



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

The Secret Garden: On Monday the children watched a performance of 'The Secret Garden'. The show was full of humour, dancing and singing. The set was very dynamic and there were practical effects including birds flying around. The children joined in with a song from 'Matilda'.



Year 1 had a fantastic day at 'Call of the Wild' on Thursday. The children saw lots of different animals including a new baby Meerkat, penguins and a Madagascan Hissing Cockroach. The children watched a bird display and attended a workshop about habitats.



Our **clubs** finish for the term this week. There are no clubs next week. We have a new club timetable, starting after the Easter holiday. A letter has been sent out regarding these.

We are continuing with the Big Walk and Wheel next week.

A reminder that Acorn's children must be walked round the school to the big hall entrance for breakfast club. Parents must then stay with their child until they have been registered by a member of Acorn's staff.

House Points

Romans	Vikings	Saxons	Normans
42	32	29	39

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

Dates for your diary

31/03/25

Transition Yr6-Yr7 Multiply Maths Course for Parents

02/04/25

Parent Consultation Meetings & Rocksteady Concert

03/04/25

Parent Consultation Meetings & FOO Easter Egg Hunt

04/04/25

OGT Final & Last Day of Term

22/04/25

Earth Day & Yr4 Layer Marney Trip

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

31/03/2025

Week 1 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.

Class 1	Archie M & Audrey D	Class 8	Callum R & Hudson H
Class 2	Jamie D & Colbey R	Class 9	Theo D & Charlotte H
Class 3	Whole Class	Class 10	Jamie H-O'K & Jack W
Class 4	Timo E & Kyro R	Class 11	Alexander H & Tillie W
Class 5	Kayla G & Arthur D	Class 12	Amelie D & George S
Class 6	Sadie G & Logan W	Class 13	Dol'e T & Max A
Class 7	Elijah G & Kitty S	Class 14	Jessica W & Milo S

Attendance

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

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole School
Class 2— 96% Class 6— 97%	Classes 7, 11 & 14 — 96% Classes 10 & 12 — 97%	95.5%

Sporting Achievements

On Tuesday, our Y5/6 girls' football team played the second and final leg of a tournament against the other schools in Wickford. Impressively, our girls played very well once again and as a result, won the tournament. Well done to our Wickford champions! We're very proud of you and can't wait to see you playing as Lionesses in the future.



Achievements from Home

Once again, 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!



Sophie C started ballet in October and has just received a merit from her first exam in February.

Dol'è T has achieved her Junior Leader role after passing the Junior Leadership program for Mixed Martial Arts. She is now fulfilling this role in 2 classes of MMA a week.



Billy H took part in the Scouts county backpack, walking over 25km over the weekend. In his team, they had to plan a route, read maps, and use a compass to navigate.

Annabelle H took part in her annual Dance Trix show, performing two shows on Saturday.



Ella-Rose and Ronnie H have been working hard in the karate sessions at school. They have just completed their first grading and received certificates and their next belt levels.

Bobbi G has made it to the finals of the Imperial Classical Ballet Awards which are held in Birmingham on the 27th of April. Out of the many applicants from the whole UK and Republic of Ireland only 24 got through the finals.



Elijah Handley received 'Player of the match' for nearly scoring a hat-trick at last week's football match.

Iyla C competed in a gymnastics competition



THE FRIENDS OF OAKFIELD EASTER VIRTUAL DUCK RACE!

WHAT IS IT? A FUN ONLINE EVENT TO PROMOTE OUR ECO SCHOOL VALUES. BUY YOUR 'VIRTUAL' DUCKS AND LET THEM 'RACE' EACH OTHER ACROSS THE COURSE OVER A WEEK LONG EVENT. CHECK ONLINE TO SPOT YOUR DUCK AND LIVE RACE POSITIONS!

WHEN IS IT? RACE START: MONDAY 14TH APRIL
RACE END: EASTER MONDAY 21ST APRIL
DUCKS ON SALE FROM: NOW

HOW DO WE PLAY? CLICK HERE TO BUY YOUR DUCKS:
WWW.BALLOONRACE.NET/TFOO

CUSTOMISE AND NAME IT. ENTER AS MANY DUCKS AS YOU WISH. THE MORE YOU HAVE IN THE RACE THE MORE CHANCE OF WINNING. HOW FAST WILL YOUR'S SWIM!!

