



Newsletter 29 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



Is your child due to start reception in September 2024?

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

Nursery Induction Questionnaire.



Please spend a few minutes completing our online questionnaire, we really appreciate and value your feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/e/KZhKAFXRNT>

Thank you in advance.



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

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 18 th October	Photographer – <i>details to follow</i>
Tuesday 24 th October	Harvest Festival— <i>Rev Lisa visiting the children at nursery</i>
Friday 27 th October	Bright & Bold day – <i>Come dressed in bright and bold colours donations towards Christmas presents from Santa</i>
W/C 6 th November	Diwali Activity Week
Monday 13 th November	Odd Sock day. Click here to find out more.
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need – <i>Come dressed in yellow and spots</i>
W/C 20 th November	Stay and Play – <i>details to follow</i>
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Nativity— <i>morning and afternoon performances</i>
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Nativity — <i>morning and afternoon performances</i>
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas dinner – <i>for children who attend this day only</i>
Friday 22 nd December	Christmas Party – <i>end of term.</i>

Our theme in nursery this term is called:

Let's Celebrate Me

Baby Room

The children will be exploring natural objects in the small world area to create and build farms. The children will learn animal names and the sounds that they make.

We will be sharing the story book 'Peek a Boo.' We will make different facial expressions and talk about our feelings by looking at our faces in the mirrors.

We will be singing the song 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' learning parts of our body and using the object reference bags to sing '5 Little Ducks' and 'Insey Winsey Spider'.

The children will be exploring different types of tools to make marks on the chalk board and large paper and the younger babies will be using their fingers and hands to make marks in flour and in sensory bags.

As we will be beginning to learn about families, cultures and celebrations over the next few weeks, we would really appreciate it if you could send photos in to us through [parentzone](#) to share in nursery. Photos could include special times, celebrations, days out, holidays. Thank you



Toddler Room

Next week in toddlers the children will be making cakes and biscuits for the Three Bears out of playdough. *Can they make one cake for Daddy Bear?*

In the art studio the children will be exploring different textures to make teddy bears. Outside, the children will be practising their balance by crawling and walking carefully along benches and balance beams.

Our rhyme of the week is
'Five little monkeys jumping on a bed'.

Preschool Room



Next week in pre-school we will be making teddy bear faces out of playdough and loose parts.

In the maths area we will be using our reasoning skills when counting out bears.
"Prove to me that there are 4 bears in the box."

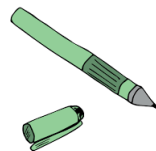
In the art studio we will be using different shapes to make teddy bear faces.

Our rhyme of the week is
Wind the Bobbin Up'.

Children belongings

Please could we ask that all children's clothing is named.

Thank you



Rhyme of the week

Click on the image below to access the rhymes of the week.



**Five little monkeys
jumping on the bed**

Harvest Festival

We will be collecting for our Harvest festival from
Monday 2 October.



If you would like to contribute to our Harvest collection please bring dry food or tins to nursery which will be donated to a local food bank.

Other Useful Information






SEND Support & Play For Early Years Families

Our group supports parents and carers within Telford & Wrekin, whose child has special educational needs and/or a disability, including parents whose children have a diagnosis of Autism

Come and join us for our fortnightly group!

1st Monday of the month, 9:15am to 10:45am @ our Family Zone, Hazledine House.

3rd Monday of the month, 9:15am to 10:15am @Dobbies Soft Play, Donnington (booking essential to secure your free play)

Term time only & excluding Bank Holidays

Telford SENDIASS and Telford Childrens Autism Hub 4EYF offers you:


- A safe play area for children where parents can relax and have a chat.
- Guest speakers form relevant organisations to talk the support they can provide.
- A non-judgmental environment for the children to play, socialise and be themselves.
- An understanding environment filled with support, friendship & advice.



To register for our Early Years SEND Support group please call 01952 260062 or email childrensautism@tandwcv.org.uk

A project of Telford & Wrekin CVS
Suite 12 to 15 Hazledine House, Central Square
Telford Centre, Telford, TF3 4JL

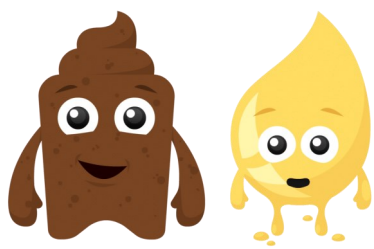




The Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity

ERIC – the children's bowel and bladder charity are hosting online parent/carers workshops over the next month via webinars.

Click [here](#) or on the image below to access the website to signup



Some topics include:

- ♦ How to tackle potty and toilet avoidance
- ♦ How to help your child relax for toilet sits
- ♦ How to go about toilet training when your child has additional needs
- ♦ How to manage your child's bedwetting

Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Dental Advice Line

Do you have an urgent dental problem or need dental advice?



Are you looking for an NHS dentist for routine care?

Monday to Friday
0800-2100

01743 237916



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Developed by the Healthy Smile Team, Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust.



Telford & Wrekin
Council

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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

- 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** or contact School Admissions at **admissions@telford.gov.uk**

