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Timothy Hackworth Primary School



Friday 3rd October, 2025

Parent and Carer Update

CRC Article 28 – All children have the right to a good quality education.

CRC Article 19 – All children have the right to be safe.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below some important dates and information for you. If you have any questions, please contact our School Office.

Key Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th October – No After School Clubs or Interventions due to Staff Training

Wednesday 8th October, then every Wednesday after – 9.15 – 11.15 a.m. - HENRY Programme for Parents – Support for Fussy Eating and General School Support – Children's Centre

Wednesday 15th October – Open Afternoon for New Reception Starters September 2026 – 4.00 – 5.30

Thursday 16th October – Y6 SATs and Robinwood Meeting for Y6 Parents – 5.00 – 5.45

Week beginning Monday 20th October – Parents' Meetings with Teachers – From 4.00 p.m. onwards – Booking times to follow

Week beginning Monday 27th October – Half-Term

Monday 3rd November – Return to school after Half-Term

Thursday 6th November - Open Afternoon for New Reception Starters September 2026 – 4.00 – 5.30

Monday 10th November – Phonics Meeting for Reception Parents – 4.00 – Small Building

Friday 14th November – Children in Need Day – Wear Spots!

Thursday 27th November – Y3 Visit to Gala Theatre Durham – Christmas Pantomime

Wednesday 3rd December - No After School Clubs or Interventions due to Staff Training

Friday 5th December – Shildon Christmas Lights Switch-On – Shildon Town Square and Choir Performance – 4.30 p.m. onwards

Further diary dates, including Christmas Performances and Christmas Parties, will follow shortly.



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Our New Wraparound Care Provision

We are delighted to be able to offer wraparound care sessions at our school to support parents and carers who may need extra childcare at the beginning and end of the school day.

These wraparound care sessions are paid sessions. The tax-free childcare scheme is able to be used.

(<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/19919/Tax-free-childcare> or childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Breakfast Club from 7.30 a.m. (7.30 a.m. – 8.40 a.m. - £3 per session)

After School Club:

3.30 – 4.30 p.m. (£4.50 per session)

3.30 – 5.30 p.m. (£9.00 per session)

4.00 – 5.30 p.m. for children who might have attended an after school intervention group at school - (£6.75 per session)

4.30 – 5.30 p.m. - for children who might have attended an after school club - (£4.50 per session)

Parents and carers have the choice to be able to book weekly sessions, or to book individual sessions to support work shifts etc.

Sessions would need to be paid for a week in advance.

Childcare sessions would be able to be booked, in advance. Shorter notice childcare sessions would be able to be booked up until 2.30 p.m. on the day the childcare session is required.

Miss Fitch and Miss Robinson, from our Timothy Hackworth Staff Team, are looking forward to welcoming your child to our After School Club, with lots of exciting activities – and snacks! – on offer.

For more information, and to book places for this week and/or later this term, please contact our School Office who will be happy to help you.

We look forward to seeing you!

Our Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls met Prince Edward at The Locomotion on Friday!

Wow! As part of the Shildon Railway Celebrations, our Heads and Deputies met Prince Edward! What an amazing opportunity! The children were also filmed as part of a recording for BBC Breakfast News!



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Our Timothy Hackworth Plaque

We are delighted to have been presented with a very special Timothy Hackworth plaque as part of the Shildon Railway Celebrations this year. The plaque is on its travels around the children's classrooms before being displayed for all to see.

Parking and Traffic

Please do not park on the yellow lines around school. We are trying our best to make our school as safe as possible for you and your children.

Please remember to cross Byerley Road with Mrs. Simpson, our School Crossing Patrol. Many children are being encouraged, by parents, to cross this very busy main road by themselves, without Mrs. Simpson. Please cross the road with Mrs. Simpson. This can save lives!

Our Rights Respecting School

Our staff and children deserve to be treated with kindness and respect. Unfortunately, we continue to experience incidents where staff are treated very unpleasantly by a minority of parents and carers, often involving swearing and verbal aggression. This can often be in front of children. This behaviour is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Our staff are always keen to help and support. Please remember to be respectful. Thank you for your support.

Collecting Children

So that we can keep your children safe, we politely ask for parents and carers to wait patiently when collecting your child at hometime. Children on the Middle Yard leave their class line one at a time so that they can be dismissed from school safely. Could parents please wait patiently and not encourage children to leave their classroom line before this. We have a duty to keep your child safe; this is part of our safeguarding procedures.

Please ensure that we can see you at hometime; it can be very difficult to see parents waiting on the path near Byerley Road, on the corner of the street, or right at the back of the Middle Yard. Thank you for your support with this.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are currently planning a Coffee Morning in support of the Macmillan charity. This will be held later this term. More information to follow. We do hope that you can join us!



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Parent and Toddler Group – Every Tuesday Morning – Children's Centre

Do come along and join Mrs. Nixon, Catherine from the NHS and other parents for a cuppa and biscuits every Tuesday morning, 9.00 – 11.00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. L. Boulton

Head Teacher

Mrs. S. Simpson-May

Deputy Head Teacher

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