



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

Firstly, can we save a massive thank you to our wonderful FOO team for organising a memorable Light Show yesterday evening. An amazing time was had by all and we have received many compliments from parents and children alike stating what a spectacular event it was. Well done to everyone involved!

This week our year 5 children worked with coaches from Southend United. They played games outside, talked about how their heart rates change when exercising and the importance of exercising regularly. Our Eco-Council also met and walked around the school looking at how energy efficient we are as a school. The children looked at empty classrooms during lunchtime - points were awarded for classes that had switched off their lights and interactive-whiteboards whilst no one was in the room to use them.

We have started our new parent tours for September 2025 school places. Well done to the year 6 children who led the tours around the school. They were very informative about school life, our curriculum and the school grounds, answering the questions from the prospective parents. **For parents with a child due to start reception in September 2025, the applications are now open online via the Essex County council website. Please ensure you have submitted your application before 15th January.** If you or any one you know would like to book onto our tours, the next date is Wednesday 13th November @ 9.30am & 4pm.

A polite reminder: **Tuesday 12th November we are holding our Key Stage 2 reading parent workshop.** This is open to any parents of years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children. The meeting will start by 9am, entry to the hall will be via the school office. We look forward to seeing you there to discuss what reading looks like in key stage 2, the ways that we support your children to learn, as well as ways you can help at home.

Finally, we are very excited to have the Travelling Book Fair with us again next week. As detailed on MCAS it will be held after school from 3.20pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the small hall. Please come along, have a look and buy a book from the great selection on offer.

Attendance

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

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole School
Classes 3 & 4 - 97%	Class 12—96%	96.1%
Classes 1, 2 & 6 - 98%	Class 9 & 14 - 97%	
	Classes 10 & 11 - 98%	

Achievement Certificates

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

Class 1	Sawyer M & Melody M	Class 8	Oscar D & Sami C
Class 2	Sofia D & Emma S	Class 9	Lily A & Scarlett S
Class 3	Jenson J & Aspen B	Class 10	Jack W & Harley A
Class 4	Arthur R & Teddy C-K	Class 11	Harry M & Thea S
Class 5	Jude G & Alyssa H	Class 12	Amelia A & Darcie H
Class 6	Zuzanna W & Stanley M	Class 13	Alexander T & Poppy H
Class 7	Georgie L & Joshua F	Class 14	Noah Y & Oilly S

House Points

Romans	Vikings	Saxons	Normans
34	36	40	43

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

Dates for your diary

All week excluding Weds

Travelling Book Fair
(Small Hall @ 3:20pm)

11/11/24

Flu Immunisation &
Remembrance Day

12/11/24

Odd Sock Day (Page 4) &
KS2 Reading Workshop

13/11/24

Prospective Reception
Intake 2025 Parent Tours

15/11/24

Children in Need Day
& Fun Lunch
(See Page 3 for details)

18/11/24

Inset Day

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:
11/11/2024

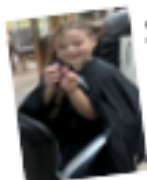
Week 2 Autumn Menu
(Fun Lunch replaces
Thursday's choices)

Please remember to
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MCAS App

Achievements from Home

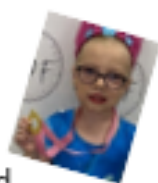
This week, so many of our children have wonderful achievements from home to share that we have designated a whole page to celebrate them. Well done to you all, we are very proud of you!

Congratulations to Darcey J in year 6 who has been awarded the Young Sports Personality of the year award at the Basildon Activity Awards 2024. It is great to see recognition for her hard work in karate over the last year.



Sophia A would love to share with the school about her recent hair cut in donation to the Princesses Trust! Sophia had just under 11 inches cut off her hair and has a current fund raiser to hopefully raise enough money for them to make a child's wig.

Kallie F attended her first ever dance competition with her dance school HSD. Kallie did a song and dance solo and came 1st place. Kallie was so brave to sing and dance in front of so many people on her own and remembered all the words and dance moves.



Chloe C was awarded a gold medal for achieving her Explore Core Skills 2 in gymnastics.

Ellie B competed as part of her gymnastics squad in a competition in Wiltshire and proudly came 1st place on the beam! She also came overall 4th place in her age category and 3rd place as a club overall.



Children in need Friday

15th November wear something

bright or spotty. £1

suggested donation.



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ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

With the support of



This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on **TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2024**



Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!



WELCOME TO ODD SOCKS DAY 2024!

ABOUT ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Odd Socks Day forms part of Anti-Bullying Week. Anti-Bullying Week 2024 is happening from Monday 11th to Friday 15th November and has the theme 'Choose Respect'. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at leading children's charity the National Children's Bureau.

Our Anti-Bullying Week 'Choose Respect' call to action:

From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, this Anti-Bullying Week let's 'Choose Respect' and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives.

This year, we'll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline.

Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives - it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'. What will you choose?

You can find the Anti-Bullying Week 2024 school packs for primary and secondary school [here](#):

OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH ANDY AND THE ODD SOCKS

We hold Odd Socks Day in partnership with the co-founders of Odd Socks Day, Andy and the Odd Socks. Andy and the Odd Socks are one of the most popular bands for young children in the UK.

Stars of the wacky comedy drama 'Andy and the Band' currently on CBeebies and CBBC, the Odd Socks are always there to help their fans along the way and of course save the day...in their own inimitable way.

Fronted by Andy Day, one of the most popular UK children's TV personalities, the Odd Socks are all about fun and laughter, but more importantly they deliver a message of individuality, acceptance and tolerance. Which is what being an Odd Sock is all about... because everyone is different and that's good!

Watch Andy and the Band anytime on BBC iPlayer



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2024 – 2025 Diary Dates



Autumn Term (2nd September – 20th December)

Date	Event	Details
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	In School AM

	Reception - Height, Weight & Vision Checks	
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		
Monday 16th June 2025	Class Photographs	In School
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	Year 5 children

	Reception Intake 2025 Meeting and Teddy Bear's Picnic	9:30am-11:15am – new reception intake parents 2025
	Rainbow Run	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	9:00am - Large Hall
	Reports out to parents	
	Contingency Rainbow Run Date	FOO Event
	FOO Ice-cream Sales	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
	First Aid Road Show	Year 6
Friday 18 th July 2025	Year 5 End of Year Celebration assembly	9:00am - Large Hall
	FOO Ice-cream Sales	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

Free Online Safety and Exploitation Awareness Session for Parents/Carers

Tuesday 19th 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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