



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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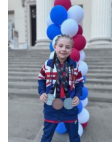
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Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to have our children back in school after the summer holiday. There have been lots of smiles and hellos around the school. It has been a pleasure to see children excited to be back and enjoying being in their new classes. There are always some nerves on the first day back but the children have settled in well and look really smart in their uniforms.

Achievements from Home

Darcie H had a huge success over the summer holidays. She was selected to represent team GB in kickboxing in April this year and has trained tirelessly. Darcie competed in 4 separate divisions at the youth world championships held in Budapest, where there were over 3100 athletes from 68 countries competing in total. Darcie succeeded in winning 2 silver medals, 1 bronze and retaining her European Champion title. Well done Darcie!! Penny and Oscar L were both awarded Blue Peter badges over the summer break. Penny received a Green Badge and a Music Badge and Oscar received a Sport Badge and has applied for his Music Badge. A big Oakfield well done to you both!



Attendance

In our newsletters we always report on weekly attendance. Due to only being back for four days this week, the attendance data will be reported in next week's newsletter. We have been really pleased to see so many children getting to school on time and being ready to learn— thank you and keep it up!

House Points

At Oakfield we have an exciting way to award house points for all children. In each class there are four plastic jars, one for each house and when a child is awarded a house point they can put a house point token in their house jar. We have been pleased to see the jars filling up quickly this week! House point totals will be reported each week on the newsletter once the Year 6 Captains have been selected who will then have the responsibility of collating the points each week.

Achievement Certificates

Grayson H, Erin S, Jannat S, Annabelle H, Megan L, Andre N, Aiden C, Ella-Rose H, Harrison S, Amy T, Jayden N, Pearl T, Oliver B, Jack B-S, Jonny A, Ollie R, Zoe S, Zack B, Yasmine C and Max T



Eco-Council News

This year, Oakfield Primary has decided to work for a second year towards Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation, and we are all excited to start. With the world beginning to experience the effects of climate change; [different species](#) of plant and animals becoming extinct every day; and micro-plastics being found in the most remote locations on Earth we thought that this year we should continue use the Eco Schools programme to raise awareness of environmental issues and help our planet. As a key part of the Eco-Schools process involves our entire school and wider community, we will be using our school newsletter to inform you of what we have been doing to help our planet.

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

Dates for your diary

09/09/24

Year 6 Curriculum Meeting

10/09/24

Year 5 Curriculum Meeting

11/09/24

Year 4 Curriculum Meeting

12/09/24

PGL Medication Drop Off
Year 3 Curriculum Meeting

13/09/24

Reception First Full Day
Year 2 Curriculum Meeting

17/09/24

Year 1 Curriculum Meeting

25/09/24

Reception Curriculum
Meeting

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

09/09/2023

Week 2 Menu

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2024 – 2025 Dairy Dates

Autumn Term (2 nd September – 20 th December)		
Date	Event	Details
W/C 02/09/2024		
Monday 2 nd September 2024	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	First day back for children <i>Reception parents in for 1:1 appointments</i>	
Wednesday 4 th September 2024	<i>Reception parents in for 1:1 appointments</i>	
Thursday 5 th September 2024	Year 6 PGL Meeting	3:30pm – 4:30pm Year 6 Parents in large hall
W/C 9/09/2024		
Monday 9 th September 2024	Year 6 Curriculum Meeting	Year 6 parents. Small Hall 3:30pm – 4pm
Tuesday 10 th September 2024	Year 5 Curriculum Meeting	Year 5 parents. Small Hall 3:30pm – 4pm
Wednesday 11 th September 2024	Year 4 Curriculum Meeting	Year 4 parents. Small Hall 3:30pm – 4pm
Thursday 12 th September 2024	PGL Trip Medication Drop off Year 3 Curriculum Meeting	Year 6 parents in treehouse 3:30pm – 4:30pm Year 3 parents. Small Hall 3:30pm - 4pm
Friday 13 th September 2024	Reception first full day Year 2 Curriculum Meeting	Year 2 parents. Small Hall 3:30pm – 4pm
W/C 16/09/2024	Year 6 at PGL	
Tuesday 17 th September 2024	Year 1 Curriculum Meeting	Year 1 parents. Small Hall 3:30pm - 4pm
W/C 23/09/2024		
Wednesday 25 th September 2024	Reception Curriculum Meeting	9:00am – 10:00am EYFS parents in large hall
W/C 30/09/2024		
W/C 07/10/2024		
Thursday 10 th October 2024	Harvest Celebration Assembly	10:45am – in school event
Friday 11 th October 2024	Autumn Disco	FOO Event
W/C 14/10/2024		
Wednesday 16 th October 2024	Parent Consultation Meetings	4pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 17 th October 2024	Parent Consultation Meetings	4pm – 7pm
W/C 21/10/2024		
Monday 21 st October 2024	Individual Photographs	
Friday 25 th October 2024	INSET DAY	
W/C 28.10.2024	October Half Term	
W/C 04.11.2024		
Monday 4 th November 2024	INSET DAY	
Wednesday 6 th November 2024	Prospective Reception Intake 2025 Parent Tours	9:30am and 4pm
Thursday 7 th November 2024	Laser Light Show	FOO Event
W/C 11.11.2024	Anti-Bullying Week	
Monday 11 th November 2024	Flu Immunisation	

