



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

It was lovely to see so many family members in school on Thursday for our 'book look'. There were many conversations led by the children about what they had been learning, which was great to hear.

Christmas performance preparations are underway with lots of singing, dancing and speaking parts being rehearsed. Please ensure that you have read any information/letters regarding Christmas events including costumes and performance times.

As we now have colder weather, all children need to have coats and appropriate clothing to keep them warm. Please could we ask that coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc are all clearly named.

A polite reminder that some of our school gates are electric and should close and open automatically. Please do not force these open/closed or to move quicker as this will result in them being damaged.

Achievements from Home

Amelia A had an unforgettable experience performing a show 'Across The Line' at His Majesty's Theatre in the West End with her performing arts school on Sunday 17th November.

Mickey M took his Grade 3 ballet exam on Sunday and achieved a Distinction with 84 marks.

Well Done Amelia and Mickey!



Sports News

Well done to our girls netball team: Jess H, Jess W, Mary H, Zoe S, Lilly C and Isabella G, who played a tournament yesterday afternoon, winning one out of three games. The competition level was very high and the girls played exceptionally well!

Best of luck to our boys football team who are playing in the Jim Smith Cup against Doddinghurst later today.

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%	96.3%
Classes 1, 2 & 6 - 98%	Classes 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	Rory K & Raya A	Class 8	Lucy M & Esme W
Class 2	Joey S & Reggie B	Class 9	Bella O & Darcey W
Class 3	Chimaobi O & Frederick L	Class 10	Ava Ch, Bradeigh H & Tommy P
Class 4	Joshua D & Aden A	Class 11	Zoe M & Freya A
Class 5	Sophie M & Jack G	Class 12	Kathleen M & George M
Class 6	Logan W & Oscar L	Class 13	Thomas M & Albie A
Class 7	Kieran M & Oliver M	Class 14	Lucy R & Lilly C

House Points

Romans	Vikings	Saxons	Normans
36	34	48	35

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

Dates for your diary

28/11/24

Coffee Morning 9-10am
&

KS2 Cross Country
(See MCAS Announcements)

29/11/24

Non-Uniform Day

3/12/24

FOO : Name the Elf

4/12/24

Rocksteady Concert @
9:00am

6/12/24

FOO: Christmas Bazaar
3:30-5:30pm

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:
25/11/2024

Week 1 Autumn Menu

**(New Bands System
from this week)**

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



Eco-Council News



We are pleased to announce we are now signed up to become a 'Friend of the Honeybee' school. The Eco-Council will be spending some time over the next few weeks researching the best bee-friendly flowers and plants to put in our school grounds during the Spring to encourage our pollinators.

Cutting Carbon month reminder.

Your child needs to bring the 'Cutting Carbon Challenge' sheet back to school on Monday 25th November so that the Eco-Council can tally how many pupils delivered each of the 6 cut your carbon actions. These results will then be reported back to the school and Eco Schools so they can calculate our carbon reductions.

We thank you for your co-operation and support.



2024 – 2025 Diary Dates



Autumn Term (2 nd September – 20 th December)		
Date	Event	Details
W/C 25.11.2024		
Thursday 28 th November 2024	Coffee Morning	9-10am Treehouse
	KS2 Cross Country	See MCAS Announcement
Friday 29 th November 2024	Pupil Non-Uniform Day	Bring Bazaar Donation
W/C 02.12.2024		
Tuesday 3 rd December 2024	FOO Name the Elf	FOO Event
Wednesday 4 th December 2024	Rocksteady Concert	9:00am
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
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

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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	FOO Event
	First Aid Road Show	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

#GetWinterStrong



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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



Fully Funded School Support Course



Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3

*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

6 Week Course

Mon - Fri

Daily sessions

1st session 9:30 - 11:30am

2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

www.studysmartuk.online

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

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.

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NEW session subjects added regularly!

SETTING BOUNDARIES
MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS
UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S ANXIETY
SAVE ENERGY, SAVE MONEY
WINTER BUDGETING



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