



# Newsletter

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## Oakengates Nursery School

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### Diary Dates

Date	Event
17-24 June	National School Sports Week
21 June	Fun Sports Day
21 June	First day of Summer
w/c 8 July	Stay and Play week. <i>More details coming soon</i>
19 July	Last day of Summer term
2 Sept	PD Day <i>Holiday club only</i>
3 Sept	Autumn Term commences

Please click [here](#) to access our nursery website term dates page.

### A Smooth Transition to School

We have an exciting week in preschool next week, as reception teachers will be coming to visit the children starting school. These visits help support a seamless transition into school.



### Did you know next week is Healthy Eating Week?



The week aims to raise awareness about the importance of healthy eating and sustainable food choices. Healthy Eating Week is designed to teach children about nutrition, hydration, exercise and adopting a healthier lifestyle. It also provides a good opportunity to explore various ways to improve the wellbeing of both the mind and body.

Click [here](#) to explore the website for some healthy, tasty recipes!

Click on the image to find out if you can get help with childcare costs.



HM Government

Childcare  
Choices



### Let's celebrate!

Preschool have been learning all about our nursery expectations.

Our expectations are:

- 1) **We are kind to one another**
- 2) **We work hard together**
- 3) **We are honest with each other**

To celebrate their achievements the children have had the opportunity to wear one of our special T shirts for the session.

This is what each T shirt says:

- 1) **It's cool to be kind**
- 2) **I worked wonders**
- 3) **I did the right thing**

We are so proud of the children we hope you are too!

### Home Learning Packs

As part of the Family Hub's programme and to support delivery of Early Years Talk Boost. Home Learning packs have been delivered to settings across Telford, the contents have been sourced carefully from Speech and Language UK, Telford and Wrekin Library service and Usborne Books.

The first group of children in preschool will have received their pack and younger children will receive theirs later in 2024.

**If your child has received a pack please follow the link below to complete a short survey to offer your feedback. Thank you!**

<https://forms.office.com/e/Aaz1Nm1U0a?origin=lprLink>



## Do you have a child starting school in September?



Please access the 'Road to School' poster available by clicking [here](#).

The poster highlights the fact that children learn at different rates. It contains 12 suggestive steps such as eating, self-care, getting dressed and undressed on their own, independence, routines, going to the toilet, counting, interest in the world and new activities, sharing and turn taking, speaking and literacy, listening and understanding, and writing skills.

**As the weather is warming up please be aware of the Telford & Wrekin sun protection statement to keep us all safe.**

**S**tay in the shade 11-3

**M**ake sure you never burn

**A**lways cover up – wear a t-shirt, hat and wraparound sunglasses

**R**emember children burn more easily

**T**hen use factor 15+ sunscreen with 5 stars on the back (Higher factor for children)



**More information about sun safety can be found on the NHS website by clicking [here](#)**

**Please don't forget to apply sun cream to your child before they come into nursery. If they are with us all day pop a labelled bottle of cream in their bag so we can reapply at lunchtime.**

**Also can all children come to nursery with a named sunhat.**

## Do you want to know more about online safety for preschool aged children?

Internet matters have created a top tips page for parents of 0-5 year olds.

Click on the image below to access the page.



**Are you eligible for 30 hours funding? Go to:**

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

**Do you already have a preschool child with 30 hours funding?**

**Don't forget you have to confirm your details are up to date every 3 months.**

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>



## Toddler Room

Next week in the Toddler room we will be welcoming our new theme *"Lets Investigate Summertime and Journeys"*.

We will be sharing the story 'Toddler Waddle' and learning about the sea-side.  
*I wonder what we can see and hear?*

The children will be using language from the story when exploring the sea-side tuff tray.  
In the art studio we will be exploring and creating with the clay.  
*I wonder what happens when we add the water?*

On the mark making table we will be practicing creating circles and lines for our holiday post cards.

We will also be celebrating "Healthy Eating week" by making our own fruit smoothies, learning about what keeps us healthy.

Our song of the week is "Down at the Station".

## Preschool Room

Next week in pre-school we will be starting a new theme 'Let's Celebrate Summertime'. Let's hope we have some sunny days!

In the art studio we will be making cards for Fathers Day, asking 'who is special in our lives?'.

On the finger gym we will be using wooden shapes to make flowers and in the playdough we will be exploring circles and warm colours, like the sun.

We will be listening to carnival music and listening to 'The Train Ride' story alongside a beat.

Our rhyme of the week is:  
'The Suncream Song'.

## Baby Room

This week in the Baby room our theme is let's investigate summertime.

Our focus stories will be 'We Catch the Bus' and 'That's Not my Bus'.

We will be learning names of the wild animals, the noises that they make and building paths for them to cross the water. We also be learning to roll, throw and kick balls.

Our messy play this week we will be tummy time painting and rolling the balls through paint.

Outside we will be watering our baby cucumbers and tomatoes to help them grow. We will also be playing with boats in bubbly blue water.

Our nursery rhyme of the week is down at the station.



## Nursery Rhyme of the week

**Click on the image to access the song!**



# Bedtime Stories



## *Why is the bedtime story so important?*



### Relaxation time

Foster a lifelong love of books

Increases academic ability

Helps children to explore new feelings, new words, new experiences and new knowledge

Quality time that  
strengthens family relationships

Cuddling together with your parents, grandparents, carers or siblings to share an adventure or talk about a story before happily drifting off to sleep is an idyllic image that should be every child's reality.

### **Bath, Book, Bed...**

The book trust have some simple steps to a better nights sleep. Click on the link below to find out more.



<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/globalassets/resources/bath-book-bed/bath-book-bed-booklet-2020-optimised.pdf>

# Health Information

## Is my child too ill for nursery?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing infectious diseases. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery each day your child is absent unless the school or nursery agrees a different arrangement. You must let the school or nursery know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let the school office know.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

## 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/>



## 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 

## 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

# Do you know what to expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage?



Use the QR code below to access a guide for parents

