

# Oakengates Nursery School



## Newsletter

### Autumn Term: Week 7

18 OCTOBER 2024

Dear Parents,

What a wet week it has been, but what a fantastic learning opportunity for our children. Splashing in puddles is a favourite pass time!

This week we have had a visitor from the church teaching us about the harvest festival. Thank you so much to everyone who donated food items for our collection. These have now been distributed to our local food bank and I know they have been gratefully received.

Wishing you all a weekend filled with laughter.

Kind Regards,

*Hannah Firmstone*

Teacher and SENCo

# 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.

## DIWALI

Jee, from Bhangra Fitness will be joining us for an exciting Diwali dance workshop on Monday, designed especially for nursery children, where little ones can explore the joy of movement while learning about the vibrant festival. This interactive session will introduce toddlers and pre-school to traditional Diwali dances, encouraging creativity and cultural appreciation in a fun, engaging way. It will be a memorable experience for everyone involved!





## 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](mailto: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](http://www.oakengatesnurseryschool.co.uk)  01952 387910  [oakengates.admin@taw.org.uk](mailto:oakengates.admin@taw.org.uk)



# KEY DATES



Date	Event
Monday 21st October	Bhangra Dance Workshop
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 (details to follow)
W/C 25th Novemberr	Stay and Play (Details to follow)
Friday 13th December	Farm on Wheels Visit
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20th December	End of Term



Our executive headteacher, Jenny Gascoigne put her hard hat on this week and visited our new nursery site.

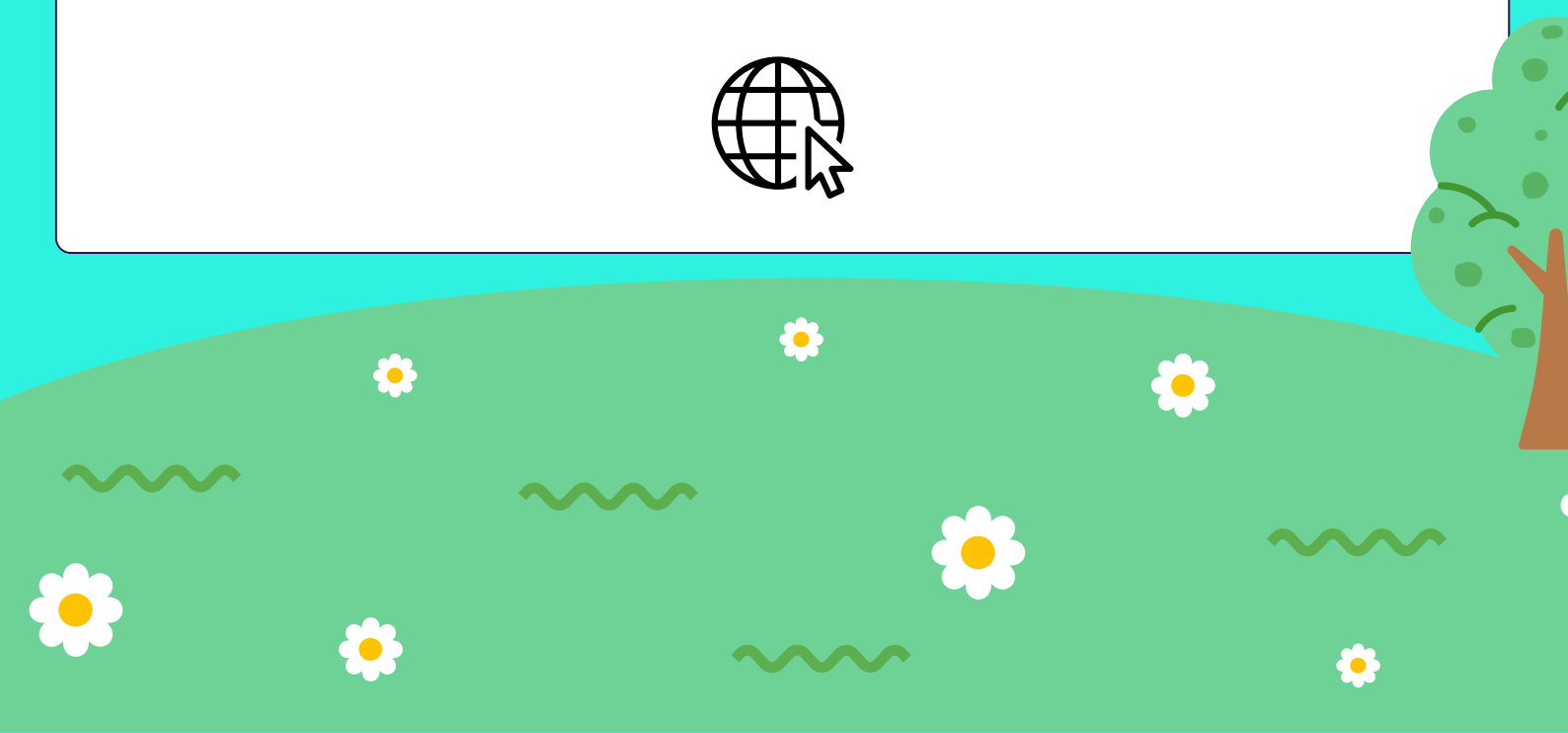
It is progressing well,  
and the kitchen and toilets have now been fitted.

