



NEWSLETTER

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We are so proud of the children we hope you are too!

Let's celebrate!

Here are the amazing children who have gone the 'extra mile' this week to meet our school expectations.

Our expectations are:

- 1) We are kind to one another
- 2) We work hard together
- 3) We are honest with each other

To celebrate their achievements the children have had the opportunity to wear one of our special T shirts for the day. This is what each T shirt says:

- 1) It's Cool To Be Kind
- 2) I worked Wonders
- 3) I did the right thing



Celebrating Success



This week the 'Best Attendance Cup' goes to **Swallows** with **97.70%** attendance. Well done and thank you to parents for ensuring your child attends school everyday!

Wrens	96.55%
Chicks 1	96.46%
Chicks 2	96.30%
Robins	95.06%
Swifts	91.85%

Christmas Raffle

Raising funds for school is crucial so that we can subsidise our Year 2 visit to The Place theatre in Oakengates and Christmas Parties for the children. We are holding a Christmas Raffle with a selection of prizes. Tickets will be on sale during the Christmas Nativity performances.

The winners will be drawn Monday 18 December 2023 at 3:00pm near the school hall doors to the playground.

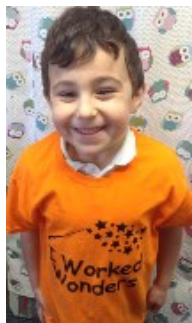


Farwell, we will miss you!

On Friday 7 December Mrs Cooksey will be leaving us for pastures new. She has made such a valuable contribution to the children, staff and parents of our school. We know she will continue to be a shining light, bringing joy and laughter to the adults and young people she will meet in her new role. Please join me to wish Mrs Cooksey luck and happiness in the future.



Last weeks superstars!
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Christmas 2023

Christmas Performances

Our Christmas nativities will begin week commencing 11 December 2023. The children in Early Years Foundation Stage (nursery and reception) will be performing 'A Wiggly Nativity'. The children in Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) will be performing 'A Midwife Crisis'.

Christmas Celebrations 2023

 The Nest, Chicks 1 & Chicks 2 (Early Years Foundation)	Dress rehearsal YOUNGER SIBLINGS WELCOME Monday 11 December at 10.00am
	Performance ADULTS ONLY Tuesday 12 December at 10:00am
Robins, Wrens, Swallows & Swifts (KS1—Year 1 and Year 2)	Dress rehearsal YOUNGER SIBLINGS WELCOME Wednesday 13 December at 10.00am
	Performance ADULTS ONLY Thursday 14 December at 10.00am
	Performance ADULTS ONLY Thursday 14 December at 2:00pm



Letters have been sent home. Tickets are limited to **two per family** unless you have children in both the Early Year Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible to secure your tickets.

As a school we welcome toddlers to join in most of our activities. We know how important it is that young children get used to the school environment. **However for the Christmas performance we ask you to make alternative childcare arrangements.** If you are unable to arrange childcare you are invited to book tickets for the dress rehearsal. **Older school age siblings are not allowed to attend either performance.**



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 school and some of the children in school are currently in care.

Therefore the taking of photos/videos does cause the school some safeguarding concerns.

Please can we therefore ask that if you do take photos/videos please try and only take images of your children where possible and do not post any images on your social media pages. Thank you.

Christmas Lunch

On **Wednesday 20 December** all of the children in school will have the opportunity to enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch.

All children in school are entitled to a free meal each day so there is no cost.

Main Course

Roast Turkey with chipolatas served with stuffing and a rich gravy with seasonal vegetables; sprouts, parsnips, baton carrots and peas

Roast potatoes and creamy mash.

The vegetarian option will be festive parcels.

Dessert

Christmas biscuits



Christmas Dates

- **Y2 Pantomime**— On Tuesday the 13 December our Y2 children will be visiting Telford Theatre in Oakengates to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
- **Christmas Jumper Day** - We are supporting **Save The Children** charity for Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 20 December. Please wear your Christmas Jumper in exchange for a small donation.
- **Carols Around the Tree** - Please join us at Holy Trinity Church for Carols Around the Tree on Tuesday 19 December at 9.15am to celebrate Christmas. There are limited spaces. When you receive your letter please return your slip as soon as possible.