	Remembrance Day	
Tuesday 12 th November 2024	Odd Sock Day - Anti-bullying week	Children wear odd socks to school
Wednesday 13 th November 2024	Prospective Reception Intake 2025 Parent Tours	9:30am and 4pm
Friday 15 th November 2024	Children in Need Day	Organised by school Council More information to follow
W/C 18.11.2024		
Monday 18 th November 2024	INSET DAY	
Thursday 21 st November 2024	Whole School Book Look	3:30pm – 4:15pm Enter classrooms through pod doors
W/C 25.11.2024		
W/C 02.12.2024		
Wednesday 4 th December 2024	Rocksteady Concert	9:30am
Friday 6 th December 2024	Christmas Bazaar	FOO Event 3:30pm – 5:30pm
W/C 09.12.2024		
Monday 9 th December 2024	R/Year 1 Christmas Performances	2pm and 5pm
Tuesday 10 th December 2024	Year 2/3 Christmas Performances	2pm and 5pm
Wednesday 11 th December 2024	Year 4/5 Christmas Performances	2pm and 5pm
Friday 13 th December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Wish Room Christmas Lunch	FOO Event
W/C 16.12.2024		
Tuesday 17 th December 2024	Whole School trip to the <u>Towngate Theatre</u>	10am
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Year 6 Coffee and Christmas Carols assembly	9am. Year 6 parents in the large hall
Friday 20 th December 2024	Last Day of term	
W/C 23.12.2024	Christmas Holidays	
W/C 30.12.2024		

Spring Term (6 th January – 4 th April)		
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
W/C 13.01.2025		
W/C 20.01.2025		
W/C 27.01.2025		
W/C 03.02.2025	Children's Mental Health Week	
W/C 10.02.2025		
Tuesday 11 th February 2025	Whole School Book Look	3:30pm – 4:15pm Enter classrooms through pod doors
Friday 14 th February 2025	Break the Rules Day	FOO Event
W/C 17.02.2025	February Half Term	
W/C 24.02.2025		
W/C 03.03.2025		
Thursday 6 th March 2025	World Book Day	

	Pre-loved Book Sale	FOO Event
W/C 10.03.2025		
Friday 15 th March 2025	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)	Organised by the School Council – more information to follow
W/C 17.03.2025		
W/C 24.03.2025		
Friday 28 th March 2025	Mother's Day Wish Room	FOO Event
W/C 31.03.2025		
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
Friday 25th 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		
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 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 New Reception Intake Stay, Play and Storytime Session <u>Booklook and Meet the New Teacher</u>	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 – <u>Bromfords</u> 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		
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	9:00am - Large Hall
Friday 18 th July 2025	Year 5 End of Year Celebration assembly FOO Ice-cream Sales	Year 6 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

How do I find out more?

You can make a referral to the Private Fostering Team via the Children and Families HUB by following this link www.essexeffectivesupport.org.uk and by selecting Request Support.

You can also contact The Children and Families Hub on **0345 603 7627**

You can also download the **Essex Private Fostering App** for more information on playstore. Search for Essex Private Fostering App

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Private Fostering

An explanation of Private Fostering for care professionals

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What is Private Fostering?

When a child/young person under 16 (18 if disabled) lives with someone who is not a close relative for more than 28 days, this is called "Private Fostering". The law considers a close relative to be a grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt or step-parent.

It is a legal requirement for parents and private foster carers to notify the Local Authority when a private fostering arrangement is made. This needs to happen at least 6 weeks before the arrangement is due to start, or if the child/young person arrives suddenly, no more than 48 hours after he or she has arrived.

Private Fostering is a private arrangement that is made between the parent and the private foster carer. Private foster carers are not Local Authority Foster Carers and the children/young people within the arrangements are not Looked After Children.

What are the duties of the Local Authority?

Once the Local Authority is made aware of a private fostering arrangement, a member of the Private Fostering Team will visit the arrangement within seven days.

Formal checks with the police and other agencies are made to ensure that the child is safeguarded and that the private foster carers are able to provide a reasonable standard of care.

An assessment is completed to consider the child/young person's needs and the private foster carer's ability to meet them. If the arrangement continues, we undertake regular visits to the home to offer advice and support and ensure the arrangement continues to be suitable.

Who holds Parental Responsibility?

The private foster carer becomes responsible for providing the day to day care of the child. However, the child's parent remains legally responsible for the child.

We ask parents and private foster carers to share information and agree practicalities around the day to day care of the child/young person. This includes details such as how long the arrangement will last, who will keep in touch with the child's school, who can give consent over medical matters, how the child/young person will be provided for financially, agreeing what support the child/young person's parents will provide and deciding how contact can be supported.

The following are examples of Private Fostering Arrangements:

- A young person living with the family of a boyfriend, girlfriend or a friend.
- A child or young person living with an extended family member, for example a Great Aunt or Cousin.
- A child or young person living with a family friend, perhaps as a result of parental separation, arguments at home or because their parents are overseas or working away.
- Children/young people who are in this country as part of an educational exchange programme and will be staying with a host family for a period longer than 28 days.

What is my responsibility?

Private Fostering Arrangements are frequently under reported, and potentially placing this often vulnerable group of children and young people at risk. Partner agencies have a responsibility to notify Essex County Council immediately if they become aware of any Private Fostering arrangement and are not satisfied that the Local Authority have been, or will be, notified of the arrangement.

We may contact you and other agencies requesting information about the child and/or the private foster carers. A prompt response can help us to make decisions about the suitability of the arrangement quickly, and ensure the child's safety.

If at any time you become concerned about anything affecting the Private Fostering Arrangement, please contact us immediately.

How can a Private Fostering Arrangement be ended?

The Private Foster Carer or the parent can end the arrangement at any time. The Local Authority need to be informed within 48 hours of an arrangement ending.

If the Local Authority find the arrangement unsuitable for the child either during the assessment period or afterwards, we will request that the parent makes alternative arrangements for the care of their child.

