



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

My Future Basildon

On Tuesday and Thursday the children began their first My Future Basildon Project of the year. My Future Basildon is a local project that introduces children to a range of careers. It provides an opportunity for children to meet 3 special guests through a zoom video call, where they can ask the guests questions about their jobs and learn about their roles and stories.

This half term's theme was 'Health and Happiness' and children had the opportunity to speak with an adult social worker, a fitness instructor and a sign language interpreter. The children asked fantastic questions throughout, they were inspired by these careers and commented on how wonderful they thought it was that the jobs the guests pursued gave back to the community.

Parents' Consultations Meetings

Thank you to everyone that attended our parent consultation meetings this week. We hope you found it useful talking to class teachers as well as looking at your child's books.

EYFS & KS1 Phonics Workshop for Parents: Tuesday 22nd October at 9am

This is a great opportunity for you to come in and hear about what Phonics is, how we teach it and things that you can do at home to support the development of phonics for your children. Please drop your children off as normal and wait outside the main office.

Polite Reminder: Please could we ask that you do not ride bikes or scooters on the playground for school drop off and collections, to ensure that everyone can walk into school safely. This includes siblings and adults. Thank you

Achievements from Home

Well Done to Noah K who completed stage 3 in his swimming lessons this week and will now move up to stage 4!!

Darcey Jones has successfully returned from her time in Poland competing in Karate as the WUKF European champion and gold medallist in Kata, and WUKF European silver medallist in Kumite. She beat opponents from countries including Scotland, Romania and Poland.

Darcey will now be working towards becoming World Champion in Sweden next July! Congratulations also to Bobbi G, who was selected to perform in the Nutcracker with the English National Ballet! The show runs throughout December and January at the London Coliseum.



Attendance

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

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole School
Class 1 — 97.4% , Class 2 — 96.1%	Classes 9, 10 & 14 — 97%	96.2%
Classes 3, 4 & 6 — 97%	Class 11 — 98% , 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	Isla G & Max P	Class 9	Max H & Mason P
Class 4	Emilia T & Timo E	Class 10	Noah S & Oliver J
Class 5	Chase W & Sophie-Marie M	Class 11	Albie H & Chloe B
Class 6	Matthew A & Connor C	Class 12	Kathleen M & Sophie B
Class 7	Artie A & Elijah G	Class 13	Henry K & Adam E
Class 8	Mason L & Myla R	Class 14	Lucas H & Darcy L

House Points

Romans	Vikings	Saxons	Normans
36	38	31	41

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

21/10/24

Individual Photographs

22/10/24

EYFS & KS1 Phonics
Workshop (9am— Big hall)

25/10/24

Inset Day

WC 28/10/24

Half term

4/11/24

Inset Day

6/11/24

Prospective Reception
Intake 2025 Parent Tours

7/11/24

FOO Laser Light Show

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

21/10/2024

Week 2 Menu

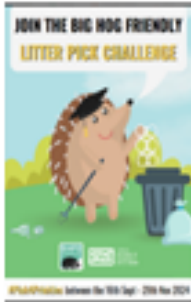
Please remember to pre-order your child/ren's meals. Click on the link to view full menu: [Menu](#)



Hog news...



We have installed a **new hedgehog house** in the pond area. This will provide a safe space for our nocturnal night-time visitors to shelter from cold weather and predators. It also can be used for them to hibernate over the winter months. We have also provided a water dish for them to help keep them hydrated.



Big Hog Friendly litter pick challenge

This week each class has participated in the Big Hog Friendly litter pick challenge. This is part of our Eco work that we are working on this year. The children learnt about hedgehogs and how their number is on the decline. Each class participated in litter picking around the school environment. A great job was done by all.

Next week our Big Hog litter picking challenge results will be announced... Which class collected the most litter?

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

Chance to Win 100 Books for Oakfield

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to share an incredible opportunity for our children at Oakfield. Our school has the chance to win 100 new books, which will greatly enhance our reading resources and provide our students with a wealth of knowledge and enjoyment.

To seize this fantastic opportunity, we kindly ask for your support. Please follow the link provided, which will take just two minutes of your time to complete.

https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/great-books-guide/great-books-guide-competition/?utm_source=linkedin&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=primary-2024&utm_content=great-books-guide-competition-131024

The more responses we gather, the better our chances of winning this contest. Together, we can ensure our children benefit from a richer reading experience. Thank you for your support!

**WICKFORD
FOODBANK**
Churches Together

Certificate of Appreciation awarded to **Oakfield Primary School**

The Churches Together Wickford Foodbank are very grateful of your help in supporting our community during 2024

in partnership with



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.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE!

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.

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Essex **ACTIVate**

Kidbustez (4-12 years)

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

Kidbustez (4-12 years)

Fryems Community Centre, Whitmore Way, Basildon SS14 2NN
info@kidbustez.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 / 07701 368093
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@heartacademy.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 Gibscrocks, Basildon SS14 1PE
info@flexyouth.com / 07342 469249
Tuesday 29th and Thursday 31st October, 12-3pm

Find out more: activessex.org



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.

Building Resilience Together

Are you feeling lost as a parent? Are you juggling many different things? Want to boost your can-do attitude?

.... Then sign up for our resilience program

- Enjoy the journey with your children
- Recognise and celebrate your unique skills
- Work through new ways of thinking that can help tackle life's challenges
- Create a supportive space for you to practice and develop what you learn
- Help plan your journey ahead on a friendly informative course

Our first 6-week course begins on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**, and will be held every Tuesday at 10 AM

At the The Beech Community Hub, 8 Austen Road, Basildon SS14 3RZ

To register your interest, **complete our application form by using this QR code**

Or email / phone

helpline@fifessex.org.uk / 01245 353575



Understanding special needs



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2024 – 2025 Diary Dates



Autumn Term (2 nd September – 20 th December)		
Date	Event	Details
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 (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		
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 (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	9:30am-11:00am

	Booklook and Meet the New Teacher	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**