

Comeytrove Under Fives Preschool



Chairperson's Intro

It's great to feel that spring is finally here and we've certainly been busy preparing for the warmer weather. Our outdoor area has been having a spruce up and we have a shiny new shed to store all the outdoor play equipment. The shed is so fab, we've had trouble getting Manager Emma out of it!

You may also have spotted our amazing new sign. Special thanks to Comeytrove Community Hall, Signs Express Taunton and Somerset Maintenance and Property Services for helping us out. Together we have really put preschool on the map!

Summer term is the busiest one of the year at Comeytrove Under Fives and we need all hands on deck to support our jam-packed diary of events. Please read on to find out how you can get involved and, if you think you can help out in any way, do drop us an email and let us know what you can do
committee@comeytroveunderfives.co.uk

Pam Hudd
Chairperson



Be a Friend!

We desperately need more volunteers to become a Friend of Comeytrove Under Fives and support us with occasional activities and events. As a charity, money is always tight, so we really appreciate any support our parents and families can offer. This term we need volunteers to help us out with:

- Graduation mornings
- Sports Day
- Nearly New Sales
- Outdoor painting

If you'd prefer to help from the comfort of your own home, we also need help to prepare activities (cutting & sticking!) and clean toys. The children love taking a box of toys home to play with and we love it when they come back clean and fresh!

If you can spare us just a couple of hours a term and become a Friend of Comeytrove Under Fives, please email admin@comeytroveunderfives.co.uk

New Early Years Practitioner

This term, we welcome Sophie Hayes to the staff team.

Sophie is an experienced Level 3 qualified Early Years Practitioner who will be taking on the role of Key Person for some of our children. Please stop and say hi if you see a new face!



Wednesday Welcome

We were inspired by the recent Channel 4 documentary "Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds", which showed the many benefits of old and young spending time together. Every week, we now offer a group of children the chance to visit local pensioners at their Wednesday Welcome session, in the Walker Room next door. This is proving a great way for young and old to come together and share good times; the feedback from both sides has been wonderful. If you would like to join this experience with your child, please speak to Emma or email

emma@comeytroweunderfives.co.uk

Join the team (part-time occasional or regular hours)

We are looking for staff members to support us in providing flexible childcare during periods of staff sickness or training. As an Early Years Assistant, you don't need any early years qualifications but you do need to love children, be willing to read up on the Early Years Foundation Framework and be available to work varying hours at short notice. For more details, visit www.comeytroweunderfives.co.uk/news

Tell us what you think!

Parent feedback is always welcome, and we'd love it if you could leave us a review of preschool on the Facebook page. We know how important it is to make the right decision about childcare and, as most of our families join us by word of mouth, your views really do help www.facebook.com/ComeytroweUnderFives

Nearly New Sales

Our popular Nearly New Sales will be taking place on Saturday 21st April and Saturday 12th May. These are a great place to buy and sell pre-loved babies and children's items and raise funds for preschool too. Sales run 10am-12noon, adults 50p / kids free. To register as a new seller, email nns@comeytroweunderfives.co.uk for your unique seller number.

Diary Dates

Spring Term

- **21st April:** Nearly New Sale (Clothes & Equipment), 10am-12noon (sellers at 9am)
- **23rd April:** Bags2School Collection. Donate all your old clothes and raise money for preschool.
- **12th May:** Nearly New Sale (Toys, Games & Books), 10am-12noon (sellers at 9am)
- **16th, 18th, 22nd & 23rd May:** Open Mornings for prospective new parents / carers and children, 9:30-11:30am.

Summer Term

- **7th June:** Sports Day - Bishop Henderson School.
- **22nd June:** Summer Trip - Puxton Park (free!). Attendance is optional and during normal preschool hours.
- **12th & 19th July:** Graduation events for children starting school in September.

Further details about all of these events will be on the website and in letters coming home.

