



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday. It has been lovely to see the children return to school ready to learn.

Our clubs have all restarted this week and it has been great to see children continuing to develop these skills or try new activities.

For parents with children who are due to start school in September 2025, please note that the application closing date is next week (Wednesday 15th January).

Thank you and well done to our year 6 children who have supported the new intake parent tours this week. They were great ambassadors for the school. We have had lots of positive feedback about how well they were able to talk about the school and answer questions.

Our next parent workshop is Maths, led by our curriculum and maths leads. This will be on **Tuesday 21st January**, starting at 8.50am for approximately 30 minutes. This is open to all parents across the school.

Uniform Reminders:

- No bracelets/necklaces to be worn UNLESS for medical reasons or agreed with SLT
- No nail polish
- Lip balms must be natural colour and kept in bags/coats. They will be confiscated if not.
- Hair accessories must be discrete and school colours for bows and headbands
- School fleeces are NOT allowed to be worn in class. Please ensure your child has a school jumper or cardigan.

Achievement Certificates

A big congratulations to all the children that were awarded with a certificate in Friday's celebration assembly.

Class 1	Oakley W & Max C	Class 8	Sami C & Hudson H
Class 2	Alfie G & Leo J	Class 9	Abigail M, Pearl T & Mollie B
Class 3	Nora M, Frederick L & Lucy S	Class 10	Max O & Ali C
Class 4	Seth G & Charlie C	Class 11	Bobby S & Riley G
Class 5	Alfie T & Harry N	Class 12	Sophie B & Penny L
Class 6	Fraser L & Keira-Leigh W	Class 13	Oliver S & William S
Class 7	Artie A & Georgie L	Class 14	Matthew B & Samuel D

Our 3 school rules: Be safe. Be ready. Be respectful.

Dates for your diary

13/01/2025

YR1 History of Toys Day

15/01/2025

Yr6 Trip to Duxford

17/01/25

EYFS Multiply Maths

Course for Parents

9-11am

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

13/01/2025

Week 2 Menu

Please remember to pre-order your child/ren's meals on the MCAS App

Attendance

Congratulations to the classes who achieved or exceeded our school attendance target of 96%

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole School
Classes 2 & 4 - 96% Class 5—98% Classes 3 & 6—100%	Class 10 - 97% Classes 7 & 14 - 98% Class 11—99% Class 12—100%	97%

House Points

Romans	Vikings	Saxons	Normans
39	37	38	30



Eco-Council News



Take part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

▲ 24-26th January 2025

Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

Across the UK, over 600,000 people took part in Big Garden Birdwatch 2024, counting a whopping 9.7 million birds! House Sparrows took the top spot, but counts of these chirpy birds are down by 60% compared to the first Birdwatch in 1979. In fact, we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years.

If you are interested in participating in this year's [birdwatch](#) please click the video link below for further information-

<https://youtu.be/nldtLbylU6I>

Taking part will also count towards achieving your Blue Peter Green badge and let Mrs Pinchback know if you took part for extra house points too!

Heidi Pinchback



2024 – 2025 Diary Dates



Spring Term (6th January – 4th April)

Date	Event	Details
W/C 06.01.2025		
Monday 6 th January 2025	First Day Back	
Wednesday 8 th January 2025	Prospective Reception Intake 2025 Parent Tours	9:30am and 4pm
Friday 10th January 2025	EYFS Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
W/C 13.01.2025		
Monday 13th January 2025	Year 1 History of Toys Day	All Day
Wednesday 15 th January 2025	Year 6 Trip to Duxford	
Friday 17th January 2025	EYFS Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
W/C 20.01.2025		
Tuesday 21 st January 2025	Maths Workshop	9am-10am
Friday 24th January 2025	EYFS Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
W/C 27.01.2025		
Wednesday 29 th January 2025	National Child Measurement Programme Reception - Height, Weight & Vision Checks	In School AM
Thursday 30 th January 2025	National Child Measurement Programme Reception - Height, Weight & Vision Checks	In School AM
W/C 03.02.2025	Children's Mental Health Week	
Monday 3 rd February 2025	KS2 Choir – Young Voices	O2
Wednesday 5 th February 2025	National Child Measurement Programme Year 6 – Height & Weight Checks	In School AM
Friday 7 th February 2025	KS1 Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
W/C 10.02.2025		
Tuesday 11 th February 2025	Whole School Book Look	3:30pm – 4:15pm Enter classrooms through pod doors
Wednesday 12 th February 2025	Year 5 Greek Workshop	In School Event
Friday 14 th February 2025	Break the Rules Day	FOO Event
	KS1 Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
W/C 17.02.2025	February Half Term	
W/C 24.02.2025		
Tuesday 25 th February 2025	Writing Workshop (Writing approach, handwriting and spelling)	9am-10am
Friday 28 th February 2025	KS1 Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
W/C 03.03.2025		
Thursday 6 th March 2025	World Book Day	
	Pre-loved Book Sale	FOO Event
W/C 10.03.2025		
Thursday 13th March 2025	KS2 Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
Friday 14 th March 2025	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)	Organised by the School Council – more information to follow
W/C 17.03.2025		
Thursday 20th March 2025	KS2 Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
W/C 24.03.2025		
Thursday 27th March 2025	Year 1 Trip – Call of the Wild	

