

# Oakengates Nursery School



## Newsletter

### Spring Term: Week 12

Dear Parents,

We have some exciting news to share with you!

We have welcomed three ducklings to nursery. The children have been eagerly watching them hatch, and it has been a wonderful learning experience for everyone involved.

It has provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to expand their vocabulary and learn new words related to the life cycle of ducks and nature.

We encourage you to ask your child about their experience and the new things they have learned.

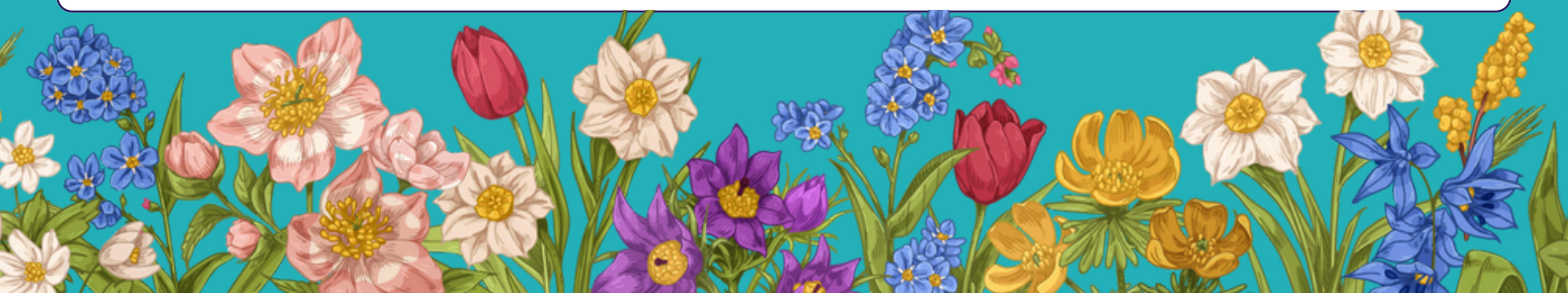
Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our educational journey.

Wishing you all a happy weekend, full of sunshine!

Kind Regards,

*Hannah Firmstone*

Early Years Lead & SENCo



# EASTER BONNET PARADE

We are excited to announce that on Friday, 11th April, our nursery will be hosting an Easter Bonnet Parade for all the children!

This event is a fantastic opportunity for your little ones to showcase their creativity and imagination.

Get crafty and design an Easter bonnet - you could use vibrant spring flowers, fluffy chicks, colorful eggs, or even a hopping bunny to bring your child's bonnet to life.

Have fun and allow your child's personality to shine through their creation.



We can't wait to see all of your creations!

