



# Newsletter

22 April 2024

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### Reception School Starters September 2024

**National School Offer Day was on Tuesday 16 April.**

Please could we ask you spend a couple of minutes completing the quick MS form by clicking on the link below, to inform us which school you have accepted so we can begin preparing for transition.

<https://forms.office.com/e/1uy5j30LZA>

**Thank you**



Date	Event
9 April	Start of the summer term for the children.
6 May	May Day <i>Nursery is closed to all children</i>
27 May	Spring Bank Holiday <i>Nursery is closed to all children</i>
27 May to 31 May	Half term <i>Nursery will also be closed to <b>all</b> children who attend <b>Term Time</b></i>
3 June	Professional Development Day <i>(Holiday Club only)</i>
17-24 June	National School Sports Week
21 June	Fun Sports Day



Please click [here](#) to access our nursery website term dates page.



**24 April 2024 is 'Beep, Beep!' day.**

This is a national initiative that aims to engage children with road safety basics through fun activities.

There are 3 important topics that Beep Beep day is based around:

1. Holding hands with a grown up when walking near roads.
2. Crossing roads at safe places with a grown up.
3. Using a child seat when travelling by car.

Click on the link to find out more:

<https://youtu.be/0cV6V7SNgVw>

Scroll down to page 5 to find out top tips on how to keep under 5s safe online.



Are you eligible for 30 hours funding? Go to:

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

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

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

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

**Next term our theme in nursery is called:**

# Let's Investigate!



## Toddler Room

This week in the Toddler room we will be continuing to explore and celebrate the natural world and small precious things. We will be sharing the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" encouraging the children to join in with the actions and repeated phrases to the story.

We will then also be going on a sensory walk in our garden area, using language from the story. The children will be bare foot walking through natural resources such as soil, grass, water to recreate parts from the story.

On the playdough table we will be creating bumble bees to celebrate how precious they are. In the art studio we will be using our fingers in the paint to create snail trails.

Our song of the week is "Here is the beehive".



## Preschool

This week in pre-school we will be celebrating 'Beep, Beep Day' by teaching the children how to cross the road safely.

We will be looking for tiny perfect things in the garden and making flowers in the play dough.

We will be using poster paint to recreate the painting 'Flowers' by Andy Warhol. The children have been enjoying investigating plants with magnifying glasses so this week we will also be drawing what we see.

Our rhyme of the week is 'Parts of a plant'.



## Baby Room

**Our focus story will be 'My First Spring.'**

**This week in the Baby room our theme 'Lets investigate Spring'. We will be learning about objects linked to spring,** such as flowers, grass and natural objects we find outdoors.

Babies will play with our sensory hoop made by staff to linked to the learning within the room.

**Our messy play this week will be exploring** sensory soup with flowers and herbs for babies to smell taste and feel.

**Finger painting** – will be carried out on large spaces as paper.

**Outside we will be exploring** the nursery garden and natural objects in the mud kitchen , linked to our nursery rhyme babies will collect edible flowers to add to their play along with bells and shells.

**Our nursery rhyme of the week 'Mary, Mary Quite Contrary.'**



## Nursery Rhyme of the week

*Mary, Mary Quite Contrary.*

Click on the image below to access the song.



# Other Useful Information



## Talking about Preparing for School - parent / carer event

24th April 2024 • 19.00 - 20.30 • via Zoom

Eric, The children's bowel and Bladder charity Family Services Team, is hosting a webinar for parents and carers to support children to be ready for school.

This webinar will guide you through top tips to help your child get ready for school, including how to spot and treat constipation and the importance of doing this before your child starts school; implementing a toileting routine; what to do if your child holds their wee or poo in (withholding), and how to manage if your child isn't toilet trained yet.

One of their expert advisors, Sam, will talk about her own experience of supporting her child when he started school, to ensure his toileting needs were met.

