



# Oakengates Nursery School

## Newsletter

### Autumn Term: Week 4



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we step into the first official day of autumn, the change in season is beginning to show — cooler mornings, golden leaves, and that unmistakable crispness in the air. The children have been noticing these changes too, with lots of chatter about coats, conkers, and crunchy leaves!

This week, we'll be embracing the season with autumn-themed activities, including conker rolling and seasonal songs. It's a lovely opportunity to explore the world around us and build on the children's natural curiosity.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Please remember to send your child in with appropriate clothing for the changing weather — layers, waterproofs, and wellies are always welcome!

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.

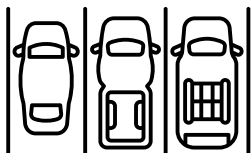
### Parking Considerately

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.

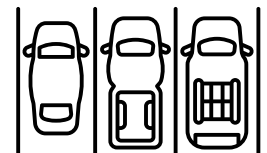
### Be Mindful of Others

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!





## TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

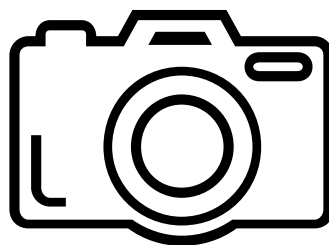
We're pleased to let you know that  
Tempest Photography will be visiting our nursery on:

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

to take Autumn nursery photos.

These photos will be for children who attend our nursery.  
It's a great opportunity to capture a special moment from the  
new school year.

Further details on how to view and order the photos  
will be on the proof sent out with your child.







## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Telford and Wrekin Health Protection Hub need your help!

They are collecting parent views about the MMR vaccine and would really like to get the views of parents at our nursery.

Please complete the short, anonymous survey below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/B3N3dVASYt>

or scan the QR code:



Information on measles can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Information on the MMR can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>







## 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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# Apply online NOW



## 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 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.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Tempest Photography to take autumn nursery photos.
W/B Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Diwali Celebrations





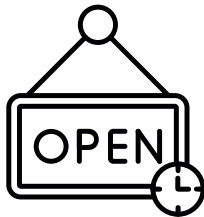
## SOCIAL MEDIA

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



Being a parent is one of the most difficult tasks there is; most families need support at times to help their children and young people thrive, and our ambition is for every family in our borough to receive the right help and the right time, with our community offer having a particular focus on providing advice and assistance at the earliest possible stage as and when challenges arise.

Our Family Hubs offer has expanded, and we are pleased to share the latest developments and opportunities available to families.

We offer daily drop-in sessions across Telford where families can access support without the need for referrals or pre-booked appointments. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend if they are looking for information, advice, support or guidance around any aspect of family life. Should our friendly practitioners not have an immediate answer, we will follow up with them promptly.

The drop-in locations and times are as follows:

**Monday:** Dawley Town Hall, 10:00am – 12:00noon

**Tuesday:** Silver Birch Family Hub, Sutton Hill / Hub on the Hill (alternate weeks) 10:00am – 12:00noon (term time)

**Wednesday:** Southwater Library (Children's Section), 09:30am – 12:00noon

**Thursday:** Arlestone Community Centre, Wellington, 10:00am – 12:00noon  
The Hub, Newport, 10:00am – 12:00noon

**Friday:** Donnington Community Hub (Damson Family Hub), 9:30am – 11:30am





## 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

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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?

