



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

We have celebrated lots of key events this week including paying our respects to those who gave their lives to save ours in a Remembrance Day assembly. Anti bullying week in the form of 'odd sock day' to demonstrate our individuality and Children in Need by wearing spotty or bright clothes.

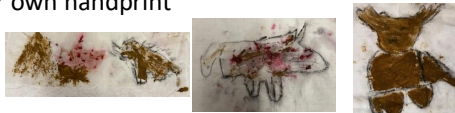
On Tuesday we held our **Key Stage 2 Parents Reading Workshop**. Thank you to those who attended this. We talked through what reading looks like in key stage 2 and how we teach it, as well as discussing how you can support your child at home. Our next parent workshop will be linked to Maths on **Tuesday 21st January at 9am**.

My Future My Basildon

This week the children in Key Stage 1 and 2 took part in the 2nd event of 'My future My Basildon'. The theme was 'Up in the Air'. The children heard about and discussed different jobs linked to this, including a gymnast coach and air ambulance doctor.

Year 3 class trip

Year 3 had a fantastic day at Thorndon Park learning about the stone age. They built shelters as well as participating in activities involving hunting and gathering. The children all used fire sticks to light a fire. They used natural materials, including mud and berries to make their own stone age art. The day finished with all of the children making their own handprint on a tree using sticky mud! A great day was had by all!



Sports News

Well done to our girls football team (Yasmine C, Evie M, Darcey J, Chloe B, Brooke H, Mila A & Amelie D) who played valiantly in the NTL Cup at Garrons yesterday. Winning their matches all the way to the semi-final against Bournes Green, where they narrowly missed out on winning by 1-0 due to a penalty.



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 7—96%	96.2%
Classes 1, 2 & 6 - 98%	Classes 9, 12 & 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	Audrey D & George B	Class 8	Harry C & Amelia W
Class 2	Colbey R & Sofia D	Class 9	James D & Harry P
Class 3	River H & Theadora C	Class 10	Flo S & Adele T
Class 4	Zachary D & Nicky S	Class 11	Fraser O & Isabel F
Class 5	Millie D & Oscar P	Class 12	Isabelle K
Class 6	Rowan A & Daisy S	Class 13	Isobelle H & Billy H
Class 7	Carter K & Amelia P	Class 14	Olivia W & Jess H

House Points

Romans	Vikings	Saxons	Normans
34	32	24	36

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

Dates for your diary

18/11/24

Inset Day

21/11/24

Whole School Book Look

3:30-4:15pm

3/12/24

FOO : Name the Elf

4/12/24

Rocksteady Concert @

9:30am

6/12/24

FOO: Christmas Bazaar

3:30-5:30pm

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

19/11/2024

Week 3 Autumn Menu

Please remember to preorder your child/ren's meals on the MCAS App

Achievements from Home

Once again, 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!

Isla G has been working really hard since starting Gymnastics and passed her Level 1. She received her badge and certificate this week.



Charlie G passed his level 3 swimming and has made it to green hat and can now swim 10 metres.

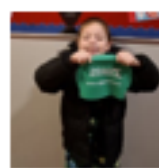
Lily K was in a dance competition on the weekend of 2nd November and received the following awards:

- 2nd place lyrical solo
- 1st place tap solo
- 2nd place duet (with Amelia W)
- 3rd place group dance

Abigail M performed in her first dramatic production, Whistle down the Wind. She played the role of Charity, a young girl in the Deep South. She has rehearsed tirelessly for months and finally had her three performances at the Palace Theatre in Southend. She had the best time and can't wait to do it again.



Fred L won man of the match at his football club on Saturday! he's been really working hard on his passes and tackles and scored a brilliant goal to win the game!





Eco-Council News



Last year we received a 'Highly Commended' award from the Primary Awards for Green Education in Schools and £100 prize money. The Eco council wanted to spend the money on items to enhance our wildlife numbers in the school so with that in mind, we have purchased a new bird bath (see photo), two squirrel proof bird feeders and two ladybird hotels.

These will hopefully help bring more insects and animals into our pond and wooded areas and improve our school's biodiversity!

LITTER PICKING HERO!

Oliver B did an amazing and kind Eco-Friendly act by picking up large amounts of paper from Radwinter Avenue. We are very proud of him for taking the initiative and picking the rubbish that was scattered along the street and road- well done Oliver and thank you for helping look after our wildlife and planet Earth!





2024 – 2025 Diary Dates

Autumn Term (2 nd September – 20 th December)		
Date	Event	Details
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)		
Date	Event	Details
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
Wednesday 12 th February 2025	Year 5 Greek Workshop	In School Event

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		
Monday 16 th 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 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	9:00am - Large Hall

	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

Flu Vaccine Catch up Clinics

Has your child missed their school vaccinations?

We are running local flu catch up clinics this winter, your nearest clinic is:

Thameside House, Thurrock Hospital, RM16 2PX
10am to 3pm

- Friday 1 November (Half term)
- Saturday 30 November 10am – 2pm
- Monday 23 December (walk in clinic only)

The Hermit Youth Centre, Brentwood, CM15 8AG
10am to 2pm

- Saturday 19 October
- Wednesday 31 October (half term) 10am – 3pm
- Saturday 9 November
- Saturday 14 December 10am – 3pm

Tilbury Children's Centre, RM18 8EY
10am to 3pm

- Monday 30 December (Christmas Holidays)

It's easy to catch up, book your nearest clinic NOW on 0300 790 0597.

For information on school aged vaccinations please visit our website:
eput.nhs.uk/childrensvaccines

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We are running local flu catch up clinics this winter, your nearest clinic is:

Winter Gardens Baptist Church, SS8 9QA

10am to 2pm

- Saturday 12 October

The Lodge, SS11 7XX

10am to 2pm

- Saturday 26 October
- Saturday 30 November 10am to 3pm
- Monday 23 December (School holidays) 10am to 3pm

Timberlog Youth Centre, SS14 1PB

10am to 3pm

- Tuesday 29 October (Half Term)
- Saturday 16 November
- Saturday 7 December

It's easy to catch up, pop in on the day or book your nearest clinic NOW on 0300 790 0597.

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Crouch Vale Medical Centre, CM3 5QP
10am to 3pm

- Saturday 5 October
- Saturday 23 November

The Lodge, Wickford, SS11 7XX

10am to 3pm

- Monday 28 October (half term)

Galleywood Youth Centre, CM2 8PT

10am to 2.30pm

- Tuesday 29 October (half term)

St Peters Hospital Clinic, Maldon, CM9 6EG

10am to 3pm

- Wednesday 30 October (half term)

Witham Health Centre, CM8 2UX

10am to 3.30pm

- Thursday 31 October (half term)

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We have two family open days coming up at the Essex Fire Museum:

- Sunday 24th November 2024

- Sunday 15th December 2024 (Christmas open day – with Santa's Grotto)

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.



Essex Fire Museum November

Open Day

Free entry, but booking is essential as we are on an active fire station site.

Contact us to book: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk or 01376 576847.

10.30am to 4.00pm
(Last entry: 2.30pm)



Date: 24th Of November



Essex Fire Museum Christmas Open Day (With our Santa's Grotto)

Free entry, but booking is essential as we are on an active fire station site.

Contact us to book: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk or 01376 576847.

10.30am to 4.00pm
(Last entry: 2.30pm)



Date: 15th Of December



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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