



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

Young Voices at the O2: On Monday 3rd February, our talented KS2 choir attended the Young Voices concert at the O2 arena. After a long coach journey, hours of rehearsals and plenty of time waiting in the queue for the toilets, it was finally time for the performance to start. We sang 12 songs from a variety of artists and genres, finishing off with a wonderful Marley Medley. We had the opportunity to perform with some amazing guest artists too, including Souparnika Nair (Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist), Tommy Blaize (lead singer of the Strictly Come Dancing band) and MC Grammer (Multi-award-winning teacher turned rapper and viral social media sensation). We had an incredible time, and we hope our audience of over 10,000 people enjoyed it too. Thank you to all the teachers who gave up their time to come with us!



This year **Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week** had the theme of 'Know yourself, grow yourself.' Across the school, children have been creating their own art linked to a 'resilience backpack'. The aim was to understand how to build resilience, grow and develop. The children have thought about what makes them feel happy, how to overcome mistakes and challenges as well as knowing their strengths and talents.

Next week (**Tuesday 11th February**) we have our **book looks**. The children will leave school as normal, out of their pod doors. The pod doors will be reopened at 3.30pm where you will then be able to come in and look at your child's/ children's books in their classrooms. This is an opportunity for you to talk to your child about their learning and for them to share the fantastic work and learning with you. **3.30-4.15pm**.

On **Tuesday 25th February (8.50-9.30am)** we will be holding a **parent workshop for Writing**, led by Miss Holdaway and Mrs Richards in our large hall. The workshop will include information about handwriting and spelling.

Achievements from home

Euan & Elijah were awarded their second belt at kickboxing this week. Well done boys!



Jacob achieved his stage 2 swimming certificate amongst other swimming achievements last Friday. Both his family and the school are extremely proud of him especially as he was petrified of water a year ago.

Nora (class 10) has built a hedgehog house with her dad in Autumn. It's now sitting in the front garden waiting for its first occupant. We don't think there is a hedgehog in it yet, but hopefully next year a hedgehog might decide to make it its home for the winter.



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

Dates for your diary

11/02/25

Whole School Book Look

12/02/25

YR5 Greek Workshop

14/02/25

Break the Rules Day

&

KS1 Multiply Maths Course
for Parents

WC 17/02/25

Half Term

25/02/25

Writing Workshop 9-10am

28/02/25

KS1 Multiply Maths Course
for Parents

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

10/02/2025

Week 3 Menu

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

Achievement Certificates

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

Class 1	Rosalia K & Rosie V	Class 8	Isla C & Bobbi G
Class 2	Isobel G & Amelia W	Class 9	Gracie H & Oliver M
Class 3	Harry R & Freddie S	Class 10	Fearne A & Libby L
Class 4	Nico D & William C	Class 11	Charlotte C & Albie H
Class 5	Oscar G & Archie S	Class 12	Eliza A & Chloe B
Class 6	Grace B & Elijah H	Class 13	Dol'e T & Zack B
Class 7	Iyla C & Noah G	Class 14	Max T & Alexis L

Attendance

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

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole School
Classes 1, 2 & 3 — 96% Class 6—97%	Classes 7, 9 & 11—96% Classes 10, 12 & 14—97%	95.8%

House Points

Romans	Vikings	Saxons	Normans
35	41	31	38

Sporting Events

Last Friday, Year 4 had an exciting opportunity with a visit from Buddy Boot Camp. Class 9 and 10 demonstrated super teamwork skills as well as resilience when completing tough challenges, including races carrying tyres, relay sprints and work together to run the parameter of the playground whilst all holding up a heavy rope. It was great to see the children enjoying fitness alongside trying something new! Great job, Year 4!





