



# Newsletter 06 October 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)



### 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>



### Cauliflower Cards

Artwork will be sent out to parents week beginning 16th October.

All orders will need to be returned by Monday 6th November to ensure delivery in time for Christmas.

## World Mental Health Day Tuesday 10 October 2023



World Mental Health Day aims to spread awareness about mental health and the importance of looking after it! The day is a chance for everybody to talk about mental health and emphasise how important it is to reach out if you're struggling.

### Kindness and Mental Health

Kindness doesn't just help other people, but it also improves our own physical and mental health. Whether we're giving kindness, receiving kindness or even just witnessing kindness, it can have a great effect on us! Kindness can also improve relationships. So, when we're kind to each other, we feel a connection that strengthens our relationships and helps us to create new ones. How great is that!

There are many other scientific benefits of kindness. In school we teach the children about the effects of kindness and how it empowers them to take charge of their own well-being.

## Diary Dates

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

Our theme in nursery this term is called:

## Let's Celebrate Me



### Baby Room

Our focus story for the week will be celebrating babies.



This week, we will be finding out about, special times such as harvest, autumnal days out and different ways we celebrate within our unique and special families. We would like to ask all parents if they could send a photograph through Parent zone of a special time celebrating with your family. These photos will go on the baby room **I am proud board** for the babies to notice and explore and for our babies to feel they are represented and a special sense of self.

Baby room will be exploring rainbow play plough and learning how to mould and roll the playdough between their hands and fingers. We will be using sparkly bangles to make marks and shapes inside the playdough as we explore tools.

We will be learning to move our bodies using scarves and listening to a range of types of music, this month we will be focussing on music linked to '**Saluting our sisters for black history month**' and moving to some classic hits.

The babies will be learning about colour and marks by using chalks and moving jelly around in tray.

We will be using our senses by investigating new interesting object in our treasure baskets with glittery pipe cleaners, wonderful, patterned scarves, and bangles

### Toddler Room

This week in the Toddler room we will be celebrating black history month, the theme this year is celebrating our sisters. Toddler room will focus on one inspirational female role model each week. Our role model this week is **Mary Seacole**. On the finger gym we will be investigating filling and emptying containers creating our own pretend medicines.

On the art studio we will be sharing the story "its ok to be different" and looking at ourselves in mirrors to create drawings of our faces. I wonder where the eyes go?

On the playdough table we will also be exploring creating our faces with the playdough, using loose parts for the features.

I wonder which we could use for the nose?

Our song of the week "I've got a body a very busy body"

### Preschool Room

This week in pre-school we are starting a new theme 'Lets Celebrate Me'

We will also be celebrating black history month by building rockets in the construction, learning about **Mae Jemison** and collaging in the sunshine room, emulating **Alma Woodsey Thomas**

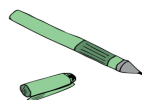
Our rhyme of the week is  
'I've Got a Body'



### Children's belongings

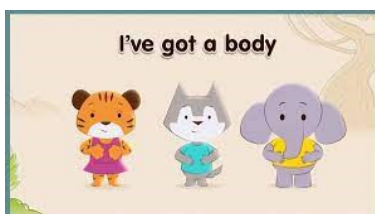
Please could we ask that all children's clothing is named.

Thank you



### Rhyme of the week

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



### 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@tandwcvcs.org.uk](mailto:childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk)

A project of Telford & Wrekin CVS  
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Telford Centre, Telford, TF3 4JL

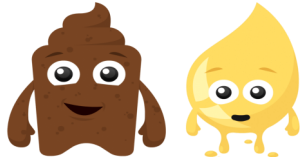




The Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity

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**



Shropshire Community Health 

**Telford Public Health Nursing Service**




**Healthy you, Healthy Future**

**Telephone Number 0333 358 3328**

**Text 07520 619 053**

**School nurse 07520 619 051**

**Follow on twitter**  
@ShropPHNurse **Open 9am-4.30pm**  
excluding bank holidays





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# Apply online NOW



## 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)**

