



NEWSLETTER

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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**

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

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Celebrating Success

This week the 'Best Attendance Cup'
goes to Robins with
97.78% attendance

Well done and thank you to parents
for ensuring your child attends
school everyday!

Chicks 1	95.91%
Chicks 2	92.16%
Swallows	94.83%
Swifts	94.48%
Chicks 2	92.16%

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Headteacher's Message

A Healthy and Happy New Year!

Teachers have been busy planning an exciting term ahead.

The Nest will welcome some eggs that will hatch right before their eyes, fingers crossed.

The children in Reception will be learning about how people and families celebrate special times such as Chinese New Year.

Year 1 children will have the opportunity to visit the Gurdwara and find out why this a special place.

Year 2 will be behaving like scientists observing, comparing and testing different materials.

We are looking forward to seeing you in school later in the term so we can share your child's learning with you.

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.



Health Protection Advice—Measles

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Telford in the near future.

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations, and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.

If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room. More information on measles can be found and information on the MMR vaccine can be found by following the links below.

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
10 Jan	KS1 Kwick Cricket festival - Telford Tennis Centre
8 Jan –19 Feb	RSPB Big School Bird Watch
24 Jan	KS1 Tennis Festival
5 Feb	Childrens' Mental Health Week
6 Feb	Safer Internet Day
10 Feb	Chinese new year 'the year of the dragon'
12 –16 Feb	February Half Term
13 Feb	Shrove Tuesday
14 Feb	Saint Valentines Day
19 Feb	Start of 2nd Half Spring Term
1 March	Saint David's Day
4 March	Incredible Eggs –duckling eggs arrival
7 March	World Book Day
7 March	Year 1 Visit Exotic Zoo
10 March	Mothering Sunday
11 –15 March	Parent Teacher Consultations
11-15 March	British Science Week Theme: Time
11-15 March	Big Walk and Wheel Week
14 March	KS1 Football Festival
15 March	Comic Relief
17 March	St Patrick's Day

The Nest School Readiness Drop-in Session

A member of the School Readiness Health Visiting Team will be available on Tuesday 30 January at drop off times. (8.45am and 12.15pm) in the Nest.

The health visitor will be able to give advice, support, and signpost to resources on toileting, behaviour, sleep, fussy eating and dental health. By identifying development concerns early, support, targeted interventions and early referrals can be put in place to ensure your child is equipped and ready for school.

Please let us know if you can make it by clicking on the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/AaFBxEHU2w>

Other Useful Information



Telford Children's Autism Hub



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

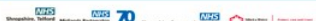
Telford SENDIASS and Telford Childrens Autism Hub 4EYF offers you:

- A safe play area for children where parents can relax and have a chat.
- Guest speakers from 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

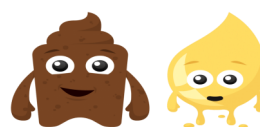
A project of Telford & Wrekin CVS
Suite 12 to 15 Hazledine House, Central Square
Telford Centre, Telford, TF3 4JL



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.

Follow the link for more information
[Potty training: how to start & best age to potty train - ERIC](#)



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 NHS Trust

Telford Public Health Nursing Service



Healthy you, Healthy Future

Telephone Number 0333 358 3328

Text 07520 619 053

School nurse 07520 619 051

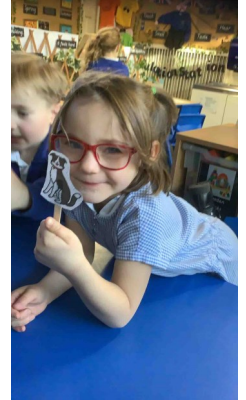
Follow on twitter

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

Our Learning this week

Reception

This week the children in Reception have explored a range of different types of puppets. We've talked about finger puppets, hand puppets, glove puppets, stick puppets, string puppets, shadow puppets and human body puppets. We've talked about the materials that were used to make them. Soon the children will make their own puppet, a 'Gingerbread man'.



Year 1

This week in Year 1 the children have been learning different strategies to support subtracting a smaller number from a bigger number. The children have worked with concrete resources, drawn pictorial representations and used number lines to support them.



Year 2

Some of our Year 2 children took part in a Kwick cricket festival with local schools.

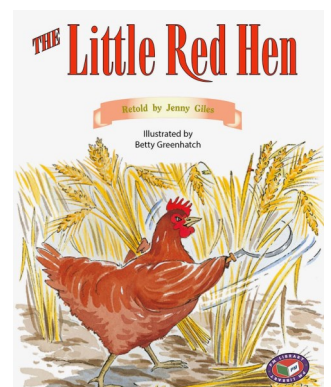
They had great fun and developed their throwing, catching and batting skills.



The Nest

The children are learning about the story of the 'Little Red Hen'. They have been pretending to make bread in the role play area to retell the story.

The children are getting to know their new teacher Mrs Head and they have also welcomed some new children into The Nest this week.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-18 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be fun-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, harmful or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "ice cream" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It had to be removed following lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are not by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a false birthday.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

TikTok can be addictive, especially for young people; compulsive repeated use can interfere with sleep patterns and be a distraction from other activities. The platform recently introduced default usage time limits of 60 and 100 minutes for new members under 18 (in the UK, children with TikTok average 102 minutes per day on the app), but these restrictions can easily be removed in the settings.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the "TikTok Now" feature lets users post a daily video or photo of the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or post-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction for young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chance of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.



MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.



LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.



DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.



READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs: increased irritability and a lack of concentration on potential red flags, as are falling to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.



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