Our Learning this week

Reception



This week in the reception classes the children have been learning how to mixing two colours together to make a new colour. The children talked about the colour and shade they had made and then painted pictures.

Year 1

In year 1 we have been recalling our recent Education Visit to Blists Hill Museum. As a class we have crated a 3D map, constructing what we had seen on our visit, plotting buildings in the correct places.



Year 2

In year 2 we have been enjoying using the digital cameras as part of our learning in computing. We have learnt how to use the cameras and have been exploring whether to take photos in a landscape or portrait format.



The Nest

This week in the Nest we have been celebrating World Nursery Rhyme week, we have joined in with lots of different rhymes and used props to help us sing along.



Important Reminders

To report your child's absence call the school office on 01952 387860 before 8:50am. Should you require to collect your child early from school for an appointment could you please bring an appointment card or letter into the school office when collecting.



In order to keep your child safe if we have not been notified in advance of any change in collection arrangements we will not allow your child to leave without contacting you first.



When dropping off and collecting children we ask parents to park with consideration for local residents, other road users and most importantly for children's safety. We ask parents not to access the school car park when collecting or dropping off children at anytime. Parking is available at Oakengates Leisure Centre.



Children should not use the adventure playground before or after school. If parents allow children to go on the equipment they do so at their own risk.



A reminder that adults and children must dismount from all wheeled vehicles at the school gate, so that everyone remains safe. Scooters and bikes can be left in the racks provided.



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
5 Dec	Y2 Victorian Day
7 Dec	YR Educational visit—Weston Park
11,12,13 Dec	Book Fair
11 Dec	EYFS (The Nest & YR) Nativity—parents and toddlers
12 Dec	EYFS (The Nest & YR) Nativity—Parents only
13 Dec	KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Christmas Celebration—parents and toddlers
13 Dec	Y2 Educational visit—Pantomime
14 Dec	KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Christmas Celebration—Parents only
19 Dec	Carols Around the Tree—Holy Trinity Church
19 Dec	Farm on Wheels—The Nest & YR
20 Dec	Christmas Lunch
20 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
22 Dec	Last Day Autumn Term
8 Jan	PD Day
9 Jan	First Day of Spring Term
10 Jan	KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Kwik Cricket
11 Jan	Raising Awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) parent workshops
24 Jan	KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Tennis Festival
12-16 Feb	Half term



Scholastic Book Fair

A chance to get some last minute presents.

From Monday 11 December we will be celebrating reading by holding a book fair

Books will be on sale after school from 3:10pm to 3:30pm until Wednesday 13 December.

We hope you will be able to support the fair so we can earn some free books for school.

Thank you!



Water Bottles

Even in cooler months it is really important that we drink water to stay hydrated. Can children in Years 1 and 2 remember to bring into school a named water bottle each day containing fresh water. We do have water coolers in school so bottles can be replenished throughout the day.



Santa's Quiet Grotto



Dobbies Garden Centres in Shrewsbury, Telford and Wrexham are running a Quiet Santa's Grotto experience for children with additional needs on Friday 8 December.

These are pre-booked sessions, with no queuing on the day and a reduced number of families attending in each slot.

During your visit, Dobbies ensure:

- All music is off
- Twinkling lights are removed or switched off
- You can choose to have your child's gift wrapped or not

Prior to your visit, they will email a photo of your specific Grotto to prepare children for what they will see on the day

Dobbies Shrewsbury: <https://orlo.uk/P8X5w>

Dobbies Telford: <https://orlo.uk/gFU57>

Dobbies Oswestry/Wrexham:
<https://orlo.uk/IAQho>

School Places September 2024 Year 2 Parents (Swallows and Swifts Classes)

Children attending an infant school that were born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 are due to start junior school in September 2024. If you haven't already done so parents need to apply for a junior school place by **15 January 2024** by completing the online application form on the Telford and Wrekin website.



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

Children due to start Reception in September 2024.