### 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

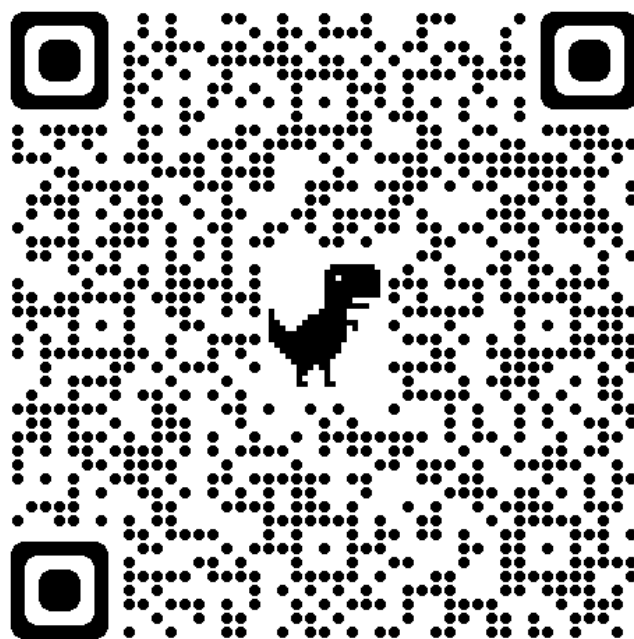
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@ShropPHNurse **Open 9am-4.30pm**  
excluding bank holidays

# Do you know what to expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage?



Use the QR code below to access a guide for parents



# ONLINE SAFETY FOR UNDER 5s

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers

According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 50% using messaging platforms. As becoming familiar with technology is generally encouraged in younger children – and has been essential for education during the pandemic – it is crucial that trusted adults recognise both the benefits and the risks of infants and toddlers using digital devices. We've compiled our top tips to help the under-5s start their online safety journey.

### 1 USE DEVICES TOGETHER

This lets you monitor and control what your child is using the device for. It also provides the interaction that supports children's understanding of what they're seeing – allowing them to ask you questions, and so on.

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### 6 BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

If your child uses a device that's linked to a payment method (such as a bank card), use the parental controls to block buys from app stores, as well as in-app purchases. That will prevent your child from accidentally spending money while on your device.

### 2 ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most digital devices have built-in parental controls that can limit the type of content children have access to. If your little one uses any device (even borrowing yours), it's a good idea to explore what controls the device has and enable them whenever they have access to it.

### 7 CHOOSE SAFE APPS AND SITES

There are some fantastic apps and platforms that are specifically designed to be safer for children. Always check the PEGI age rating before downloading an app, and test it yourself before allowing your child to use it.

### 3 MANAGE SCREEN TIME

This can be tricky, especially if your child is interested in a certain video, app or game. Try to agree on some ground rules and get your child into a routine which includes certain times of the day when they go without devices.

### 8 INVOLVE THE FAMILY

If your toddler has older siblings, it's likely that *their* rules for device use will be different – and that they'll access content that isn't appropriate for younger ones (a particular worry if they share devices). Encourage the whole family to be good role models and help little ones stay safe online.

### 4 TALK ABOUT BEING SAFE ONLINE

Just like we teach children about being safe in the real world, we need to educate them about how to stay safe online. Use age-appropriate language to help them understand, and plenty of hand gestures can reinforce what you're telling them.

### 9 IF IN DOUBT, ASK

The easiest way to find out what your child is doing online is usually just to talk about it with them. Developing an open dialogue at an early age helps them grow up feeling able to talk to you about their digital life – providing opportunities to intervene if you're concerned.

### 5 SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Children often learn by watching and copying those around them, and using digital devices is no exception. When you're around your child, try to follow the same rules that you've set for them. Let them see you balancing your time online with interacting with people in real life, too.

### 10 SUPPORT CREATIVE & ACTIVE PLAY

Physical and creative activities are important for a child's wellbeing, and there are plenty of ways to incorporate technology into that. For example, you could encourage games that require physical movement; dance and sing along to songs your child loves; and follow step-by-step crafting videos.

### Meet Our Expert

Konstantina Moustaka is a professional development and EYFS coordinator at an 'outstanding' nursery school in London. She has been working as a nursery and early years practitioner, both in the UK and internationally, for the past 16 years.



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# Speaking English: Essential for everyday life in UK

**Start Date: Thursday 6th June 2024**

**End Date: Thursday 11th July 2024**

**Time: 9:30 - 11:30am**

**Duration: 6 weeks**

**Location: The Wakes, Oakengates, TF2 6EP**

This FREE course is for adults who already speak some English as a second language. During this course, you will improve your confidence in speaking in English and this will help with day to day situations involving numbers, for example shopping and paying with British money and talking about bills, banks and statements.

This course provides an opportunity to help you progress onto an ESOL course that offers a qualification

**Eligibility: Adults aged 19+.**



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