



# Newsletter 15 September 2023

## Oakengates Nursery School

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Our newsletter is the best way to find out about everything that is happening in nursery, including details of our learning plans for the following week. It is posted every Friday on the home page of our website [www.oakengatesnurseryschool.co.uk](http://www.oakengatesnurseryschool.co.uk)



### Is your child due to start reception in September 2024?

Please see page 3 for information on how to apply for a school place.



### Admin Hours

Please reminded that the nursery admin office now operates **term time only**  
Monday-Thursday 7.30-3.45pm  
Friday 7.30-1pm

**If you need to contact the nursery in an emergency out of these admin hours, please call the contact number below**

**07340 751 171**

If you have any queries over the holiday periods, please leave a voicemail on 01952 387 910 or alternatively email [oakengates.admin@taw.org.uk](mailto:oakengates.admin@taw.org.uk)



### Autumn 2023

#### First half term

Tuesday 5th September – Friday 27th October

#### Half Term Holiday

Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November

#### Second half term

Monday 6th November – Friday 22nd December

Please go to our website to access all term dates for the academic year 2023-2024

<https://www.oakengatesnurseryschool.co.uk/media/46119/term-dates-2023-2024.pdf>



### Snack Donations



Just a reminder that a snack donation of £1 per week is requested from **all our preschool** children and **funded toddlers**.

Your contribution helps us to ensure that the children have access to healthy options at snack time each day.

**Your child's key person will be collecting snack donations at the start of each session.**

Thank you



### **Your Health Visiting Team School Readiness Drop-in session.**

On 28<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45am and 12.30pm a School Readiness staff member from the health visiting team will be available in the preschool room to give advice, support, and signpost to resources on **toileting, behaviour, sleep, fussy eating and dental health**.

By identifying development concerns early, support, targeted interventions and early referrals can be put in place to and ensure your child is equipped and ready for school.

Remember you can also contact the health visiting team **0333 358 3328**

Our theme in nursery this term is called:

# Let's Celebrate Me



## Baby room

The children have been learning to form bonds with their friends and their key person over the last two weeks. We have talked about home and our families and will continue to do so over the next week. We would like for all parents if they haven't already done so, to share some photographs with us of family members, your child's favourite toy, book, tv programme and a favourite time such as a celebration or day out. You are more than welcome to email the photographs to admin or add to parents zone and we will print them out for you.

The children will be exploring how wet and dry and feels and can we build and mould it with our hands and containers. Let's investigate water. We will look at warm and cold water, coloured water and filling and emptying containers.

The children will be continuing to explore the mirrors by looking at their faces and explore our bodies by singing head, shoulders, knees and toes and I've got a body.

We will learn about emotions by adults modelling happy and sad faces, and playing peek and boo.

Can we explore natural objects to learn how to build. We will be investigating bark, sticks, wooden reels and logs. Let's move our bodies to music with scarves and learning how to move our arms and stamping our feet as we dance. Can we clap, and wave our hands?

## Toddler Room

This week in the Toddler room we will be celebrating "World Nursery Rhyme Week". We will be singing lots of our favourite songs and having fun taking part in activities around each song.

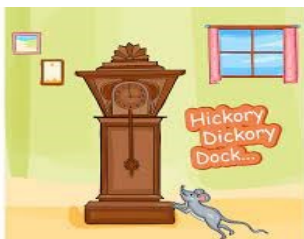
In the art studio we will be exploring colour creating our own rainbows as we sing the rainbow song. We will also be creating some twinkle little stars exploring shiny materials.

On the finger gym we will be helping the mouse move around the clocks threading with the laces.

In the construction area we will be building houses to the "Here is a house" song.

On the playdough table we will be making some 'Insey Wincy Spider'.

Our nursery rhyme of the week is "Hickory Dickory Dock"



## Preschool

Next week in pre-school we will be celebrating "World Nursery Rhyme Week".

We will be singing a different nursery rhyme every day: Jack and Jill, Hickory Dickory Dock, Head, Shoulders, Knees and toes, Row, Row, Row Your Boat and the Wheels On The Bus.



In the art studio we will be exploring texture with finger and toe painting, in the playdough we will be building clocks to decide when the mouse will run down, and outside in the water we will be exploring boats and other items that can float on the water.

## Rhyme of the week

Click on the image below to access the medley of nursery rhymes on the BBC website.





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## Starting school?

Closing date for applications:

**15 January 2024**

If your child has an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) the closing date is **31 October 2023**.

**[www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions)**

- You must apply if your child was born between 1 September 2019 – 31 August 2020.
- You must apply even if your child is attending a nursery or pre-school on a school site or you have a child already attending the school.
- Attending a nursery does **not** guarantee a school place.
- School places are allocated in line with oversubscription criteria.
- See website for more information **[www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions)** or contact School Admissions at **[admissions@telford.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@telford.gov.uk)**



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Dear Parent or Guardian

**How to apply for a place in Year 3 in September 2024 (Infant to Junior transfer)**

As your child is attending an infant school, you will need to apply for a junior school place in Year 3 for September 2024.

To apply for a junior school place you must apply online at **[www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions)**. The closing date for all applications is **15 January 2024 or 31 October 2023 for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan**.

If you do not have access to a computer, you can go to your local library and use their computer facilities.

You can find out more information on **[www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions)** where you will be able to find our information booklet and mini guide. Alternatively, please contact School Admissions at **[admissions@telford.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@telford.gov.uk)**

Yours faithfully

**TELFORD & WREKIN SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TEAM**

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