

Oakengates Nursery School



Newsletter

Spring Term: Week 8

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a fantastic week. We are certainly enjoying our new nursery setting and the lovely sunshine we have had this week. Spring is definitely on the way.

The children have enjoyed Pancake Day, where they tasted pancakes while learning about its cultural importance, and on Thursday we celebrated World Book Day, inviting everyone to wear their favourite pyjamas and bring their favourite bedtime story to share with their group.

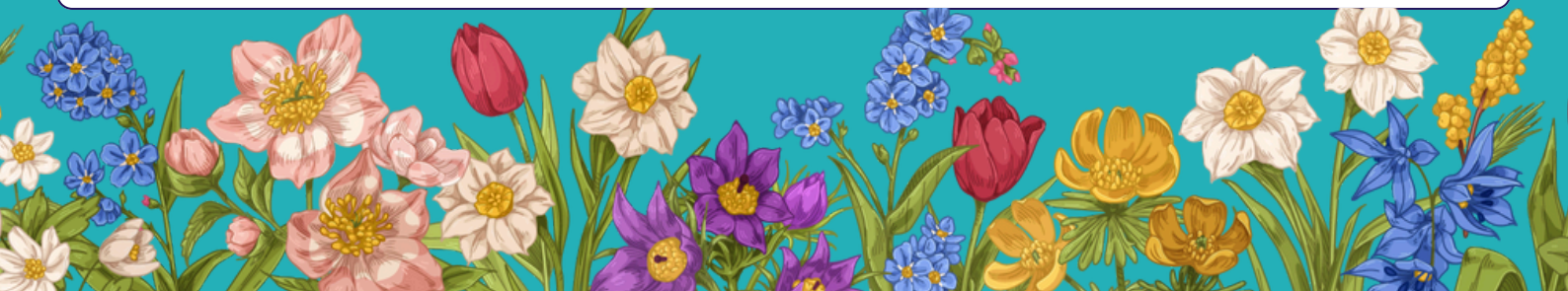
As the weather warms up, you may be considering taking a visit to your local farm. We have received some important information on keeping children healthy when visiting these attractions, please look further down the newsletter for some useful advice.

Wishing you all a happy weekend full of sunshine!

Kind Regards,

Hannah Firmstone

Early Years Lead & SENCo



PANCAKE DAY

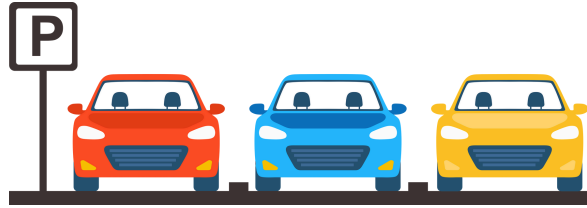
Pancake Day was a fun opportunity for our children to enjoy pancakes with a variety of healthy toppings.

We explored colourful and nutritious options, like sliced bananas, strawberries, and cooked apple and cinnamon as well as the traditional lemon or orange wedges.

We enjoyed making choices and trying something new!



PARKING AT NURSERY



When picking up your child from nursery, we kindly ask you to be mindful of our neighbors.

Parking can sometimes be a challenge, so if our car park is full, please consider using the public car park on Bridge Street.

It provides a convenient option, with a short path leading directly to the nursery.



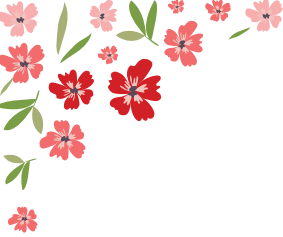


Your co-operation in this matter helps us maintain good relations with the community and ensures safety for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and support.





KEY DATES

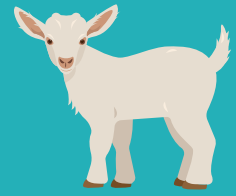


Date	Event
Monday 17th March	 St Patrick's Day
Tuesday 18th March	Global Recycling Day 
Sunday 30th March	 Mothers Day
Tuesday 1st April	Incredible Eggs delivering duckling eggs
Friday 11th April	End of Term 
Sunday 20th April	Easter 





ADVICE FOR PARENTS ON VISITING SETTINGS INVOLVING ANIMALS



All animals naturally carry a range of micro-organisms, some of which can be transmitted to humans, where they may cause ill health.

Some of these, such as E. coli O157 or Cryptosporidium (Crypto), present a serious health hazard and have the potential to cause serious illness which may be particularly severe in young children. We have received the following advice from the health protection hub, when visiting attractions involving animals:



Children should wash their hands in the following situations:

1. After contacting animals,
2. Before eating,
3. Before and after using play equipment,
4. When leaving the site.



It can help to explain why they must wash their hands thoroughly in these situations and to show them what proper hand washing looks like.

There is no substitute for proper **hand washing** with soap and running water – it doesn't work against Crypto.



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.





EARLY HELP



**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/>



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?





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INTRODUCTION TO CHILD BEHAVIOUR

This is a **FREE** introductory course to support adults in understanding why children behave the way they do and develop strategies to manage behaviour.

Eligibility: Adults aged 19+

Start Date: Wednesday 12th March 2025
End Date: Wednesday 9th April 2025
Start time: 9:30 - 11:45am
Duration: 5 weeks
Location: The Wakes, Theatre Square,
Oakengates, TF2 6EP



To **register** your interest,
please text/call **07866 619328**
or visit www.learntelford.ac.uk



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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**



Invitation to *Tots Talking*

Toddlers learn to talk from their family and the people around them.

Come to *Tots Talking* to find out information and activities to support you to help your two year old get a head start at nursery and school.

Each session lasts for 1 hour a week for 8 weeks.


Date: Starting 24/02/25 for 5 weeks

Time: 10-11am

Place: Hollinswood community Centre

To find out more information contact:

izzie.till@telford.gov.uk - please email to book your space



Do you want to find out more about...

How you can help your two year old with talking and learning?

What helps children do well at nursery and school?

How children learn to communicate and behave?

