



# Oakengates Nursery School

## Newsletter



### Autumn Term: Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a joy watching the children settle into their routines and explore new learning opportunities. Their confidence is growing, and their curiosity is shining through in every corner of the nursery!

We're especially excited to share that 'Music Minors' sessions have now begun in both our toddler and pre-School rooms. These engaging music classes are designed to support children's communication, listening, and social skills through rhythm, movement, and song. The children have responded with such enthusiasm — it's been wonderful to see them singing, clapping, and dancing together!

Our focus on communication and language continues, with lots of storytelling, imaginative play, and group activities to help children express themselves and connect with others.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or would like to share feedback, we're always happy to hear from you.

Kind Regards,

*Hannah Firmstone*

Early Years Lead & SENCo





## PARKING AT NURSERY

### **Polite Reminder to All Parents & Carers** ☀

As the mornings and evenings grow darker, we kindly ask for your continued support in keeping our nursery environment safe and welcoming for everyone.

### **Parking Considerately**

Please ensure you park **only in marked bays** and avoid blocking access for others. This helps keep drop-off and pick-up times smooth and safe for all families.

### **Be Mindful of Others**

We ask that you remain considerate of other parents, staff, and especially our young children who may be walking nearby.

Extra care is needed during low-light hours to ensure everyone's safety.

### **Visibility & Safety**

With reduced daylight, please take extra precautions when arriving or leaving. Drive slowly, use headlights appropriately, and stay alert.

Your cooperation makes a big difference in creating a safe and respectful environment for all. Thank you for your continued support!





## ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

### **Does Your Child Have Exposure to Another Language at Home?**

At our nursery, we value and celebrate the rich cultural and linguistic backgrounds of our children and families. We are currently updating our records to ensure we know which children are considered EAL – English as an Additional Language.

#### **What does EAL mean?**

A child is considered EAL if they were initially exposed to a language other than English during early development and are still exposed to that language at home or in the wider community.

#### **This could mean:**

Your child speaks another language at home.

Your child understands or hears another language spoken by family members (e.g. parents, grandparents), even if they respond in English.

Your household uses more than one language regularly.

#### **Why does this matter?**

Letting us know if your child is exposed to another language helps us ensure the right support is in place.

If your child has been exposed to another language at home or in their early years, even if they speak English fluently, please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support.







## HARVEST FESTIVAL

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will be collecting donations of **dried and packet foods** to support our local food bank. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about kindness, community, and helping others.

We kindly ask families to contribute items such as:

- Pasta, rice, lentils
- Tinned goods (vegetables, beans, soup)
- Cereal, biscuits, tea bags
- Long-life milk or juice
- Instant noodles or packet mixes
- Toiletries such as shower gel, shampoo and toothpaste

Donations can be brought into nursery from  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October.**

Thank you for your generosity and support in making a difference to families in need this Harvest time.







## CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Dear Parents & Carers,

So that you can plan ahead, we'd like to share our Christmas opening times so you can enjoy a magical break with your little ones!

The term ends on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

We're open for holiday club (full year places):

**Monday 22nd December,**

**Tuesday 23rd December,**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January,**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

Closed for the Holidays:

Wednesday 24th December to Thursday 1st January

The term starts on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January for all term time children.





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## Starting school?

Closing date for applications:

**15 January 2026**

If your child has an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) the closing date is **31 October 2025**.

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

- n** You **must** apply if your child was born between 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2022.
- n** 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.
- n** You are advised to list four schools on your application form, including your catchment area/nearest school.
- n** Attending a nursery does **not** guarantee a school place.
- n** School places are allocated in line with oversubscription criteria.
- n** See website for more information **[www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions)** or contact School Admissions at **[admissions@telford.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@telford.gov.uk)**





## 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	<b>Stay and Play</b> Baby Room - Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October.
W/B Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Diwali Celebrations





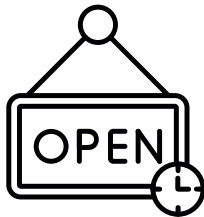
## SOCIAL MEDIA

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## 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?

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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?

