



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

History in Year 2:

Year 2 have been learning about schools then and now. To enhance their learning, they had a visit from Mrs Richard's Nana. She talked to the children about what her school days were like and showed the children some photographs. The children asked lots of questions and then wrote their own facts that they had learnt from the visit.

2 Johns online safety workshop for parents/ carers

On Thursday 10th October (5-6.30pm) the 2 Johns will be running an online safety workshop for parents/ carers. Please see the attached flyer for more information. The workshop will be hosted by Wickford Primary school and parents/ carers are asked to pre-book to secure a place.

On Monday we have our **harvest festival** - Thank you for all the donations that have come in so far. Final contributions need to be in school Monday morning please.

100 books reading challenge:

Thank you to all the families that attended 100 books in the Treehouse Thursday after school. It was fantastic to see so many people. An email has been sent out with further information about our new challenge. We look forward to seeing children achieving rewards for every 10 books they read before reaching the 100 books within bronze, silver and gold. 100 books runs every Thursday 3.20-3.40pm in the Treehouse (Excluding next week 10/10/24 due to staff training).

Sporting News

This week the girls football team (Ava G, Mila A, Yasmine C, Chloe B, Evie M, Annabelle M, Amelie D, Darcey J, Brooke H & Eliza A) attended a tournament where they played 5 other teams and won overall! The girls played brilliantly and showed a great team effort! Well done to you all.



Attendance

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

EYFS & Early Years	KS2	Whole School
Classes 1, 3, 4 & 6 - 98%	Classes 9, 10 & 14 — 97%	96.4%
Class 2 - 96.5%	Class 11 — 99%	

Achievement Certificates

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

Class 3	Danny M & Ethan K	Class 9	Bonnie C & Olivia S
Class 4	Albie G & Charlie G	Class 10	Ava C & Tommy P
Class 5	Harrison C & Arthur D	Class 11	Matilda A & Ethan E
Class 6	Zac C & Max W	Class 12	Alice B & George M
Class 7	Sophie C & Maxwell P	Class 13	Evie M & Luca T
Class 8	Sophia A & Brandon T	Class 14	Alex A & Freya B

Secondary School Applications

If your child is in year 6, you need to apply for their secondary school place between 12 September 2024 and 31 October 2024. All the information can be found on the Education Essex portal.

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

Dates for your diary

7/10/24

Harvest Celebration
Assembly

11/10/24

FOO Autumn Disco
Non-Uniform Day

16/10/24

Parent Consultation
Meetings

17/10/24

Parent Consultation
Meetings

18/10/24

FOO Uniform Sale

21/10/24

Individual Photographs

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

07/10/2024

Week 3 Menu

Please remember to pre-order your child/ren's meals. Click on the link to view full menu: [Menu](#)



Class	Council	Reserve
3	Hallie H	Samuel L
4	Charlie G	Kallie F
5	Euan H	Alyssa H
6	Megan L	Connor C
7	Oliver M	Teddy H
8	Amy T	Teddy A
9	Isabella O	Jesse O
10	Libby L	Amy R
11	Jonny A	Ava G
12	<u>Esmée K</u>	Ollie R
13	Annabelle M	
14	Jake A	



Eco-Council

We are excited to announce our new Eco Council for this academic year. Our new members are as follows-

Class 3- Harrison S and Isaac O

Class 4- Ava M-R and Arthur M

Class 5- Daisy B and Millie D

Class 6- Alfie K and Nora W

Class 7- Ruby F and Maxwell P

Class 8- Chase H and Hannah M

Class 9- Harry P and Lily A

Class 10- Nora E and Tommy P

Class 11- Zoe M and Harry M

Class 12- Alfie S and Blake B

Class 13- Albie A and Isabelle H

Class 14- Jake G-W and Alex A

The Eco-Council will be responsible for delivering the Eco-Schools programme and making Oakfield more environmentally friendly.

We will need your support to help us on our journey to achieve our Green Flag status so look out for information in the next few weeks on our first Eco project- Cutting Carbon month in November!

Essex Local Offer Roadshows

Are you a parent/carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.

Meet representatives from across education, health and social care as well as local support groups.

9:30am to 12:30pm
No need to book, just drop in!

Join us...

Tuesday 15 October 2024
Champions Manor Hall, South
Woodham Ferrers

Wednesday 23 October 2024
Brightlingsea Community Centre,
Brightlingsea

Tuesday 5 November 2024
Hannakins Farm, Billericay

Wednesday 6 November 2024
Peter Kirk Centre, Stansted Mountfitchet

Visit our website for
further details

Scan the QR code to
find out more
information



or go to
www.send.essex.gov.uk



In Partnership with



Harvest Festival 7th October 2024

For our Harvest Festival this year we will be collecting donations for our local Foodbank, managed by The Salvation Army. The Food Bank, here in Wickford, has now been running for 11 years and they are seeing an increasing number of local families needing their support on a regular basis.