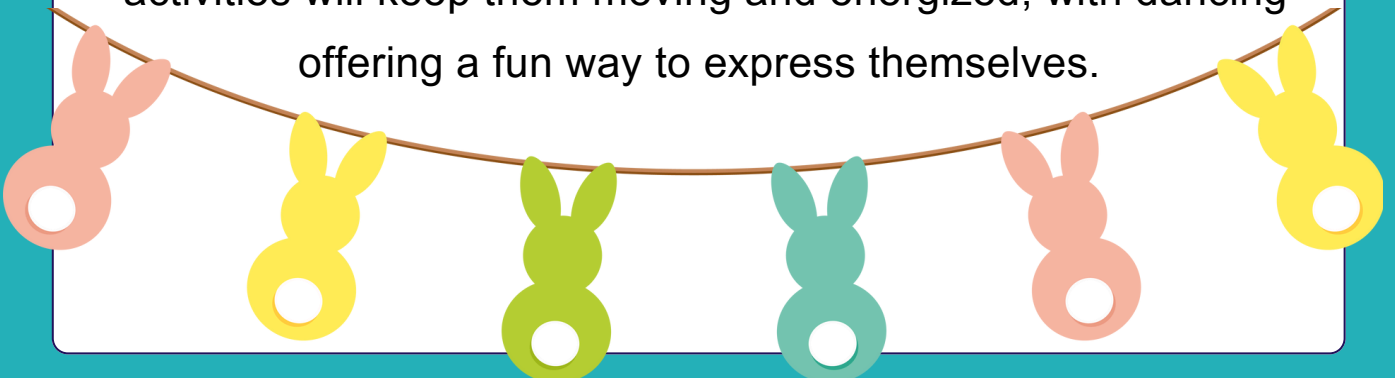


# EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

## **A message from Pauline, our after school club supervisor, about our Easter holiday club activities:**

In the first week, the nursery will come alive with Easter-themed crafts. The children will be busy making Easter bunnies, fingerprint chicks, and paper plate bunnies. The interactive storytelling session with "There's a Bunny in Your Book" by Tom Fletcher will spark their imaginations and invite them to participate actively. Games like Spring and Easter lotto, along with The Bunny Pokey, will fill the room with laughter and joy. There will also be an outdoor easter egg hunt.

The second week shifts focus to sensory experiences and physical play. Crafting snacks and practicing spreading skills will not only be enjoyable but also teach the children important life skills. Sensory activities with rice, oats, and gloop will allow them to explore different textures, enhancing their fine motor skills. Physical games like the Beans game and parachute activities will keep them moving and energized, with dancing offering a fun way to express themselves.





# DUCKLINGS



We have three ducklings in nursery. The children have loved watching them hatch out of their eggs, and have learnt lots of new vocabulary.







## KEY DATES



Date	Event
Monday 7th - Friday 11th April	Stay and play for pre-school
Friday 11th April	Easter Bonnet Parade and last day of term
Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April	Holiday Club for full year children only
Friday 18th April - Monday 21st April	Easter - nursery closed to all children.
Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 25th April	Holiday Club for full year children only
Monday 28th April	PD Day Open to full year children only.
Tuesday 29th April	Start of the summer term for all children.



## 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



Telford & Wrekin  
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Telford and Wrekin

**FAMILY HUBS**

**"We only argue  
when the kids  
are in bed"**

**Are you worried about how much you argue with your partner/ex?**

**You don't need to weather the storm alone.**

To find out more about the support Telford & Wrekin Council  
can offer you please visit our website

**[www.telford.gov.uk/familyhubs](http://www.telford.gov.uk/familyhubs)**



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## FAMILY SUPPORT



**Final reminder to working parents:  
Apply for your childcare code to use the support  
from April**



In the beautiful chaos of parenthood, balance is everything. Childcare Choices is here to help you find the support that fits your family, giving your child a great start and you the choices you need.

If you're an eligible working parent in England, you can [apply for your code online on GOV.UK](#) for:

- Up to [15 hours childcare](#) per week for your child between 9 months until they turn 3 years old, over 38 weeks of the year.
- Up to [30 hours childcare](#) per week for your 3 or 4 year old, over 38 weeks of the year.

**The deadline to apply for a code is 31 March to use the support from April.** You will then need to reconfirm your code every 3 months on your GOV.UK account.

Make sure you apply as early as possible and speak to your provider to find out more about their arrangements.

**Click here to apply for 15 or 30 hours childcare  
for working families**



## 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

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Shropshire Community Health **NHS**

**Telford Public Health Nursing  
Service  
Healthy you, Healthy Future**

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Text 07520 619 053

School nurse 07520 619 051

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Open 9am-4.30pm  
excluding bank holidays



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



**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?







## **Are you or your partner expecting a baby or have a child under two?**

**You can access support, information and  
guidance from our team !**

We can help with a wide range of topics such as:

- **Finances**
- **Childcare**
- **Emotional Wellbeing**
- **Mental Health**
- **Activities and Support**
- **Social Isolation**
- **Relationships**
- **Confidence building**

**For more information from the Social Prescribing Team  
please call 07434 869248  
or email [perinatal@telford-mind.co.uk](mailto:perinatal@telford-mind.co.uk)**