Eco-Council News

Essex School Energy Surveyor visits Oakfield

This term the Eco Council are looking at how we can save energy and help reduce carbon emissions. Zoe, Alfie, Blake and Harry, our Year 5 Eco councillors, joined the Essex Schools Energy surveyor along with Mrs Pinchback to investigate how much energy our electrical appliances were using, they also got to use a thermal imaging camera and an infrared thermometer. Here's what they had to say about their experience -

Zoe-*"We found out that shutting the blinds can help keep in the heat inside the school building. I think we need to make sure that all the pipes are insulated so we can improve controlling the heat of the radiators."*

Harry-*"We should make sure our doors have draught excluders because otherwise the cold air will come inside and the heat will go outside."*

Alfie-*"When we tested the energy being used on the computers in the ICT suite we noticed that when the screen was on standby less energy was used than when it was on."*

Blake-*"I learnt how to use a thermal camera; it showed me the purple/blue areas were the colder areas like around doors and windows. This told me we need to make sure we keep shutting the pods doors and stop opening windows in the winter months- this lets the warm air out!"*

The children enjoyed working with Hilda, the Essex Schools Energy surveyor, and will feedback their findings to the whole school in the near future.



Volunteer Request

We are in need of a group of volunteers to help us with some gardening projects throughout this academic year. Please let us know if you can help by emailing:

Admin@oakfield.essex.sch.uk



2024 – 2025 Diary Dates



Spring Term (6th January – 4th April)

Date	Event	Details
W/C 10.02.2025		
Monday, 10 th February 2025	FOO Uniform Sale	3.00pm – 3.40pm Treehouse
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		
Wednesday 5 th March 2025	Year 5 Trip to the Science Museum	8.30am – 4.30pm
Thursday 6 th March 2025	World Book Day	
	Pre-loved Book Sale	FOO Event
W/C 10.03.2025		
Thursday 13 th 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 20 th March 2025	KS2 Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
W/C 24.03.2025		
Thursday 27 th 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		
Monday 31 st 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
	Year 4 Trip – Layer Marney Towers	
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	2:30pm Large Hall Year 2 parents
	FOO Event TBC	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	9:30am-11:00am

	New Reception Intake Stay, Play and Storytime Session	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

SENDIASS Free parent workshops

Is your child waiting for an Autism Assessment?

SENDIASS are hosting free parent workshops that you can attend.

Tuesday 25 February, Developing Communication and supporting Sensory needs. Delivered with Autism Specialist Teachers at Manor of Groves Sawbridgeworth. 10am until 12pm

Thursday 27 February, Understanding and Managing Your Child's Responses. Delivered with Proactive Training at The Pier Harwich, 10am until 2pm

To book your place email iasspromotion.development@essex.gov.uk

Sensory swim sessions at Riverside Sports Centre, Chelmsford

For children aged 0 to 8 and all ages with sensory needs.

Join for a sensory swim, where children and adults with sensory needs can enjoy the benefits of water in a calm environment.

The sensory swim sessions are held in the warm, shallow learner pool with low lighting and no music.

Sessions take place as part of general admission in the learner pool. The age limit in the learner pool is eight years old, but if you have a sensory need, there is no age limit.

The team will be on hand to offer support but will be supervising from the side.

For more information and to book a session visit : [Sensory swim sessions at Riverside](#)

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE



**MONDAY 10TH
FEBRUARY
3:00-3:40PM
IN THE TREEHOUSE**



PRICES FROM 10P

- Jumpers
- Cardigans
- PE items
- Polo shirts
- Trousers & Skirts
- Much much more

CASH & CARD ACCEPTED

Multiply Maths



for parents of children 5 to 7 years
(Key Stage 1)

Want to support your child with their maths homework and increase your confidence in maths?

Learn how to quickly and easily help your child with their maths homework. Increase your confidence in maths. Lots of tips, activity ideas and resources!



Claim a £10 celebration voucher on completion of the course!



**Oakfield Primary School
Scott Drive, Wickford, SS12 9PW**

The course consists of three sessions:
7th, 14th and 28th February - 9am to 11am



Book your FREE place today! [Click here](#) to book online
Contact the school office or email: info@tiegr.org



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Multiply Maths



for parents of children 7 to 11 years
(Key Stage 2)

Want to support your child with their maths homework and increase your confidence in maths?

Learn how to quickly and easily help your child with their maths homework. Increase your confidence in maths. Lots of tips, activity ideas and resources!

