



# Oakengates Nursery School

## Newsletter



### Autumn Term: Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a Wonderful New Nursery Year!

We're so pleased to be back and to see our nursery full of happy, curious faces once again. The children are settling in beautifully—exploring their environment, building friendships, and embracing new routines with confidence and joy.

As the seasons begin to shift and the weather turns cooler, please remember to send your child in with appropriate clothing for outdoor play. We'll continue to make the most of our outdoor spaces, whatever the weather!

This term, our theme is 'Let's Celebrate', and we're beginning with our first unit: 'Me in My Nursery'. We'll be focusing on helping children feel a strong sense of belonging, celebrating who they are, and exploring their nursery environment together.

Here's to a term full of learning, laughter, and lovely moments together.

Kind Regards,

*Hannah Firmstone*

Early Years Lead & SENCo



# ME IN MY NURSERY



We have had lots of fun making new friends and discovering new things in nursery this week.





# PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

**Children start primary school at the beginning of the school year in which they become five years of age. A child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 should start school in September 2026.**

## When to make your application

If your child is due to start reception in September 2026, you must complete and submit your application by **15 January 2026**.

Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) must apply by **31 October 2025**.

## What you should do before you apply

Starting primary school is an important stage in your child's life. It is essential that you carefully consider which schools to apply to.

You can visit your local schools to help you decide which schools to apply to. Meeting staff at schools and hearing what daily school life is like will really help you decide which school would be best for your child.

You should consider how your child will get to and from school. You will generally be

responsible for your child's travel arrangements and any associated costs if you decide that you want your child to go to a school that is not your nearest or catchment area school. See page 39 for further information.

You should also look at:

- the school's website or prospectus (information about how the school operates).
- the school's most recent Ofsted inspection report ([www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports)).
- the school's performance results ([www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance](http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance)).

You should also consider the likelihood of being offered places at the schools you prefer. This booklet explains the application process and how school admission decisions are made.

## How to apply

If you live in Telford and Wrekin, you must complete the application via the local authority, even if you want to apply to schools outside of the Borough. You should apply online at [www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions)

For assistance or support in completing the application email [admissions@telford.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@telford.gov.uk)

Once you have submitted your application you will receive an instant email confirmation. If you would like to make any changes to your application once it is submitted, please email [admissions@telford.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@telford.gov.uk)

If you live outside of Telford and Wrekin and want to apply to a school in the Borough you should apply via the local authority where you live. Contact information of nearby local authorities is provided on page 42.







## KEY DATES



Date	Event
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	PD Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Start of the Autumn Term
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Collection of dry foods for harvest
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	First day of Autumn
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Start of Black History Month
W/B Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Stay and Play (details to follow)
W/B Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Diwali Celebrations





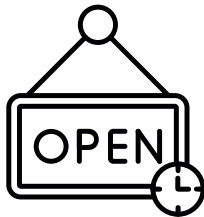
## SOCIAL MEDIA

Click on the image to access our facebook page



## Your Child's Learning

Don't forget to check out our website to find out about all the exciting things the children have been learning about this week:



## Admin Office Opening Hours

The office operates from Monday to Thursday, with opening hours from 7:30 AM to 3:45 PM.

On Fridays, the office closes earlier, at 1:00 PM.

Should you need assistance or have any inquiries outside of these hours, you can call the out-of-hours phone on **07340 751171**.

This ensures that support or urgent matters can be attended to even when the office is closed.





# FAMILY SUPPORT



Please see below for an exciting update from the Telford Children's Autism Hub!



## Telford Children's Autism Hub

We are thrilled to announce that we have received extra funding, allowing the Hub to extend its services.

We are now able to provide valuable information, advice, and support to families who are at the pre-diagnosis stage and are on the pathway awaiting an Autism assessment.

Our Children's Autism Hub is open to all children and young people aged 0-18 years and their families, who have a diagnosis of Autism or are on the pre-diagnosis pathway for Autism. To access our Children's Autism Hub you need to be a resident of Telford and Wrekin.

For more information, please go to our website : [About Children's Autism Hub | Telford Autism Hub](#)

[Read more on our pre-diagnosis offer](#)

[SEND Newsletter Information - Feb/Mar](#)



Follow the link below to access more information and the SEND family newsletter:

**[SEND Family Newsletter March 2025 - SEND - Local offer](#)**



## FAMILY SUPPORT



**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/)**

**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**

**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



Parents Opening Doors  
'Together we can make a difference'  
<https://www.podstelford.org/>



**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?

