



# Newsletter 15th 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](http://www.oakengatesnurseryschool.co.uk)

### The Nativity—Coming Soon!

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

### 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.

### Good Luck Steph—We will miss you!

We have a farewell to say to Steph as she will be leaving nursery for exciting pastures new next Friday.

We are sure you would like to join us wishing Steph every success in her future career.



### 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](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

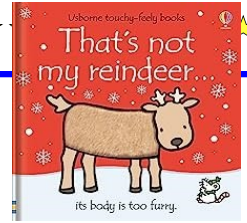


Our theme in nursery this term is called:

## Let's Celebrate Autumn



### Baby Room



Our focus book will be '*That's not my Reindeer*'

We will be feeling new textures of materials. The children will continue to explore with their fingers and hands by feeling candy cane slurpy (adding red paint and glitter to cornflour)  
We will be exploring the outdoor area and signs of winter by investigating the cold weather, ice and icy puddles and how to place hats on our heads.

We will be climbing in and out of boxes and exploring the big and little presents that Santa has left under the Christmas tree.

#### Extra information

All children will be joining in the festivities of Christmas jumper day on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and will enjoy the taste of Christmas dinner.

This is available for children who attend a Wednesday session.

### Toddler Room

Next week in the Toddler room we will be continuing to celebrate Christmas. We will be sharing the interactive story "Dear Santa", and naming the items Father Christmas has wrapped up. The story is linked to our pop-up play Christmas post office. Where the children will be sorting out the presents by size and delivering them to the home corner.

The children will also be mark making on envelopes and Christmas lists then posting them into our toddler room post box.

On the playdough table we will be using cinnamon scented playdough to create Christmas trees and stars.

On the finger gym we will be using pipe cleaners and pom poms to decorate the Christmas trees.

Our song of the week is "*Jingle bells*".



### Preschool Room

Next week in pre-school we will be performing our nativity. We are very excited to share this with you and have been working really hard, practising our songs and dances.

In the sunshine room we will be printing to make our own wrapping paper, and in the playdough area we will be making snowmen, using our dough disco skills.

In the finger gym the children will be putting baubles on a tree and in the maths area we will be comparing the weight of presents. *Which parcel is the heaviest?*



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

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



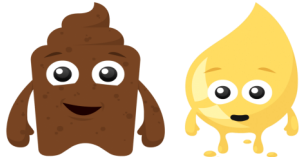
**See the last page for dates of SEND support and play sessions.**



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