WHO CAN ENTER? CHILDREN, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, FRIENDS, FAMILY, EVEN THE DOG IF YOU WANT!! FOO KINDLY ASK YOU TO SHARE OUR LINK FAR AND WIDE, THE MORE THE MERRIER AND IT'S ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE.

WHAT ARE WE FUNDRAISING FOR? WE ARE STARTING AN AMBITIOUS CHALLENGE OF RAISING FUNDS FOR NEW SMART SCREENS IN EVERY SINGLE CLASSROOM. HOPEFULLY WITH YOUR HELP AND GENEROSITY WE CAN START THIS FUNDING POT GOING.

1ST PRIZE: £50 CASH
2ND PRIZE: £20 AMAZON VOUCHER
3RD, 4TH, 5TH, PRIZES: EASTER EGGS
THE CLASS WITH THE MOST DUCKS TO FINISH
IN THE TOP 10, WIN EXTRA GREEN TIME!

<https://www.balloonrace.net/TFOO>

THE ECO-COUNCIL HAVE BEEN BUSY PLANTING POTATOES!

This week the Eco Council planted their potatoes. They had two different varieties - Casablanca and Shannon.

They have been chitting the potatoes for a few weeks as this speeds up the growing process of the potatoes.

DID YOU KNOW?

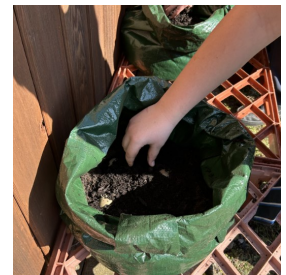
By exposing the potatoes to light and more importantly, a bit of warmth it causes the eyes of the seed potato to start sprouting and should result in a better crop.

Now they have planted the potatoes we need to wait 14 weeks from planting to harvesting. They are very excited to see how well they grow!

The Eco Council have learnt that to get a good crop of potatoes they must keep soil moist, but not wet and to top up the soil as the plant grows to give the potatoes plenty of room. They also found out from Mrs Pinchback that the potatoes will be ready once the flowers have begun to fade or drop off and the foliage turns from green to yellow.

Each week the Eco council members from the different year groups will be on 'potato watch' ensuring the potatoes get enough light, food, water, space and air.

Fingers crossed we are successful potato growers!!



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 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
Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	Rocksteady Concert	9am Large Hall
Thursday 3 rd April 2025	Parent Consultation Meetings	4pm - 7pm
Thursday 3 rd April 2025	FOO Easter Egg Hunt	In school event
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
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Year 4 Trip – Layer Marney Towers	
Thursday 24 th April 2025	Year 2 Trip – Langdon Hills	
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 Wonderlicious Sale	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	
Thursday 5 th June 2025	Year 6 -Chessington Trip	
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	Year 5 children
Friday 4 th July	Reception Intake 2025 Meeting and Teddy Bear's Picnic Rainbow Run	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	9:00am - Large Hall

	Contingency Rainbow Run Date	FOO Event
	FOO Ice-cream Sales	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	9:00am - Large Hall
	First Aid Road Show	Year 6
Friday 18 th July 2025	Year 5 End of Year Celebration assembly	9:00am - Large Hall
	FOO Ice-cream Sales	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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THE ROCKET

A NEW PLAY BY UNPUZZLED THEATRE COMPANY. WRITTEN BY SADIE DAVIDSON

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL, 4PM
SATURDAY 5TH APRIL, 11AM AND 2PM
St Martin's Church,
St. Martins Square, Basildon SS14 1DX

MONDAY 7TH APRIL, 11AM AND 2PM
Grays Parish Hall,
West Street, Grays RM17 6LN

TUESDAY 8TH APRIL, 11AM AND 2PM
Studio 1, Clifftown Theatre,
Nelson St, Southend-on-Sea SS1 1EF

Tickets are FREE but must be booked in advance.

Suitable for ages 8+
Children must be accompanied by an adult

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FREE EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS IN BASILDON

Book onto a free holiday club with Essex ActivAte this EASTER in Basildon!

Offer your children a memorable holiday experience filled with exciting and fun activities.
We provide FREE spaces for children who receive income related free school meals.
Book on with your emailed/text HolidayActivities voucher code!

