 'growth' so children will be planting seeds and learning what they need to grow. We will be having a sunflower competition to see who can grow the tallest sunflower. We will also be learning about mini-beasts and exploring our garden to see if we can find any!

We will be doing experiments on flowers to see how we can successfully make them grow and also if we can change their colour.

In maths, as well as developing our understanding of number we will be learning about height. We will be using mathematical language to describe different objects, such as tall and short. We will also be comparing different objects, talking about tallest, shortest, taller and shorter.

This term we are also focusing on self help skills to support children in their transition to school. This includes things such as putting on their own shoes and coats and trying to do things before asking an adult for help.



Any concerns?

We're always here to help you with any concerns that you may have. Even if we don't know the answer, we can always point you to someone who will be able to help.

Concerned about your child's progress or worried about their development?

Mrs Hymers is our SENDCo and you can book an appointment to speak to her. Linsey Donaldson is extremely experienced in dealing with children with SEN and is happy to offer advice and answer any questions.

Has your child said something that has made you worried? Are you unsafe at home? For anything that worries you or your child you can come and see Mrs Hymers at any time. If she is not available you can also speak to Miss Bond, Mrs Phillips or Mrs Lowes. They are all able to help you get the support you need and contact any agencies that need to know .

Is school closed and you have a safeguarding concern? You can always phone
First Contact on 03000 267 979 who are able to help you.