

Oakengates Nursery School



Newsletter

Autumn Term: Week 8

25 OCTOBER 2024

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your support this half term. We have welcomed Jenny, as our new executive headteacher and there have been many exciting things happening in nursery. If you have any feedback for us, please do get in touch.

The children have enjoyed celebrating Diwali this week, including a visit from Jee at Bhangra Fitness and tasting Indian foods.

I do hope that you all have a wonderful half term and that the weather is kind to you. I am looking forward to some autumn walks in the crisp air to see the changing season, it's my favourite time of year.

Kind Regards,

Hannah Firmstone

Teacher and SENCo

Nursery Relocation Update

25 October 2024

RE: Nursery Relocation Update.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to update you on the progress of our new nursery build. I visited the site last week, and I am pleased to report that everything is progressing well and remains on schedule.

The new nursery is due for completion by Friday, 20th December 2024, which is also the last day of the autumn term.

We will continue to operate as normal until the end of the term on Friday, 20th December. In addition, we are pleased to confirm that we will be running a Holiday Club on Monday, 23 December, providing an extra day of care before we close for the Christmas period.

After the 23 December, the nursery will be closed for the remainder of the Christmas holidays to allow us time to pack up and move to our new site.

We are excited to announce that the new nursery will open at Charlton Street, Oakengates, TF2 6BT, with the proposed reopening date of Tuesday, 7th January 2025.

We will keep you informed of any further developments, but we are confident that this timeline will be met.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time of transition. Should you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jenny Gascoigne.

BA (Hons) PGCE

Executive Headteacher

Attendance and Punctuality

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Reporting your child's absence.

Please call the school office on 01952 387910 before 8:40am.
Should you require to collect your child early from nursery please call to let us know.

In order to keep your child safe if someone different is collecting your child, and is not on the collection list, please call and let us know and make sure they have the password.

Tempest Photography

Have you ordered your school photos yet?



A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to nursery is
Sunday 3rd November 2024.

Order through the Tempest website using your unique link
or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on
01736 751555 (option 3).



Meet our administrator Janice



INVOICES

As we invoice in advance, invoices are emailed to you and are due for payment by the 7th of the month. If you have not received your invoice by the 1st of the month, please contact the office. Please do check the bottom of your invoice for the current balance on your account as this will show any credit or outstanding amounts on your invoice.

There is now a 20p charge for snack per funded and non-funded sessions; again you will receive an invoice via email. Details how to pay via bank transfer are on the invoice and we do accept cash at the office.

If you have any queries about your invoice, please do call the admin office or email oakengates.admin@taw.org.uk and I will do my best to answer your queries.

WORKING FAMILIES FUNDING

Please remember it is your responsibility to renew your eligibility for the funding every 3 months. You will receive a reminder email every 3 months to renew.

SESSION CHANGES AND ADDITIONAL SESSIONS




If you would like to change your Childs sessions or request an additional session as a one off, please email the admin email with your clear requirements. Please allow 2 weeks to check that we have space for the requested changes or additional sessions. You will be informed via telephone or email of the outcome.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Click on the image to access our facebook page



For enquiries or to learn more about us, please contact us:

 www.oakengatesnurseryschool.co.uk  01952 387910  oakengates.admin@taw.org.uk

HOLIDAY CLUB

In holiday club over October half term we will be doing some very exciting activities.


We will be reading some spooky stories; 'We're going on a ghost hunt' and 'There's a witch in your book'.


We will be singing some Halloween songs and baking cookies. Our amazing creations will be ghosts, spiders and webs, monsters and mummies.

To celebrate Diwali, we are going to paint with water and glitter and create beautiful Rangoli patterns using chalk.



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KEY DATES



Date	Event
Friday 25th October	Dress in bright and bold clothes to celebrate Diwali
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November	Half Term Holiday for all term time children
Monday 11th Novemeber	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 12th November	Odd Sock Day
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
W/C 18th November	Stay and Play
W/C 25th November	Stay and Play
Friday 13th December	Farm on Wheels Visit
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20th December	End of Term



RELOCATION NEWS

Hannah has been to visit the new nursery this week.

The nurseries existing adventure playground has now been moved to the new site. New outdoor play equipment has also been installed, making the new site look very exciting.



YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

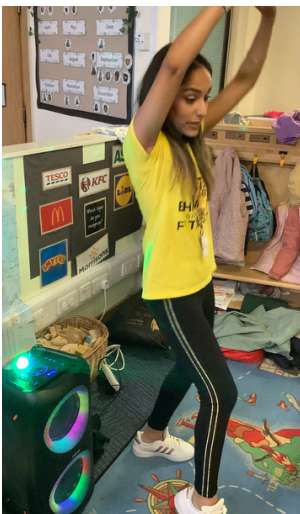
Don't forget to find out about your child's learning this week from the room page on our website:

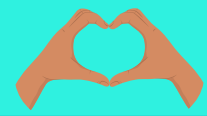
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DIWALI

This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming Jee from Bhangra Fitness to our nursery, where she helped us celebrate Diwali in vibrant style. The children were thrilled to immerse themselves in the lively rhythms of traditional Bhangra dance. She guided the children through simple yet invigorating dance routines, ensuring everyone could join in the festive fun. Alongside the dance, they explored an array of beautiful artefact's that showcase the rich heritage of Diwali. This engaging session not only celebrated the spirit of Diwali but also provided the children with a meaningful understanding of cultural diversity.





**Check out the Better Health,
Healthier families website!**



This useful website has food facts, recipes, activities and information of children's weight.

[HTTPS://WWW.NHS.UK/HEALTHIER-FAMILIES/](https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/)

**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

**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**



Starting school?

Closing date for applications:

15 January 2025

If your child has an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) the closing date is **31 October 2024**.

www.telford.gov.uk/admissions

- You **must** apply if your child was born between 1 September 2020 – 31 August 2021.
- 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.
- You are advised to list four schools on your application form, including your catchment area/nearest 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/



Telford and Wrekin

FAMILY HUBS

Right help at the right time

Did you know that 'The Oak Family Hub' is located at The Wakes and offers free help and support to residents who are navigating their way through parenting?



The Wakes

COMMUNITIES COMING TOGETHER

It's never too early to start setting rules about when and for how long your child can use devices and start to introduce the subject of internet safety at the same time. Encourage children to use devices in a shared spaces like a lounge or kitchen. Make sure to keep other devices out of reach and use passwords so they can't go online without asking you first. It's also a good idea to have tech-free mealtimes and not to allow children to have devices in their bedrooms at this age.

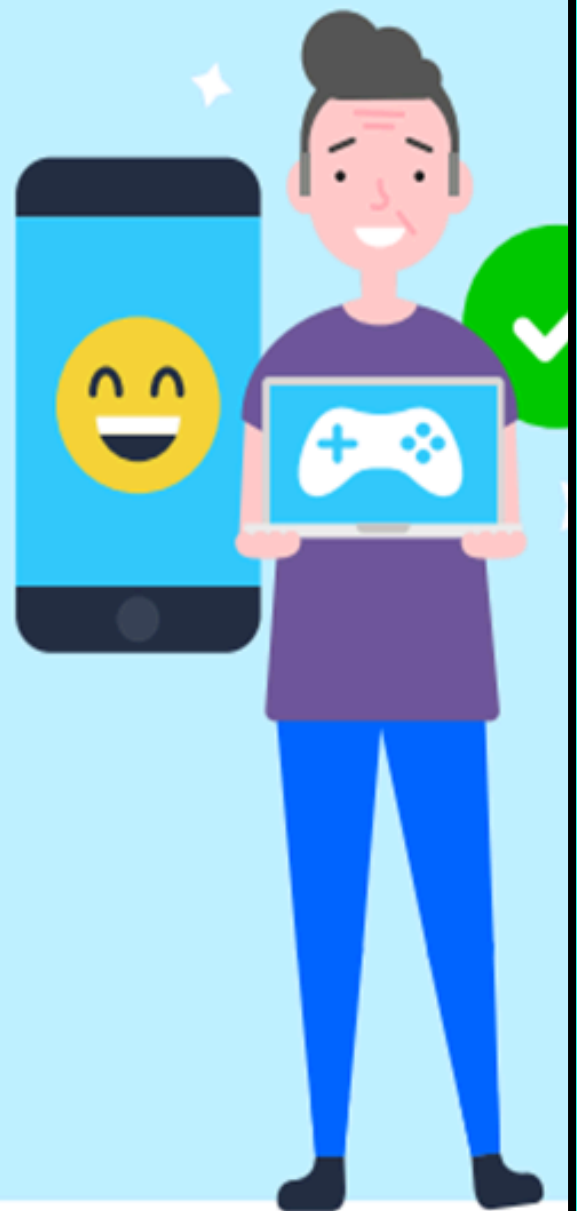
Explore together

Set your homepage to a child-friendly site such as CBeebies and give them a user account which only allows access to sites and apps you've chosen.

Help them learn through games

Games are a great way for young children to explore the internet and learn about the world around them.

Choose a variety of safe and educational online games and apps to play with your child so that you'll feel more comfortable with them exploring. Make use of websites and platforms designed specifically for pre-schoolers like CBeebies, YouTube Kids, Nick Jr, and use [age ratings](#) and reviews in the app store to check app suitability.



Know this stuff matters, but don't know where to turn?

Internet Matters is a free online resource for every parent in the UK. We'll show you the best ways to protect your children online – with information, advice and support on all the big online safety issues.