CENTRAL BASILDON

Premier Education - Basildon Sport & Leisure Club (5-12 yrs)
Basildon Sport & Leisure Club, Gardiners Way, SS14 3UJ
RClark@premier-education.com & 07387196392

ATF - Millhouse (5-14 years)
Millhouse Primary School, Tavistock Road, SS15 5QF
kherring@atfcommunity.com & 07701365822

BILLERICAY

Camp 4 Champs (4-14 years)
Mayflower High School, Stock Rd, Billericay, CM12 0RT
bookings@camp4champs.co.uk & 02081030101

Mega Camps (4-14 years, SEND Level 1)
St John's School, Stock Road, Billericay, CM12 0AR
03330124378

FELMORES & VANGE

Southend United (5-13 years, up to SEND Level 2)
Eversley Leisure Centre, Crest Ave. SS13 2EF
info@southendunited-cet.co.uk & 01702341351

ATF - Briscoe (5-12 years)
Briscoe Primary School, Felmores End, SS13 1PN
c.malden@heartsacademy.uk & 07956770446

ATF - Vange (5-12 years)
Vange Primary School, London Road, SS16 4QA
smartin@atfcommunity.com & 07989515757

ATF - Northlands (5-12 years)
Briscoe Primary School, Felmores End, Basildon, SS13 1PN
kherring@atfcommunity.com & 07701365822

Sports Cool East London (4-11 years)
Cherry Tree Primary School, Long Riding, SS14 1QP
southessex@sportscool.org & 07707861027

WICKFORD & SHOTGATEE

Jack Of All Sports - Wickford (4-12 years)
North Crescent Primary School, Wickford, SS12 9AP
jackofallsports@btinternet.com & 07919888093

Jack Of All Sports - Wickford FC (4-12 years)
Bartlett Part, Shotgate, Wickford, SS11 8RZ
jackofallsports@btinternet.com & 07919888093

Crafty Katies Make and Move Holiday Club (4-12 years)
Abacus School, Tresco Way, Wickford, SS12 9GJ
craftykatie10@gmail.com & 07929044960

LAINDON, FRYERNS & ST MARTIN'S

Kidbusterz - Janet Duke (4-13 years, up to SEND Level 2)
Janet Duke Primary School, 105 Markhams Chase, SS15 5LS
info@kidbusterz.co.uk & 07519079628

Sports Cool East London (4-11 years)
Fairhouse Community Primary School, Long Riding, SS14 1QP
southessex@sportscool.org & 07707861027

SPECIALIST SEND & MENTAL WELLBEING CLUBS

Butterflies Club - Laindon, SEND Level 4 (8-16 years)
Presidents Hall, Laindon, SS15 6LF
jasmine@butterfliesclub.co.uk & 07884700124

Motivated Minds!
Mental Wellbeing & SEND Level 2 (6-16 years)
Happy Hub, Eastgate Shopping Centre, Basildon, SS14 1AE
thrive@motivated-minds.co.uk & 07429224971

JTD Arts SEND Level 1-3 (5-11 years)
Northlands Primary School, 45 Winifred Road, SS13 3JQ
activejtd@hotmail.com & 07856869296

Share SEND Level 4 (5-16 years)
The Fryth, Beeleigh E, SS14 2RR
admin@sharerespite.co.uk & 0126852169

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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.



Oakfield Primary School
Scott Drive, Wickford, SS12 9PW

The transition course consists of one session:
31st March - 9am to 11am



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



The Easter Holidays are fast-approaching. Are you looking for something for your child to do during this time?
Why not sign them up to one of our Bikeability Courses.

Various levels are available as well as our beginner Learn to Ride courses.

The courses are being held in the following locations:

- Braintree
- Colchester – Learn to Ride, Level 1, Level 1&2 and Level 3
- Harlow – Learn to Ride, Level 1, Level 1&2 and Level 3
- Witham

HOLIDAY COURSES

Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2 and 3 and Learn to ride courses

To book, please visit link
essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee





Spring 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Schools can now buy a
FACE School Annual Membership
which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff**
get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL 16** parent talks

Thursday
24th April
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



Responding to Angry Behaviour

What can we do in the moment?

Tuesday
18th March
10:00 - 11:30
£24



Anxiety Explained

Anxiety, especially in our young is rising.
This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Tuesday
3rd April
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
3rd April
19:00 - 20:30
£24



Improving Family Communication

How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Spring Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm