



# Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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## Weekly News

We have now reached the end of our first half term and what a busy few weeks it has been. The children have started off the new year with enthusiasm towards their learning and have participated with activities inside and outside the classroom, covering lots of different topics. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**. (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> is a non-pupil day)

**A reminder as the weather starts to get colder** - please ensure that children are coming to school with a coat and all items of clothing are named. It is much easier for us to return clothing to the correct child if they are clearly labelled. Thank you

### School council:

This week we held our first school council meeting. The children were very enthusiastic to participate in the meeting and had some great discussions around future plans and events. More details to come throughout the year.

### Phonics workshop for EYFS and KS1 parents:

Thank you to those parents who attended our phonics workshop this week. We hope that it helped to support your knowledge of phonics and how to help at home; your involvement is greatly appreciated. Our next workshop: KS2 Reading is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November @9am.

### Reception school places:

Reception school places open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. These can be completed through the Essex County Council portal. If you or any friends/ family members have any children who will be turning 5 between September 2025 and August 2026 and would like to join one of our tours, please speak to the school office to book. Tour dates are: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November And Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January -at 9.30am and 4pm.

### Achievements from Home

Congratulations to Jake A and James D for their great efforts in Karate this week! Jake earned a trophy for his hard work (20th award point endeavour) and James moved up to a yellow belt. Well done boys!!



### Attendance

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

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole School
Class 1—97.3%    Class 3—98% Classes 4 & 6—97%	Class 11—98%    Class 12 - 96% Classes 9, 10 & 14 - 97%	96.1%

### Achievement Certificates

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

<b>Class 1</b>	Finley W & Harry E	<b>Class 8</b>	Ralphie H & Madison L
<b>Class 2</b>	Isobel G & Alfie G	<b>Class 9</b>	Oscar S & Charlotte H
<b>Class 3</b>	Finlay C & Kimberly D	<b>Class 10</b>	Charlie V & Erin C
<b>Class 4</b>	Aaron N & Elton H	<b>Class 11</b>	Callie K
<b>Class 5</b>	Winnie H & Brianna S	<b>Class 12</b>	Archie B
<b>Class 6</b>	Archie J & Jacob H	<b>Class 13</b>	Evie M & Max A
<b>Class 7</b>	Elsie K & Wojciech S	<b>Class 14</b>	Thomas E & Ava C

### House Points

Romans	Vikings	Saxons	Normans
32	30	30	32

### 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

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

11/11/24

Flu Immunisation &  
Remembrance Day

12/11/24

Odd Sock Day &  
KS2 Reading Workshop

## Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

**5/11/2024**

**Week 1 Autumn  
Menu**

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



## 2024 – 2025 Diary Dates



Autumn Term (2 <sup>nd</sup> September – 20 <sup>th</sup> December)		
Date	Event	Details
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	INSET DAY	
W/C 28.10.2024	October Half Term	
W/C 04.11.2024		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	INSET DAY	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Prospective Reception Intake 2025 Parent Tours	9:30am and 4pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Laser Light Show	FOO Event
W/C 11.11.2024	Anti-Bullying Week	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Flu Immunisation Remembrance Day	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Odd Sock Day - Anti-bullying week  KS2 Reading Workshop	Children wear odd socks to school 9am -10am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Prospective Reception Intake 2025 Parent Tours	9:30am and 4pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Children in Need Day	Organised by school Council More information to follow
W/C 18.11.2024		
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	INSET DAY	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024	FOO Name the Elf	FOO Event
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Rocksteady Concert	9:30am
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Christmas Bazaar	FOO Event 3:30pm – 5:30pm
W/C 09.12.2024		
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	R/Year 1 Christmas Performances	2pm and 5pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 2/3 Christmas Performances	2pm and 5pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 4/5 Christmas Performances	2pm and 5pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Wish Room Christmas Lunch	FOO Event
W/C 16.12.2024		
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Whole School trip to the Towngate Theatre	10am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 6 Coffee and Christmas Carols assembly	9am. Year 6 parents in the large hall
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Last Day of term	
W/C 23.12.2024	Christmas Holidays	
W/C 30.12.2024	Christmas Holidays	

Spring Term (6 <sup>th</sup> January – 4 <sup>th</sup> April)		
W/C 06.01.2025		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	First Day Back	

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Prospective Reception Intake 2025 Parent Tours	9:30am and 4pm
W/C 13.01.2025		
W/C 20.01.2025		
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Maths Workshop	9am-10am
W/C 27.01.2025		
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	National Child Measurement Programme Reception - Height, Weight & Vision Checks	In School AM
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> February 2025	KS2 Choir - Young Voices	O2
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	National Child Measurement Programme Year 6 - Height & Weight Checks	In School AM
W/C 10.02.2025		
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Whole School Book Look	3:30pm - 4:15pm Enter classrooms through pod doors
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Break the Rules Day	FOO Event
W/C 17.02.2025	February Half Term	
W/C 24.02.2025		
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Writing Workshop (Writing approach, handwriting and spelling)	9am-10am
W/C 03.03.2025		
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	World Book Day  Pre-loved Book Sale	FOO Event
W/C 10.03.2025		
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Mother's Day Wish Room	FOO Event
W/C 31.03.2025		
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Parent Consultation Meetings	4pm - 6:30pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Parent Consultation Meetings	4pm - 7pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Oakfield's Got Talent Last Day of Term	In school event

Summer Term (21 <sup>st</sup> April - 22 <sup>nd</sup> July)		
Date	Event	Details
W/C 07.04.2025	Easter Half Term	
W/C 14.04.2025		
W/C 21.04.2025		
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Easter Monday	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Earth Day	Organised by the Eco-Council - more information to follow
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Spring Disco	FOO Event
W/C 28.04.2025		
W/C 05.05.2025		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	May Bank Holiday	

W/C 12.05.2025	Year 6 SATS Week	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Reception Journey Around the Curriculum	2:30pm Large Hall Reception parents
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 1 Journey Around the Curriculum	2:30pm Large Hall Year 1 parents
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 3 Journey Around the Curriculum	2:30pm Large Hall Year 3 parents
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 4 Journey Around the Curriculum	2:30pm Large Hall Year 4 parents
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	Year 5 Journey Around the Curriculum	2:30pm Large Hall Year 5 parents
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	Year 6 Journey Around the Curriculum	2:30pm Large Hall Year 6 parents
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	INSET DAY	
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Summer Fete	FOO Event 12pm - 3pm
W/C 09.06.2025	Phonics Screening Week	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Father's Day Wish Room  First Aid Road Show	FOO Event  Year 6 – in school event
W/C 16.06.2025		
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Class Photographs	In School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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

	Booklook and Meet the New Teacher	3:30pm-4:30pm – parents enter classrooms through pod door
W/C 30.06.2025		
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 5 Taster Day -Beauchamps	Year 5 Children
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 1 End of Year Celebration assembly	9:00am - Large Hall
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 2 End of Year Celebration assembly	9:00am - Large Hall
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 3 End of Year Celebration assembly	9:00am - Large Hall
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 4 End of Year Celebration assembly  First Aid Road Show	9:00am - Large Hall  Year 6
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	9:00am - Large Hall
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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**



## Hog news...

Our Big Hog Friendly Litter Pick was a great success, we accumulated 13 1/2 bags of litter in the school grounds with the help from Wickford Wombles, our local community litter picking group. **This included a can of Dr Pepper from 2011 and a Walkers crisp packet from 2004!**

A big thank you to all the Wickford Womble volunteers that helped us, if you are interested in helping the Wickford Wombles you will find their page on Facebook.

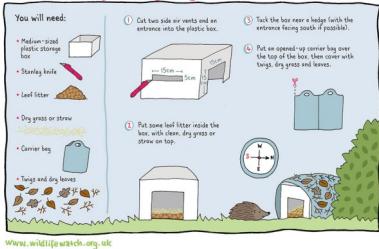
Please continue to use the playground bins for your rubbish or take it home with you- this will help our local wildlife immensely.

### Half term project?

If you want to make your own hedgehog home to help our prickly friends please see the attached information on how to make a simple hedgehog house. Send us a photo of your house and it will earn you extra house points from Mrs Pinchback and don't forget it will count towards your Blue Peter green badges too!

The Eco Council

### Make a simple hedgehog house



Sat 2nd November 4.30pm - 7pm | Westgate Centre



## Free Online Safety and Exploitation Awareness Session for Parents/Carers

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024

7:30-9:30pm

Delivered virtually via Zoom

If you want to learn more about how young people are spending their time online and how to spot the signs of exploitation – this is the event for you.

The session will provide you with key tips and advice to protect your young people from online grooming and exploitation.

To attend – click on the below link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88219914815>



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BasildonCouncil

October half-term is 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 – Learn to Ride (more bookings just released), Level 1&2
- Colchester – Learn to Ride and Level 1&2
- Harlow – Learn to Ride, Level 1&2 and Level 3

Unfortunately, our Bikeability courses will not be taking place in Chelmsford during October half-term however they will be in place for the 2025 Easter Holidays.

Please see below the link for parents/ guardians to book October half-term holiday courses.

<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

### 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](https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking)  
There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee

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**Family Sessions** ½ Term Holidays

We are offering additional, free, LOCAL, Family Sessions in Basildon. The nail and hair braiding sessions take place on Halloween, ready for trick or treating. We are also offering a FREE coding session.

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