



Newsletter 8th December 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

The Nativity—Coming Soon!

The children will be busy learning new songs for this year's performance and taking part in rehearsals ready for our nativity on 18th & 19th December!

Don't forget to book your tickets by returning your slip to the nursery office.

Photos and Videos at the Nativity

We know as proud parents you will want to take photos/videos of your child performing in the nativity. However, please note a number of parents have not consented to photos being taken of their children in nursery and some children in nursery are in care. Therefore, the taking of photos/videos does cause some safeguarding concerns. Please can we ask that if you do take photos/video please try and only take images of your child where possible and do not post any images on your social media pages. Thank you in advance.

Is your child starting Preschool in January?

Are you eligible for 30 hours funding? Go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Apply now, if you want 30 hours **free** childcare from January
childcarechoices.gov.uk



Do you already have a preschool child with 30 hours funding?

Don't forget confirm you have to confirm your details are up to date every 3 months.

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>

Online applications for school admissions September 2024 close on 15th January 2024.

Please could you let us know which school you have applied for by filling in the simple survey below.



<https://forms.office.com/e/SAiPNWp04B>

This information will help us to prepare for a smooth transition to school.

If you have not yet applied for a school place please click on the link to access Telford and Wrekin's School Admissions Page.

https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20026/school_admissions

Autumn 2023

Second half term

Monday 6th November — Friday 22nd December

Christmas Holiday

Monday 25th December to Friday 5th January

PD day Monday 8th January

Spring 2024

Tuesday 9th January to Friday 22nd March

Half Term

Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

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>

NURSERY CLOSURE

Nursery will be closed to **all** children for Christmas and New Year on the following dates

Monday 25th December 2023

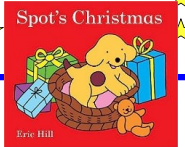
to

Monday 1st January 2024



Our theme in nursery this term is called:

Let's Celebrate Autumn



Baby Room

This week we will be exploring green and red peppermint rice in the creative area.
Let's explore our sense of touch and smell.

All children will be getting messy with glitter, glue, sequins and paint to create Christmas cards and Christmas keepsakes. We will be observing how coloured ice turns into paint as we mark make on large paper.

Our focus book will be 'Spot's Christmas'.

I wonder what Christmas looks like in your home?

The role play area will be set up for children to explore family traditions, types of food we eat and games we play.

Toddler Room

This week in the Toddler room we will be getting all festive preparing for Christmas. We will be making gingerbread men out of cinnamon scented playdough and on the mark making table we will be developing our fine motor skills creating zig zags, vertical lines and circles for the Christmas shopping lists.

On the finger gym we will be decorating snowmen using pom poms and sparkly pipe cleaners.

In the small world area, we will have our own polar express using our trains and train track.

In the art studio we will be looking at the famous artist Hendrick Avercamp, and creating our own winter scenes.

Our nursery rhyme of the week is "Christmas Pudding".



Preschool Room

This week in pre-school we will be starting our final theme of 2023 – 'Let's Celebrate Christmas'. We will be looking at patterns in wrapping paper and using shapes and paint to recreate our own wrapping paper and exploring stars and snowflakes in the playdough.

The role play area house will be decorated for Christmas and we will be exploring the nativity story in the small world area.

Our rhymes of the week are 'Christmas Pudding' and 'Five Little Reindeers'.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2023

Monday 18th December and Tuesday 19th December

The Nativity performance
10.00am & 1.30pm



Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Dinner—for those who attend on a Wednesday.

Friday 22nd December

Christmas Party.

Songs of the Week.

Click on the Christmas bells to access Cbeebies [Christmas](#) songs.



Holy Trinity Church Oakengates needs you



WANTED! Actors aged 0+ to be
a part of the Nativity

Sunday 17th December 2023
starting at 3:00pm

Discover the joy of the Real
Christmas by being a part of
the Nativity story

Come along dressed as a
character and join in the
beautiful retelling of the birth
of Jesus Christ.

Characters: Mary, Joseph, the
wee donkey, shepherds,
angels, wise people/kings and
animals of all kinds!



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

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



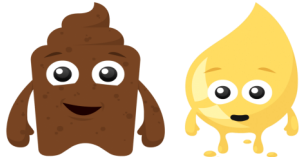
See the last page for dates of SEND support and play sessions.



The Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity

ERIC – the children's bowel and bladder charity are hosting online parent/carer 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



Telford Children's Autism Hub



SEND Support & Play For Early Years Families

9:15am to
10:45am

Monday 4th September

SEND Support & Play @ Hazledine House

9:15am to
10:15am

Monday 18th September

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

9:15am to
10:45am

Monday 2nd October

SEND Support & Play @ Hazledine House

9:15am to
10:15am

Monday 16th October

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

9:15am to
10:45am

Monday 6th November

SEND Support & Play @ Hazledine House
Guest advisor - Practitioner from the Healthy Child
Programme 0-19

9:15am to
10:15am

Monday 20th November

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

9:15am to
10:45am

Monday 4th December

SEND Support & Play @ Hazledine House
Guest advisor - Anna Lewis Early Years
SENCO @ Short Wood primary school

9:15am to
10:15am

Monday 15th January

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

9:15am to
10:45am

Monday 5th February

SEND Support & Play @ Hazledine House



9:15am to
10:15am

Monday 19th February

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

9:15am to
10:45am

Monday 4th March

SEND Support & Play @ Hazledine House

9:15am to
10:15am

Monday 18th March

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

9:15am to
10:15am

Monday 15th April

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

9:15am to
10:15am

Monday 20th May

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

9:15am to
10:45am

Monday 3rd June

SEND Support & Play @ Hazledine House

9:15am to
10:15am

Monday 17th June

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

9:15am to
10:45am

Monday 1st July

SEND Support & Play @ Hazledine House

9:15am to
10:15am

Monday 15th July

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

If you would like to attend any of these sessions please contact us on 01952 262062 or email us on childrensautism@tandwcvs.org.uk