To support this valuable community resource we are asking for donations to give to them. If you can spare just one item from your cupboards, or add an extra to your shop, it will make a huge difference for those in need.

Representatives from the Food Bank will be visiting the School to thank the children and below is a suggested list of items.

Children should bring their items in to their classroom by **Friday 4th October**.



Wickford Churches Food Bank Managed by The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, Jersey Gardens, Wickford, Essex, SS11 1AE
The Salvation Army is a Christian Church and registered charity number 214779

We are grateful for donations in the following categories:

Packet rice, Packet pasta, Tinned meat, Tinned fish, Tinned fruit, Long-life milk, Tea, Coffee, Tinned vegetables, Tinned potatoes, Tinned tomatoes, Pasta sauce, Jam, Marmalade.

Toiletry items are also welcomed - shower gel, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and feminine hygiene products.



Wickford Primary School

Market Road, Wickford, Essex, SS12 0AG
01268 733071
wickfordprimary.uk



Dear Parent/Carer,

The 2 Johns - Online Safety Workshop for Parents/Carers from Wickford Schools

The '2 Johns' will be visiting Wickford Primary School, Market Road on **Thursday 10th October** to deliver online safety workshops to parents **5pm – 6.30pm**. We are inviting all Wickford school parents to this event in an effort to share vital messages and important online safety information. We encourage all parents & carers, and any other friends or relatives, to attend this vital workshop to help keep your child safe in an ever-evolving online world.

The evening workshop is for **adults only** so children cannot attend.

This workshop is incredibly informative and difficult to secure, so we hope to see as many of you as possible at the event. We do have a maximum capacity and places will be secured on a first come, first serve basis – please call our school office on **01268 733071** (9am – 4pm) to secure your place.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Baker
Assistant Headteacher



"The most informative and useful hour and half I've spent as a parent since ante-natal classes!"

"Not only did they bring me up-to-date with how my children are at risk, but gave fantastic advice on how to communicate with my children to keep them safe online."

Striving to become independent, motivated learners and responsible citizens.



Discounted Adventure Island and Sealife Adventure tickets

FOO still have a limited number of tickets available.

Southend have a free fireworks display every Saturday from 28 September to 16 November 2024, so why not grab yourself some discounted tickets to add some extra fun to your day!
Or buy now for a day out during half term!

We are now selling these tickets at cost price - due to a change in terms and conditions, any unsold tickets will result in FOO losing fundraised money – so please share with friends and family to help us sell out!

Adventure Island wristband £12 each

Sealife Adventure entry ticket £6 each

One price for all - adults or children. Expiry date - **31st December 2024**.

To purchase, please contact Leigh on **07983 609091**.

BOOK ONTO A FREE HALF TERM CLUB WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!

Eligible children and young people are invited to book onto FREE, fun-filled activity clubs who are run by a network of locally, trusted organisations across Essex, brought to you by Active Essex on behalf of Essex County Council!

IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Essex ActivAte offer club spaces to primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years), who are eligible for benefit based free school meals, or from 'low-income' working families, as well as children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation.

WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?


Clubs will run in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring and Uttlesford! Due to half term programmes being solely funded by Essex County Council, unfortunately there will not be any clubs running in Thurrock.

WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs provide a range of different physical, enrichment and food activities to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as a delicious, nutritious meal!

HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

To book your child/ren onto one of our half term clubs, you will not receive a Holiday Activities voucher from your school, and you will need to book on through the Essex ActivAte website. Simply select your area, find what clubs are available and book your child on through the link provided. Depending on the club, you may need to book through our website, or contact them directly.

Find out more about October half term clubs and book on here. 

FREE HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUBS IN BASILDON!

Essex ActivAte helps to support eligible children and families during the school holidays and half term breaks, through free engaging and fun activities. Contact one of our clubs to book a space!

Camp 4 Champs (4-14 years)

Mayflower High School, Stock Road, Billericay, CM12 0RT
bookings@camp4champs.co.uk / 020 8103 0101
Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th October, 9am-4pm |
Friday 1st November, 9am-4pm

Crafty Katie's Make and Move Holiday Club (4-11 years)

Abacus Primary School, Tresco Way, Wickford, SS129GJ
Email, text or call to book - quoting Essex Activate in first communication
Craftykatie10@gmail.com / 07929044959
Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th and Thursday 31st October, 9am-1pm

Butterflies Club SEND Level 1-4 (8-16 years)

James Hornsby School, Leinster Rd, Laindon, Basildon SS15 5NX
To attend any activities with Butterflies Club, you must have attended a family stay and play session with your child.
jasmine@butterfliesclub.co.uk / 07884700124
Tuesday 29th October, 10am-2pm

Butterflies Club SEND Level 1-5 (8-16 years)

Presidents Hall, Hoover Drive SS15 6LF
To attend any activities with Butterflies Club, you must have attended a family stay and play session with your child.
jasmine@butterfliesclub.co.uk / 07884700124
Wednesday 30th October 8am-12pm | Wednesday 30th October 12pm-4pm

Motivated Minds Mental Wellbeing SEND Levels 1-2 (5-16 years)

Happy Hun, Eastgate Shopping Centre, Basildon, SS14 1AE
business@motivated-minds.co.uk / 01268 520785
Thursday 31st October, 3pm-5:30pm

Find out more: activeessex.org

HALF-TERM & HOLIDAYS EXPLAINED...

