

# Oakengates Nursery School



## Newsletter

### Autumn Term: Week 9

8 November 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a fantastic week.

This week the children in toddlers and pre-school have loved experiencing a dance workshop with Emma Clarke of Whittingham Dance. They enjoyed popping bubbles, jumping through hoops and waving scarves and flags.

As we get closer to our relocation date you will be able to see many changes going on at our new site. We cannot wait to unveil our nursery in the new year!

Kind Regards,

*Hannah Firmstone*

Teacher and SENCo



# Christmas Celebration

With the festive season fast approaching, we're delighted to share our plans for this year's Christmas celebrations!

Due to our upcoming move, we're hosting a Festive Stay and Play instead of our traditional Nativity play, allowing you to enjoy interactive holiday fun alongside your child.

## **Festive Stay and Play Details:**

- **Dates and Sessions:** We'll be holding two morning and two afternoon sessions across two days on December 3rd and 4th.
- **Interactive Learning Stations:** Each room will feature a variety of engaging stations, including Christmas-themed sensory activities. Every child can join in on activities appropriate to their age and stage, creating a joyful experience for everyone.
- **Nativity Story Time:** Room leaders will share an age-appropriate Nativity story. Children are welcome to dress up in nativity-themed costumes provided for them and join in singing pre-learned songs.
- **Nativity Screening:** We'll also be playing a recording of the Nativity story on the board, allowing children to dress up as their favourite characters while they watch.
- **Carols Around the Tree:** At the end of each session, all rooms will come together to sing carols around the Christmas tree, with song sheets available for parents so you can join in with us.

Please look out for more information on booking your preferred session soon. We're looking forward to celebrating with you and making this holiday season memorable!



# 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.

## Children In Need

On Friday, 15th November, we will celebrate Children in Need. We encourage all the children to show their support by wearing something yellow or sporting spots, in return for a £1 donation for charity. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and raise awareness for an important cause, whilst having fun. Let's brighten the nursery with our colourful outfits and show our support for children in need!





## 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:**

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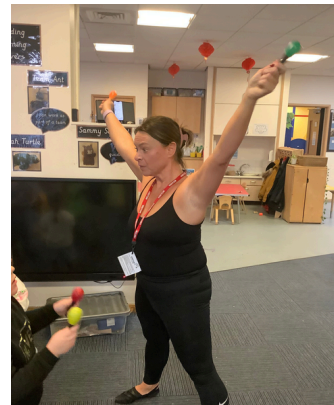


# Dancing Our Socks Off!

Emma Clarke from Whittingham Dance recently conducted an engaging dance workshop tailored for toddlers and pre-schoolers. Emma incorporated a variety of music and simple dance steps that were easy for the children to follow, ensuring that every child felt included and confident.

The workshop not only focused on developing basic motor skills and coordination but also encouraged creativity and self-expression.


Emma's expertise and enthusiasm made the workshop a memorable experience for all involved.



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

 [www.oakengatesnurseryschool.co.uk](http://www.oakengatesnurseryschool.co.uk)

 [oakengates.admin@taw.org.uk](mailto:oakengates.admin@taw.org.uk)

  
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# KEY DATES



Date	Event
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
Tuesday 3rd Wednesday 4th December	 Festive Stay And Play
Friday 13th December	Farm on Wheels Visit
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20th December	End of Term
Monday 23rd December	Nursery open for those children who attend full year (not term time).



## 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:

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



## Odd Socks Day



Children can join in with celebrating **Friendship Week** by wearing odd socks on Tuesday 12th November.

It's a fun and symbolic way to show the uniqueness and diversity of friendships.

Just as each sock in a mismatched pair is distinct yet complementary, so too are our friendships.

We will be talking about differences with the children and also celebrate their own individuality and uniqueness.



## Firework Safety



Over bonfire night and Diwali we want you and your children to have fun but stay safe.

Bonfire night can be great fun but it can also be very dangerous. Please stay a safe distance away from the fire and the fireworks. If your clothes do catch fire remember to stop, drop and roll.

You can find more information on what to do here:

<https://staywise.co.uk/public/resource/stop-drop-and-roll-poster>

Did you know that the Child Accident Protection Trust (CAPT) has some great advice on how to keep your children while celebrating Bonfire Night ?

Whether your concerned about teaching your children the dangers of fireworks, or not sure what to do if your child suffers a burn or scolded, you can find a host of information here:

<https://capt.org.uk/lessons-for-little-ones>







**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**



**Apply online  
NOW**

**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

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.