	KS2 Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
Friday 28 th March 2025	Mother's Day Wish Room	FOO Event
W/C 31.03.2025		
Tuesday 31st March	Transition Yr6-Yr7 Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	Parent Consultation Meetings	4pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 3 rd April 2025	Parent Consultation Meetings	4pm - 7pm
Friday 4 th April 2025	Oakfield's Got Talent Last Day of Term	In school event

Summer Term (21st April – 22nd July)

Date	Event	Details
W/C 07.04.2025	Easter Half Term	
W/C 14.04.2025		
W/C 21.04.2025		
Monday 21 st April 2025	Easter Monday	
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Earth Day	Organised by the Eco-Council – more information to follow
Friday 25 th April 2025	Spring Disco	FOO Event
W/C 28.04.2025		
W/C 05.05.2025		
Monday 5 th May 2025	May Bank Holiday	
W/C 12.05.2025	Year 6 SATS Week	
Wednesday 14 th May 2025	Reception Journey Around the Curriculum	2:30pm Large Hall Reception parents
Thursday 15 th May 2025	Year 1 Journey Around the Curriculum	2:30pm Large Hall Year 1 parents
Friday 16 th May 2025	Year 2 Journey Around the Curriculum FOO Event TBC	2:30pm Large Hall Year 2 parents FOO Event
W/C 19.05.2025		
Monday 19 th May 2025	Year 3 Journey Around the Curriculum	2:30pm Large Hall Year 3 parents
Tuesday 20 th May 2025	Year 4 Journey Around the Curriculum	2:30pm Large Hall Year 4 parents
Wednesday 21 st May 2025	Year 5 Journey Around the Curriculum	2:30pm Large Hall Year 5 parents
Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Year 6 Journey Around the Curriculum	2:30pm Large Hall Year 6 parents
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Stay and Play Coffee Morning – New Reception Intake 2025	9:00am-10:00am Reception Intake Parents 2025
W/C 26.05.2025	May Half Term	
W/C 02.06.2025		
Monday 2 nd June 2025	INSET DAY	

Saturday 7 th June 2025	Summer Fete	FOO Event 12pm - 3pm
W/C 09.06.2025	Phonics Screening Week	
Friday 13 th June 2025	Father's Day Wish Room	FOO Event
	First Aid Road Show	Year 6 – in school event
W/C 16.06.2025		
Monday 16 th June 2025	Class Photographs	In School
Friday 20 th June 2025	Sports Day and Picnic	KS2: 9:00am-11:30am Picnic: 11:45am-12:45pm KS1: 1:00pm-3:00pm
W/C 23.06.2025		
Tuesday 24 th June 2025	Sports Day and Picnic reserve date in the event of inclement weather on 20.6.24	KS2: 9:00am-11:30am Picnic: 11:45am-12:45pm KS1: 1:00pm-3:00pm
Thursday 26 th June 2025	Year 6 Transition Day Beauchamps New Reception Intake Stay, Play and Storytime Session	9:30am-11:00am Reception Intake 2025 children and parents
Friday 27 th June 2025	Year 6 Transition Day Beauchamps New Reception Intake Stay, Play and Storytime Session Booklook and Meet the New Teacher	9:30am-11:00am Reception Intake 2025 children and parents 3:30pm-4:30pm – parents enter classrooms through pod door
W/C 30.06.2025		
Friday 4 th July	Year 5 Taster Day – Bromfords Reception Intake 2025 Meeting and Teddy Bear's Picnic Rainbow Run	Year 5 children 9:30am-11:15am – new reception intake parents 2025 FOO Event
W/C 07.07.2025		
Tuesday 8 th July 2025	Year 6 Play	5pm
Thursday 10 th July 2025	Year 5 Taster Day -Beauchamps	Year 5 Children
Friday 11 th July 2025	Reception End of Year Celebration assembly Reports out to parents Contingency Rainbow Run Date FOO Ice-cream Sales	9:00am - Large Hall FOO Event FOO Event
W/C 14.07.2025		
Monday 14 th July 2025	Year 1 End of Year Celebration assembly	9:00am - Large Hall
Tuesday 15 th July 2025	Year 2 End of Year Celebration assembly	9:00am - Large Hall
Wednesday 16 th July 2025	Year 3 End of Year Celebration assembly	9:00am - Large Hall

Thursday 17 th July 2025	Year 4 End of Year Celebration assembly First Aid Road Show	9:00am - Large Hall Year 6
Friday 18 th July 2025	Year 5 End of Year Celebration assembly FOO Ice-cream Sales	9:00am - Large Hall FOO Event
W/C 21.07.2025		
Monday 21 st July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	9:00am - Large Hall
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Last Day of Term	

Please note that some dates may have to change – all new dates and changes will be made in red and will appear in the dates section of the weekly newsletter

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Dear Oakfield school,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of £1,026.86 which was donated through the school taking part in the Elf Run.

This wonderful donation will help us to continue to provide specialist palliative and end of life care to the communities we serve in Basildon & Thurrock.

Please forward our sincere thanks to everyone involved, we hope you had a fantastic time participating in the run and had fun on the day!

As a registered charity we are reliant on the generosity of our community to ensure the continued provision of specialist palliative and end of life care, where and when it is needed the most. For more information, please call us on 01268 524973 or visit our website www.stlukeshospice.com

We welcome you to keep up to date with what's happening at the hospice by following us on our social media pages:

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Thank you again for your much valued support, it is truly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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