



# Nursery Newsletter – Spring Term 2025

Hi Everyone,

A lovely welcome back to all the children old and new, we hope you all had a great Christmas break. The children are really enjoying been back in nursery, we have some new children who are still visiting but settling well.

The children really enjoyed the snow, and we have managed to get out in it before the big freeze. The children have been very excited to tell us all about the presents they received from Santa.



We will be holding a parents evening around Easter time this is your opportunity to meet your child's key person, have a chat about how your child is developing, and what we can work on together.



We are currently revamping the nursery menu so if you have any dishes you'd like to see on the menu please drop us an email and we will try to accommodate.

We are already very busy in September 2025 with days fully booked up already, but we do have some baby places coming available again. If you have a child already with us who you'd like to increase hours for, you need to tell us when you first start so that these can be factored in and accommodated where possible, but due to the increase in funded hours we no longer have spare places on certain days. Baby places need to be booked as you have your baby, at least 9 months prior to needing the place ideally, or you may not get the days you want.

## Staffing

We would like to welcome back Lauren after an extended period of maternity leave. We also have some new staff members. Harriet is in Babies and Toddlers and holds a level 3 qualification. Beverley, who has many years of experience and holds a level 3 is in toddlers. Courtney, who has just gained her level 6 qualification at Sheffield Hallam is in Green room. Danicia has started her level 3 qualification and is really excited to start all her training, she has been with us since September.

## Funding

Just a reminder to parents it is your responsibility to reconfirm your codes every 3 months (HMRC should remind you) and to also provide Nursery with any updated codes. We have a number of families on temporary codes that have been issued permanent codes but haven't informed us and this has caused a number of issues this time when claiming funding. It is imperative you update us of any codes given to you or we will not be able to claim extended hours and in this instance you would be responsible for paying for these hours in full. As a small nursery with limited administrative staff we don't have the facilities to chase parents for codes so please make sure you email them in.



Childcare  
Choices

To keep your 30 hours free childcare place **you** need to check your details are up to date every 3 months. Go to [gov.uk/childcareaccount](https://gov.uk/childcareaccount)

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## Illness

I am sorry to have to write this, but we have had a number of incidences of people not adhering to the sickness policy which is in place to safeguard everyone.

We currently have a number of staff off with illness as a direct result of working in Nursery and as a small team this is very difficult to manage as we need to meet daily room ratios. I totally understand working with small children opens you up to lots of bugs and illnesses and I totally get the pressure you as a family are under to be at work but there are times where you will need to keep your children off nursery due to sickness to avoid spreading this around the nursery. The main 2 are listed below, along with suggestions to stop the spread.

- If your child is requiring Calpol for a temperature, they are not well enough to be in nursery and should be kept at home;
- If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, they require 2 full clear days before they can return to nursery from the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea (not including the day they were last sick).



We try our best to keep all sick bugs out of nursery, but this is proving very difficult when children are brought back earlier or allowed to mix with other nursery children not related, when they should be isolating. If your child is off with sickness they should not be mixing with other children other than your own, which it is advisable to try to keep to a minimum, to stop the spread both within your own or other families.

If parents keep bringing children in when they are ill the spread within Nursery is inevitable both with the children and staff and we may get to the point of having to close a room because we are unable to meet staffing ratio's which affects all the parents including those who also need to work and have stuck to the policy along with staff and their own families.

I hope this helps people work out if they should keep children off or not, if you're unsure just ring in or drop us an email to discuss.

Can we also request that you email in to [thurgolandnursery@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thurgolandnursery@yahoo.co.uk) if your child is going to be off so we are able to record your absence correctly.

Keep watching our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Thurgolandchildcare> for all our exciting work and any updates.

Kerry