# Oakengates Nursery School

# Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to let you know that we'll be holding a special End of Year Party on Friday 18th July to celebrate a fantastic year at nursery!

The children will enjoy a fun-filled day with games, music, and healthy snacks as we mark the end of the term together.

To help cover the cost of food, we kindly ask for a small donation of £1 per child. We will be shaking a bucket outside nursery on Wednesday and Thursday.

Due to staffing and ratio requirement, we are unable to accommodate children who do not attend on a friday.

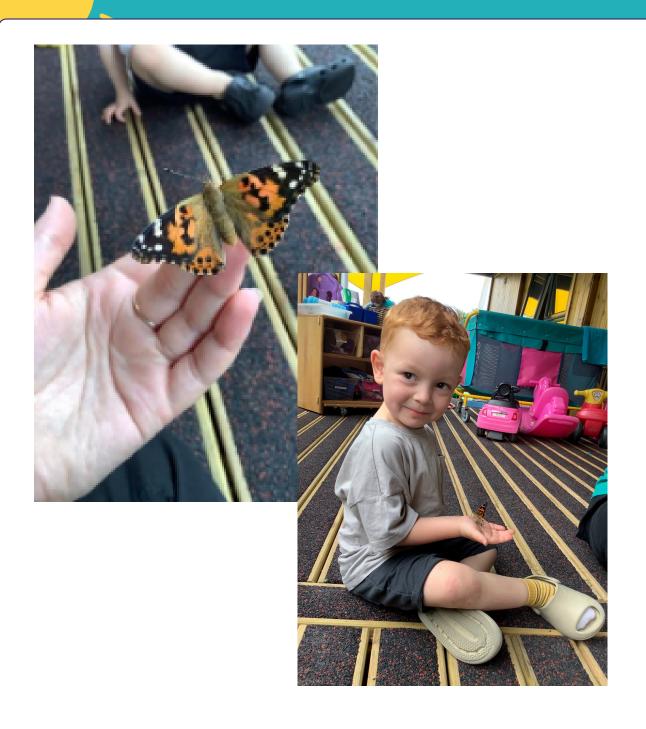
Thank you for your continued support – we're looking forward to a fun-filled celebration with the children!

Kind Regards,

Early Years Lead & SENCo

Hannah Firmstone

## **EXCITING NEWS**



We released our butterflies last week and this week. It was very exciting to see them fly away!

# STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?



Visit BBC CBeebies Parenting for free resources to support skills for starting school.

BBC CBeebies Parenting / Tiny Happy People, a service from BBC Children's & Education, has a wealth of content for families to support the skills children need to start school.

Check out the 'Skills for Starting School' collection page full of free content to share with families, from introducing the potty and toilet independence to language learning.

The website also has <u>activity ideas</u>, <u>tips and advice</u>, <u>child development</u> <u>facts</u>, <u>key talking tips for any age</u> and much more.

To find out more about CBeebies Parenting/Tiny Happy People join one of the free monthly <u>Champions Training sessions</u>. This virtual 45min session explains what's available and how you can use the content with families you work with



### SUMMER WATER SAFETY

#### **Important Information for Parents**

With the warmer weather upon us, it's only natural that children—especially older ones—may be drawn to swim in rivers, lakes, or other open water to cool off and have fun. However, this can be extremely dangerous.

Telford & Wrekin Council's Health Protection Hub has asked us to share important guidance on summer water safety. Open water swimming poses serious risks, including:

Cold water shock
Strong currents

Hidden underwater hazards

Waterborne illnesses, such as Weil's disease

Tragically, 46% of drownings happen during the summer, and this figure rises to 75% for young people aged 13–17. Helping children understand the dangers of swimming in open water is one of the best ways we can keep them safe.

We encourage you to talk with your children about water safety. The Royal Life Saving Society and the Canal & River Trust offer excellent age-appropriate resources to support these conversations:

General Water Safety Advice (all ages): <u>RLSS Water Safety</u>
Information

Early Years & Primary-aged Children: <u>Canal & River Trust Safety</u>

<u>Tips</u>

Let's work together to keep our children safe this summer.

### SUN PROTECTION ADVICE

Children's skin is much more sensitive than adult skin, and damage caused by repeated exposure to sunlight could lead to skin cancer developing in later life.

The NHS recommend that children should:

Cover up with suitable clothing (shoulders and neck covered)

Apply sunscreen to areas not protected by clothing, such as the face, ears, feet and backs of hands.

Wear at least SPF30 sunscreen (we recommend SPF 50)

Our policy at nursery is that children must wear suncream and wear a hat to keep them safe in the hot and sunny weather.

PLEASE PROVIDE A NAMED HAT FOR YOUR CHILD.

If your child attends a morning or afternoon session only,

If your child is at nursery all day please apply suncream before they arrive and provide a named bottle of suncream so that we can reapply after lunch.

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# KEY DATES



Date	Event
Friday 18th July	End Of Term
Monday 21st July	PD Day
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	PD Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Start of the Autumn Term



#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Click on the image to access our facebook page



## Your Child's Learning

Don't forget to check out our website to find out about all the exciting things the children have been learning about this week:





# Admin Office Opening Hours

The office operates from Monday to Thursday, with opening hours from 7:30 AM to 3:45 PM.

On Fridays, the office closes earlier, at 1:00 PM.

Should you need assistance or have any inquiries outside of these hours, you can call the out-of-hours phone on **07340 751171**.

This ensures that support or urgent matters can be attended to even when the office is closed.







Please see below for an exciting update from the Telford Children's Autism Hub!



#### Telford Children's Autism Hub

We are thrilled to announce that we have received extra funding, allowing the Hub to extend its services.

We are now able to provide valuable information, advice, and support to families who are at the <u>pre-diagnosis stage</u> and are on the pathway awaiting an Autism assessment.

Our Children's Autism Hub is open to all children and young people aged 0-18 years and their families, who have a diagnosis of Autism or are on the pre-diagnosis pathway for Autism. To access our Children's Autism Hub you need to be a resident of Telford and Wrekin.

For more information, please go to our website : <u>About Children's Autism Hub | Telford Autism Hub</u>

Read more on our pre-diagnosis offer

SEND Newsletter Information - Feb/Mar



Follow the link below to access more information and the SEND family newsletter:

**SEND Family Newsletter March 2025 - SEND - Local offer** 







to create a better borough





To find out more about the support Telford & Wrekin Council can offer you please visit our website









## Check out the Better Health, Healthier families website!



This useful website has food facts, recipes, activities and information of children's weight.

#### HTTPS://WWW.NHS.UK/HEALTHIER-FAMILIES/



#### Telford Public Health Nursing Service Healthy you, Healthy Future

Telephone Number 0333 358 3328

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School nurse 07520 619 051
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Open 9am-4.30pm
excluding bank holidays



Parents Opening Doors

'Together we can make a difference'
https://www.podstelford.org/



#### Right help at the right time

Did you know that 'The Oak Family Hub' is located at The Wakes and offers free help and support to residents who are navigating their way through parenting?







# Are you or your partner expecting a baby or have a child under two?

You can access support, information and guidance from our team !

We can help with a wide range of topics such as:

- Finances
- Childcare
- Emotional Wellbeing
- Activities and Support
- Social Isolation
- Relationships
- Mental Health . Confidence building

For more information from the Social Prescribing Team please call 07434 869248 or email perinatal@telford-mind.co.uk



