

Welcome to Armathwaite School Nursery



.....where learning is just as it should be;
exciting, challenging, fun and rewarding!



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Welcome to Armathwaite School Nursery. We look forward to you becoming part of our fantastic, friendly school family. This booklet is intended to help you to know more about what happens at our Nursery. If there is anything you are unsure about please ask.

Nursery Times

The school door opens to everyone at **8.30am** and all children need to be in school for **8.45am** when school starts.

School opens at 8am for children who would like to use our breakfast club, which runs from 8am until 8.30am at a cost of £2 per session, with breakfast provided.

School finishes at 3.30pm. Nursery children are dropped off and collected by the Garden Room entrance.

As well as full day sessions we also offer:

Morning sessions from 8.30am to 12noon

Afternoon sessions from 1pm to 3.30pm

When they arrive at school, children change their outdoor shoes under the covered area before going into the Garden Room. They hang their coat up, wash their hands and then complete their planning boards, deciding what they would like to do in their child-initiated time. Then they start to do their planning. This is a routine we follow every day.

School ends at 3.30pm.

You can use your 15 hours entitlement for our nursery or the 30 hours working parent entitlement. Additional hours can be purchased at a cost of £4 per additional hour. If you need help or support with this call school on 01697472296.

Wrap Around Care

Additionally we offer a range of after school clubs.

These clubs run from 3.30 to 4.30pm. Children can stay for an extra 30 minutes wrap around until 5pm. Hourly nursery costs apply and all breakfast and after school for nursery aged children needs to be booked in advance please so we can ensure staffing ratios are in place.



A Day in Nursery

We follow a routine each day, which includes small group focused time, child-initiated time, when children can use the learning environment, indoors and outdoors to follow their own interests and play. We review our planning time, developing speaking and listening skills. We have shared whole school times and reading or maths buddies each day, when older children in school come to the Garden Room to read, do jigsaws and play maths games with their younger buddies. We have outdoor learning and play time every day. We also enjoy creative activities, story time, daily songs, counting and rhymes. We have regular physical development Activate sessions. We know each of our children is unique and value this. Our aim is to nurture and develop a love of learning in each of our children. We want them to become confident, independent learners.

Our Nursery staff team are Mrs Hepworth, Mrs Wylie and Miss Armstrong.

Playtime

As a school we have made a commitment to provide free milk and fruit each day at morning break for all children. School also provides each child with their own water bottle which they have access to throughout the day, so children do not need to bring a water bottle with them. We encourage children to have a drink at regular intervals. Bottles are thoroughly cleaned each day. We use the school field all year round for playtime. There is plenty of space to run, play and explore! Playtimes are fully supervised by our staff.

Dinner time

Lunch is served in the Garden Room foyer. Nursery children are welcome to stay for lunch. School dinner is offered at a cost of £1.50 per day. Eating lunch with other children at school encourages your child to try new types of food and is really valuable for developing confidence. Alternatively, your child can bring a healthy packed lunch. They do not need a drink as water bottles are provided in school.

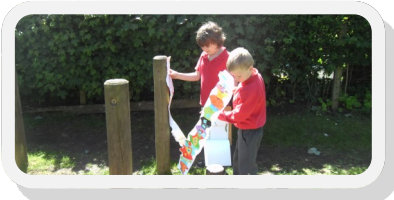
School meals are freshly prepared on site by our school cook, Anne. These include salads and a range of homemade meals. The menus are planned on a 3 weekly cycle by our catering company, Orian. Children are served lunch by our staff in the Garden Room foyer. They then go out for playtime on the field, supervised and supported by our staff. Dinners are ordered through the online Lunch Shop. Please email us if you would like to order lunch for your child.

Lunch break finishes at 1pm and our afternoon session begins.

Please inform school of any foods that are not suitable for your child and let us know of any food other allergies your child has.



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What Your Child Needs

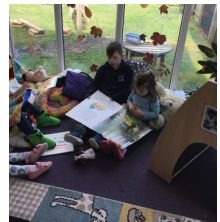
We value the individuality of our children so we don't insist on school uniform. We just ask that children come to school in comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting dirty! Jogging pants and leggings are best as they are easily pulled up and down when going to the toilet. Children need to be warm enough and have waterproofs so it is a good idea to bring a jumper and coat each day. We wear outdoor and indoor shoes. Indoor shoes can be slippers with backs on, plimsolls, trainers, crocs or something similar ~ they need a back on them and a non-slip sole so they are safe to wear in and around school. Changing our shoes means our carpets are clean to play and sit on. Outdoor shoes need to be waterproof. A pair of wellies is the easiest thing to pop on and off easily, so we ask that all our nursery children have a pair of wellies please. This means every puddle can be jumped in!



We also have school sweatshirts, polo shirts and fleece coats available in lots of different colours, and waterproof jackets and trousers. We have pre-loved uniform available through our PTFA at a very low cost/free of charge. If you are interested in any of these, they can be ordered through school. Just email us for an order form if you would like us to order items of uniform or ask to see the pre-loved uniform we have.

To avoid accidents, long hair needs to be tied up please. If you would like to send a spare set of clothes for your child (in a named bag), we will hang these on their peg. **NAMES** ~ please write your child's name in their shoes/wellies and coats etc or use a name tag. This really helps us to keep track of everything for you.

[Working Together](#) We welcome parents and members of the community into our school to help and support learning. If at any time you want to talk to us about your child please let us know. We are available for you when you are dropping off/collecting at the beginning or end of the school day. We know it is very important to work in partnership with our parents and carers with knowledge and information flowing freely both ways. This is how we can give your child the best opportunities to become a really confident and successful learner. Key workers for Nursery children are Mrs Hepworth, Miss Armstrong and Mrs Wylie, who are available to speak to you and share information and advice.



What did you do at Nursery today?

When your child starts nursery their learning is planned from the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. Mrs Hepworth will explain about this, give you advice and activity leaflets and tell you how we plan for child-initiated independent learning. We plan learning carefully to ensure it is purposeful, meaningful and **FUN!** We know that you know your child best and are always keen to hear from you. We know that every child is unique and want to let you know they will be valued for this at Armathwaite School. Any questions? Just ask us if there is anything we have missed telling you about!

Thank you for taking the time to read our booklet. I hope it has been interesting and useful for you. Please let us know if you have any other questions you would like us to answer. We look forward to your family becoming a part of the community of life-long learners at Armathwaite School.

Mrs Hepworth

