



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

Harvest Festival: (Monday 7th October)

This week the whole school came together to take part in our Harvest Festival. It was wonderful to see the food donations the children brought in and we were delighted to welcome Major Chris Sandford, from Wickford Salvation Army, who explained how the food would be used within the local community. The children listened attentively and amazed Major Chris with their wonderful singing of some favourite Autumn Harvest songs.

Watches:

As previously advised, children in year 2 and above are able to wear watches for school. Being able to tell the time is an important life skill and one that we encourage. Please can we ask that watches worn to school are preferably analogue (with a clock face and hands) and unable to send/receive messages or take photographs. All watches and jewellery need to be removed for P.E. lessons and sports activities.

Clubs:

A reminder that there are no school-staff based clubs next week. Our external clubs will continue as normal. Clubs will then resume the week of 21st October.

Fitness club will be changing to Thursdays (afterschool until 4pm). We will also be starting a KS2 Timetable Rockstars Club—Friday lunchtimes after half term with Miss Dennis. Registers for both clubs will open on the MCAS app on the 14th October.

Achievements from Home

Hannah M from Class 8 has raised over £700 by donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust, a charity that makes wigs for children suffering from cancer. What an amazing thing to do! Well done Hannah, we are all very proud of you!!

Attendance

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

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole School
Class 1 — 97.5% , Class 2 — 96.2%	Classes 9, 10 & 14 — 97%	96.2%
Class 3 — 97% , Classes 4 & 6 — 98%	Class 11 — 99% , Class 12—96%	

Achievement Certificates

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

Class 3	Nora M & Ivy W	Class 9	Mollie B & Sophie P
Class 4	William C & Ava M-R	Class 10	Sydney D & Lily K
Class 5	Marshall P-C & Olivia H	Class 11	Mila A & Alexander H
Class 6	Grace B & Keira-Leigh W	Class 12	Penny L & Amelie D
Class 7	Ayda A & Aria N	Class 13	Beau L & Daphne D
Class 8	Harry C & Hudson H	Class 14	Olly H & George O

House Points

Romans	Vikings	Saxons	Normans
35	28	30	28

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

16/10/24

Parent Consultation Meetings

17/10/24

Parent Consultation Meetings

18/10/24

FOO Uniform Sale

21/10/24

Individual Photographs

22/10/24

EYFS & KS1 Phonics Workshop

25/10/24

Inset Day

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](#)



Eco-Council



HOG NEWS...

The Eco council really want to focus more on our local wildlife this year so during the week beginning 14th October -18th October our school will be taking part in our first Hog Friendly Litter Pick.

Our hedgehogs are now on the red list for being **vulnerable to extinction** in Great Britain, there are thought to be **fewer than 1 million left!** Litter can be deadly for our prickly friends!

To help us on our way to becoming a more hedgehog friendly school we kindly ask that all your litter is placed in the playground bins or taken home.

Thank you.



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



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.

Fully Funded School Support Course

www.studysmartuk.online

Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3

CACHE Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
 CACHE Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
 CACHE Certificate in the Principles of SEN

Six Week Course Mon - Fri

1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2:30pm
3rd session 4 - 4:30pm
 (optional session for reflection and support if needed)

Available In the following levels:

Level 1:	CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
	CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment
	CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing
	Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace
Level 2:	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Level 3:	Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

www.studysmartuk.online

Please go to our website address above, for more information.

*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.



Essex County Fire & Rescue Service

We have two family open days (Halloween) coming up at the Essex Fire Museum over the October half term:

- Sunday 27th October 2024
- Tuesday 29th October 2024

If you are able to mention this in your newsletter we would be very grateful.

There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, spot hazards in our fire safety room, enter a haunted house, partake in craft activities and a sit on our fire engines (and squirt water 😊).

The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only.....as we are on the site of an operational fire station).

If families are interested, could they please email us at: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk and tell us the number in their party and the time they would like to arrive (we are open from 10.30am to 4.00pm). This is just because we have to keep the main station informed of numbers throughout the day.

Suggested last admissions are 2.30pm. This is just so that people have enough time to experience everything on site.

Our address and contact details are:

Essex Fire Museum
 Grays Fire Station,
 Hogg Lane,
 Grays RM17 5QS
Phone: 01376 576847
 Email: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk
 Website: [Fire Museum \(essex-fire.gov.uk\)](http://Fire Museum (essex-fire.gov.uk))

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: activessex.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: activessex.org



2024 - 2025 Diary Dates

Autumn Term (2 nd September – 20 th December)		
Date	Event	Details
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 18 th 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		
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 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		
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		
Tuesday 3 rd 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	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term (6th January – 4th 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		
Wednesday 29 th January 2025	National Child Measurement Programme Reception - Height, Weight & Vision Checks	In School AM
Thursday 30 th January 2025	National Child Measurement Programme Reception - Height, Weight & Vision Checks	In School AM
W/C 03.02.2025	Children's Mental Health Week	
Monday 3 rd February 2025	KS2 Choir - Young Voices	O2
Wednesday 5 th February 2025	National Child Measurement Programme Year 6 - Height & Weight Checks	In School AM
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 (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
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**