



Dear Parents and carers

27 September 2021

Well what a turbulent couple of weeks we have had in nursery. We have done so well during the pandemic so we knew it was inevitable to happen soon. Thank you to everyone that sent us wonderful messages of support and best wishes- it means a lot. Obviously we are sorry for any disruptions caused with childcare and work- thankfully, we are getting there now and everything is starting to be normal again. The children have been fantastic throughout, not phased and kept us all going, we are super proud of them all. The staff have also been amazing and worked the best they could under the conditions and kept the nursery going for as long as it could. Thank you and well done to the team- we really do have the best team that pull together in a crisis.

### Whats happening in nursery?



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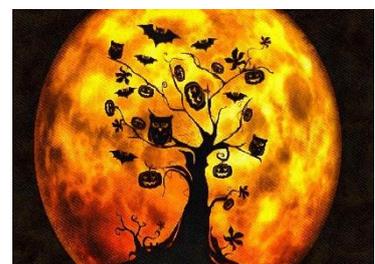
Music Minors is back this week. We can't wait to welcome Rachel back to nursery. We know she has got lots of fun music activities planned for us. Weather permitting sessions will take place outdoors and all children in on Tuesday will get the opportunity to take part in a lesson. Rachel takes each age group and the staff separately, so everyone gets a fun

Mr Finlay our wonderful nursery photographer is due on Monday 4 October to take the childrens photos. From 8am he will be here taking individual and sibling photos of the children. Children are welcome to bring in a change of clothes for photos and staff will help them prepare. A letter will be sent out later this week with the details but if your child is in on the morning they will have their photo taken (unless you specify otherwise), children not in on the day are welcome to come in and have their photo taken so they don't miss out.



Week commencing 11 October we will be holding a harvest festival week. We will talk to the children about where food comes from and what we are grateful for. We also have the Reverend Mike and his friend Alan Nash in from St Andrews Church, Shifnal. Neither Rev Mike or Alan are strangers to our setting having visited many times before, so it will be lovely to welcome them in to talk with the children and share some harvest stories together.

Halloween!!! The staff have decided to treat the children to a Halloween celebration on Friday 29 October. We will talk about everything Halloween including why people dress up in costumes. All children that are due in are welcome to dress up for the event- as I'm sure the staff will be joining in too.





Forest school is returning. It has been delayed because of Covid and not being able to get up to the woods to fully risk assess, but it is coming we promise. Letters will be out to preschool parents later this week.

### Nursery Funding

If your child is set to turn 3, between now and the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 then they will be entitled to government funding for some nursery sessions. Letters will be sent out shortly to ask if parents want to apply for extra funding and explaining how this can be done but more information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare> Any questions or to enquire about extra sessions please email nursery [halesfield@telfordnurseries.org](mailto:halesfield@telfordnurseries.org) and we will be able to advise.



### Nursery availability



We are pleased to announce that nursery is completely full. We have no places available now until after April 2022. This is great for us but not so great if you require a childcare space. So, this is the call now really for any siblings that might need spaces in the near future or if you are looking to increase your child's days. We will of course do our very best to accommodate these but the more notice you give us the more likely we will be able to help.

### Christmas Opening hours

Ekkk, yes we are starting to think Christmas now. We are open as usual up until Christmas Eve. On Christmas Eve, we close at an earlier time of 4pm, to allow our staff to go and spend quality time with their own families during the very special time. Nursery is then closed until Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. As nursery is closed- no charges are made to parents that week.

Funded children break up Friday 17 December and return back Wednesday 5 January.



### Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu: [http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Autumn\\_Term\\_2021\\_Week\\_4\\_Menu.pdf](http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Autumn_Term_2021_Week_4_Menu.pdf)
- Christmas opening: Closed Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December. Term time children break up Friday 17 December and return Wednesday 5 January.

Yours sincerely

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