



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

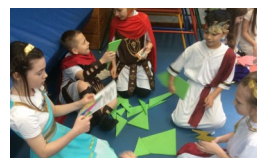
On **Tuesday 25th February (8.50am-9.30am)** we will be hosting a **parent workshop linked to writing, spelling and handwriting**. It would be great to see lots of parents at this to find out about what we teach, why and how you can support at home. Please sign up for this via the Google form sent out on email today. If we do not have enough parents, then we may have to cancel the workshop.

Year 3 outdoor learning: Year 3 had a great time at the fire pit on Thursday! Firstly, they cut up a range of vegetables and made their own skewers. Then they got to roast them and finally, got to enjoy eating them!

Year 4 outdoor learning: On Tuesday, Year 4 had a great time preparing and cooking a 2 course meal around the fire pit, complete with campfire songs. We cooked an authentic Brazilian dish using tapioca to create a tasty cheesy savoury dish, as well as a delicious sweet version with banana and honey or chocolate. It was lots of fun!



Year 5 Greek day: On Wednesday, Year 5 were treated to an informative and exciting Ancient Greek workshop! To get into character, we dressed as Ancient Greeks and learnt all about their lives and culture. First, we found out about where the Greeks came from and some of their battles. We turned our hall into a theatre and acted out some Greek myths and stories, including Perseus and Medusa, and The Trojan Horse. We demonstrated the power of democracy while learning about the Greek voting system (and finding it out wasn't quite a fair as it is today!) We then put together some Greek mosaic puzzles, followed by a quiz and a game that was played by Alexander the Great! After lunch, we learnt about the armour and weapons that the Greeks used and took part in the Battle of Thermopylae and Marathon. Finally, we competed against each other to take part in some Olympic Games! We had a wonderful time and learnt so much!



Book Look: It was lovely to see lots of parents looking at children's books this week. We hope you enjoyed talking to the children about their learning.

We hope you all have a lovely half term. Children return on Monday 24th February.

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

Dates for your diary

WC 17/02/25

Half Term

25/02/25

Writing Workshop 9-10am

28/02/25

KS1 Multiply Maths Course
for Parents

05/03/25

Year 5 Science Museum

06/03/25

World Book Day &
FOO Pre-loved Book Sale

13/03/25

KS2 Multiply Maths Course
for Parents

14/03/25

Red Nose Day

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

24/02/2025

Week 2 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	Rory K & Audrey D	Class 8	Whole Class
Class 2	Ronnie D & Lucas H	Class 9	Olivia B & Olivia S
Class 3	Emilia B & Aspen B	Class 10	Sydney D & Bradeigh H
Class 4	Katie N & Teddy C-K	Class 11	Freya A & Mila A
Class 5	Chase W & Euan H	Class 12	Elsie W & Blake B
Class 6	Daisy U & William D	Class 13	Beau L & Annabelle M
Class 7	Elijah M & Flora M	Class 14	Olly S & Lucas H

Attendance

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

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole School
Classes 1 & 2 — 96% Class 6— 97%	Classes 7, 9, 11 & 14 — 96% Classes 10 & 12 — 97%	95.7%

House Points

Romans	Vikings	Saxons	Normans
39	39	30	28

Sporting Events

Over the course of the last term and a half, Oakfield’s A team have been competing in an ongoing competition with other schools in Wickford. As a result of our third event, which took place at Beauchamps on Thursday, the girls placed 3rd out of 4 schools. All of the children have shown great dedication and progress across the tournament, as well as super team work and skills. A massive well done to the girls and thank you to all involved for representing Oakfield!

Congratulations also to our boys Y5/6 team who won 8-0 at a friendly away at Ghyllgrove. Very impressive!



Achievements from Home

This week so many of our children have wonderful achievements from home to share that we have designated a whole page to celebrate them. Well done to you all, we are very proud of you!

Congratulations to Darcie H who travelled to Cannock last weekend to compete in the 2025 English Championships in both creative weapons and light continuous fighting. Despite recently stepping up to an older age bracket and also into the black belt divisions making the competition extremely hard, Darcie competed courageously winning two silver medals. Well Done Darcie!



A huge congratulations also to the girls at Hayley's School of Dance who performed in their dance show this week at The Towngate Theatre. They have worked incredibly hard for the last few months rehearsing during evenings and weekends and it paid off as they did an amazing job, the show was fantastic both nights!

Well done to Lilly C, Isabella G, Sydney D, Jessica W, Abigail M, Ava C, Lily K, Amelia W, Heidi G, Esme W, Madison L, Dolcie G, Hallie H, Kallie F and Amelia W.





Eco-Council News

Recycling at Oakfield

We are pleased to announce that we have found a way to recycle our glue sticks. Once we finish our glue sticks we place them in our glue stick recycling bin. Mrs Pinchback and some of the Eco council members empty, rinse and put the caps back on so they can be put in our plastic recycling bins.

DID YOU KNOW?

We are already part of the Terracycle writing instruments free recycling programme and have been recycling our pens for a whole year this month. Last year we sent to Ryman's stationery in Southend-on-Sea **25 kg** of pens to be recycled!

If you want to see what our pens are made into click the link below, the whole process is quite amazing on to watch-

https://youtu.be/Y_sbGsEWYQw?si=fOGRjUOVvd-j1NMm

Thank you for your continued support in our Eco projects,

The Eco Council



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 (6 th January – 4 th April)		
Date	Event	Details
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 (21 st April – 22 nd 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 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 First Aid Road Show	FOO Event 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

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](#)

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



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

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

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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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



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Join Our Community – ADHD & ASD!

Become part of a community that understands and supports. Our FREE online ADHD, and ASD sessions are more than just learning opportunities—they're a chance to connect, grow, and thrive together.

Understanding ASD in children (a bitesize, online, 1 week session)
Understanding ADHD in children (a bitesize, online, 1 week session)
Understanding ADHD & ASD In Girls (online, 4 sessions over 4 weeks)

Whatever your situation, our non judgemental sessions have got it covered.

Sign Up!
Scan the QR code, or
Visit our website aclessex.com
and type **ASD** or **ADHD** in to the
'Find a course...' box



SCAN ME

COMMUNITY & FAMILY LEARNING





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



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