Claim a £10 celebration voucher on completion of the course!

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The course consists of three sessions:

13th, 20th and 27th March - 9am to 11am

Book your FREE place today! [Click here](#) to book online

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Multiply Maths



Transition workshop for parents of children in Year 6

**Want to support your child as they transition
from Year 6 maths to secondary school Year 7?**

Including an overview of the curriculum at Year 7, common challenges and concerns, strategies to support children and exploring useful resources.



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The transition course consists of one session:

31st March - 9am to 11am



Book your FREE place today! [Click here](#) to book online

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WICKFORD

North Crescent Primary School - SS12 9AP

Mon 17th Feb | Ball Day inc. Dodgeball, Handball, Benchball & more...

Tue 18th Feb | JOAS Fun Day inc. an Inflatable, Mini-Golf, Archery, Axe Throwing & an afternoon of fun with a party entertainer!

Wed 19th Feb | World Cup Football Fun Day inc. matches, penalty shootouts & crossbar challenges

Thur 20th Feb | JOAS Nerf Day - Team Nerf activities & fun!

Fri 21st Feb | Multisports Fun Day inc. a range of different sports

BRENTWOOD

Bentley St. Paul's Primary School - CM15 9SE

Mon 17th Feb | Multisports Fun Day inc. a range of different sports

Tue 18th Feb | World Cup Football Fun Day inc. matches, penalty shootouts & crossbar challenges

Wed 19th Feb | JOAS Nerf Day - Team Nerf activities & fun!

Thur 20th Feb | JOAS Fun Day inc. an Inflatable, Mini-Golf, Archery, Axe Throwing & an afternoon of fun with a party entertainer!

Fri 21st Feb | Ball Day inc. Dodgeball, Handball, Benchball & more...

17th-21st, 9am-3pm

February Half Term

Multisports, World Cup & Ball Days - £16

JOAS Nerf Day - £20

JOAS Fun Day - £22

8am drop off - additional £5

*Sessions are free for children with Activate codes

RAYLEIGH

Wyburns Primary School - SS6 7PE

Mon 17th Feb | Multisports Fun Day inc. a range of different sports

Tue 18th Feb | JOAS Nerf Day - Team Nerf activities & fun!

Wed 19th Feb | JOAS Fun Day inc. an Inflatable, Mini-Golf, Archery, Axe Throwing & an afternoon of fun with a party entertainer!

Thur 20th Feb | World Cup Football Fun Day inc. matches, penalty shootouts & crossbar challenges

Fri 21st Feb | Ball Day inc. Dodgeball, Handball, Benchball & more...

Sessions are for reception to year 6.

Book by **messaging us on Facebook**, calling **07919 888093**, emailing **jackofallsports@btinternet.com** or visit **my.coacha.app/member_signup/jackofallsports**

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February 2025

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Thursday
20th Feb

19:00 - 20:00
FREE



FREE SESSION

Supporting Healthy Screen Use

A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens

Monday
3rd Feb

10:00 - 11:30
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
11th Feb

19:00 - 20:30
£24



Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday
18th Feb

19:00 - 20:30
£24



Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness

Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.

Tuesday
25th Feb

19:00 - 20:30
£24



Understanding the Teenage Brain

A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Understanding Anger	10 FEB 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	11 FEB 10am
Facing Defiance	14 FEB 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN 7pm 25 FEB 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN 7pm 24 FEB 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 FEB 10am 3 MAR 7pm
Improving Family Communication	3 FEB 7pm 4 MAR 10am
AUTISM: Improving Communication	4 FEB 10am 4 MAR 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	4 FEB 7pm 3 MAR 10am
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	10 FEB 10am 10 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	17 FEB 10am 17 MAR 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 FEB 7pm 18 MAR 10am
Anxiety Explained	18 FEB 10am 18 MAR 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	18 FEB 7pm 17 MAR 10am
Decreasing Depression	24 FEB 7pm 25 MAR 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	25 FEB 7pm 24 MAR 10am

Essex Fire Museum Open Days



Tuesday 18 and
Sunday 23 February
2025

10:30AM
To
4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

Book Now



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