EASTER, SUMMER & WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The HAF programme runs in the easter, summer and winter holidays and is funded by the Department for Education. This is aimed solely at school children who receive benefits based free school meals during term time.

Limited spaces are available for low income working families and other vulnerable groups who would otherwise not be able to afford holiday clubs. You can book onto our programme self-certifying.

WONDE e-Voucher codes are sent by schools to all families eligible for benefits based free school meals. This code allows you to book onto local clubs and verify you are eligible for our programme.

SPRING & AUTUMN HALF TERMS

Funded by Essex County Council, Essex ActivAte run clubs during February, May/June and October half term for children on benefit based free school meals or from 'low income' working families.

The half term programme is funded to provide spaces to those areas most in need across Essex.



You will not receive a WONDE e-Voucher code to book onto our clubs during half term.

You will need to book your child/ren onto a club through the Essex ActivAte website - simply find what clubs are available in your area then book onto a club using the link provided or by contacting the club directly.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE!

Kidbusterz (4-12 years)

Janet Duke Primary School, 105 Markhams Chase, Basildon SS15 5LS
info@kidbusterz.com / 07519 079628
Monday 28th, Tues 29th, Weds 30th October, 10am-2pm

Kidbusterz (4-12 years)

Fryerns Community Centre, Whitmore Way, Basildon SS14 2NN
info@kidbusterz.com / 07519 079628
Weds 30th and Thurs 31st October 10am-2pm |
Friday 1st November, 10am-2pm

Premier Education, (5-12yrs)

Basildon Sport & Leisure Club, Gardiners Way, Basildon, Essex, SS14 3UJ
RClark@premier-education.com / 07387 196392
Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October, 9am-3pm

Jack Of All Sports (4-12 years)

North Crescent Primary School Wickford, SS12 9AP
jackofallsports@btinternet.com / 07919 888093
Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st October, 9am-3pm

ATF Briscoes (5-12 years)

Briscoe Primary School, Felmores End, Basildon, SS13 1PN
c.mcalden@heartsacademy.uk / 07956 770446
Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October, 9am-1pm

JTD ARTS SEND Level 1-3 (5-11yrs)

Northlands Primary School, 45 Winifred Rd, Basildon SS13 3JQ
activejtd@hotmail.com / 07856 869296
Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th October, 10am-1pm

ATF King Edwards (11-17 years)

King Edwards Road, Laindon, Basildon, SS15 6GY
kherring@atfcommunity.com / 07701 365822
Friday 1st November 5pm-7pm

Active Essex Foundation & Flex Youth

37 Gibscracks, Basildon SS14 1PE
info@flexyouth.com / 07342 469249
Tuesday 29th and Thursday 31st October, 12-3pm

Find out more: activeessex.org



2024 - 2025 Diary Dates



Autumn Term (2 nd September – 20 th December)		
Date	Event	Details
W/C 07/10/2024		
Monday 7 th October 2024	Harvest Celebration Assembly	10:45am – in school event
Friday 11 th October 2024	Autumn Disco Non-Uniform Day	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
Friday 18th October 2024	FOO Uniform Sale	Treehouse -Afterschool
W/C 21/10/2024		
Monday 21 st October 2024	Individual Photographs	
Tuesday 22 nd October 2024	EYFS and KS1 Phonics Workshop	9am-10am
Friday 25 th October 2024	INSET DAY	
W/C 28.10.2024		
October Half Term		
W/C 04.11.2024		
INSET DAY		
Monday 4 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		
Monday 11 th November 2024	Flu Immunisation Remembrance Day	
Tuesday 12 th November 2024	Odd Sock Day - Anti-bullying week KS2 Reading Workshop	Children wear odd socks to school 9am -10am
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		
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		
Tuesday 3rd December 2024	FOO Name the Elf	FOO Event
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 Towngate Theatre	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		
Tuesday 21 st January 2025	Maths Workshop	9am-10am
W/C 27.01.2025		
W/C 03.02.2025	Children's Mental Health Week	
Monday 3 rd February 2025	KS2 Choir - Young Voices	02
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		
Tuesday 25 th February 2025	Writing Workshop (Writing approach, handwriting and spelling)	9am-10am
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 14 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 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		
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		
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**