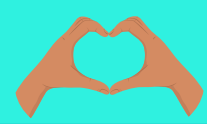


## YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

**DON'T FORGET TO FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING  
THIS WEEK FROM THE ROOM PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE:**

**[HTTPS://WWW.OAKENGATESNURSERY SCHOOL.CO.UK/LEARNING-SPACES](https://www.oakengatesnurseryschool.co.uk/learning-spaces)**





**CHECK OUT THE BETTER HEALTH,  
HEALTHIER FAMILIES!**



**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 



## 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](http://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/](http://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



# ONLINE SAFETY

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.

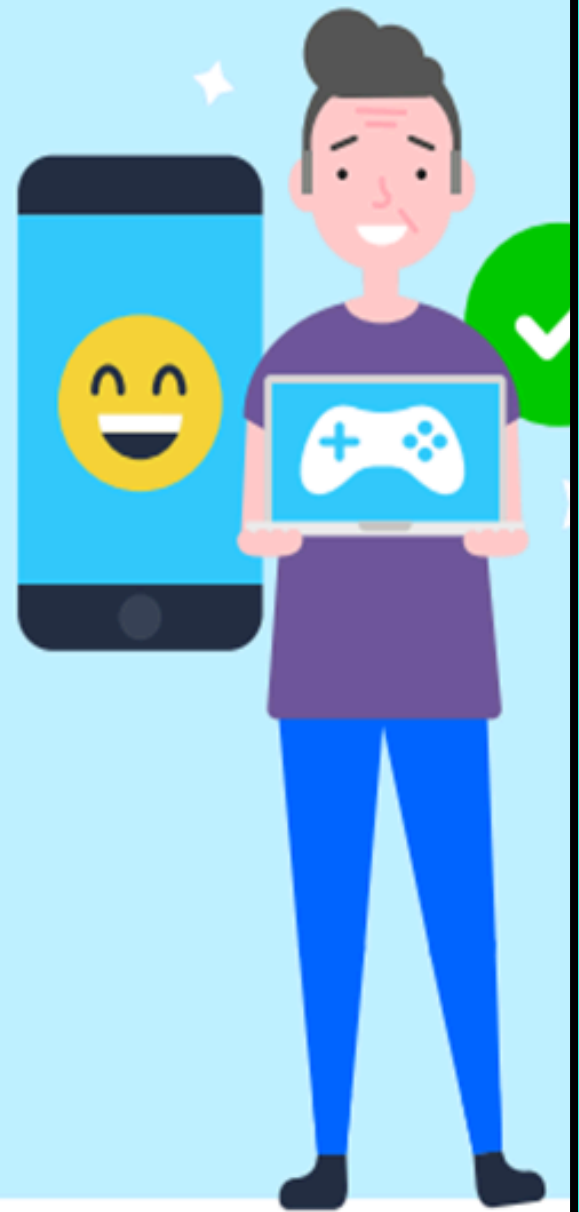
## Explore together

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.