



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

This week the children have performed in their dress rehearsals. They have worked hard to learn songs, dances and lines for their performance and we are looking forward to sharing these with you all next week.

School staff clubs are now finished until after Christmas. We will be sending out a letter next week with more information regarding Spring term clubs.

Christmas card boxes are outside each internal classroom door for those children who would like to write Christmas cards for others. Children can bring in their cards and post in the class box. Please could you ensure that on the envelope the child's name (including first letter of their surname) and class are written clearly to help deliver the cards to the correct people.

Elf Fun—Friday 13th December

All Children are invited to take part in our new Elf Run to raise money for St Luke's who have helped lots of families in our community. St Luke's have provided brand new Elf hats for all children to take part.

We have set up a JustGiving page which is simple, fast and totally secure. Donations to take part in the run and for children to be able to wear a festive jumper or outfit on the day, would be greatly appreciated for this worthy cause. See our fundraising page here:



[Oakfield Primary is fundraising for St Luke's Hospice \(Basildon And District\) Limited](#)

Attendance

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

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

Achievement Certificates

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

Class 1	Max C & Daniel C	Class 8	Madison L , Mason L & Class 8
Class 2	Colbey R & Thea E	Class 9	Bonnie C & Jayden N
Class 3	Lucy S & Harrison S	Class 10	Libby L & Jamie H-O'K
Class 4	Katie N & Isabella H	Class 11	Ruby R & Tillie W
Class 5	Euan H & Henry C	Class 12	Harry C & Alfie S
Class 6	Bluebell B & Riley E	Class 13	Rosie B & Annabelle M
Class 7	Ruby F & Callum H & Iyla C	Class 14	Jake G-W & Scarlett H

House Points

Romans	Vikings	Saxons	Normans
35	37	37	40

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

Dates for your diary

9/12/24

R & Yr 1 Christmas
Performances @ 2 & 5pm

10/12/24

Year 2/3 Christmas
Performances @ 2 & 5pm

11/12/24

Year 4/5 Christmas
Performances @ 2 & 5pm

13/12/24

Christmas Jumper Day,
Wish Room , Lunch
& Elf Run

17/12/24

Whole School Panto

19/12/24

Yr 6 Coffee & Christmas
Carols

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

09/12/2024

Week 3 Autumn Menu

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



Eco-Council News

CUTTING CARBON MONTH.

As part of 'Cutting Carbon' month we have all been busy learning about greenhouse gases and global warming.

Key stage 1 read a story about two penguins who found themselves stuck on an iceberg that was slowly in melting from the sun's rays whilst the Key Stage Two children each made climate friendly pledges to help planet Earth and inspire others to do the same. The pledges we made into pledgehogs and are now proudly on display in our school corridor.

We thank you to those of you that participated in the cutting carbon challenges at home. The results were as follows-

19 families made 5 miles of car travel 'active'

16 families went plant-based for the day

19 families turned the heating down 1 degree for the week

21 families substituted 4 baths for 4 showers and limited them to 4 minutes

14 families bought nothing new for 1 month

20 families switched off non-essential electrical devices for an hour

Hopefully we can continue to raise awareness and cut carbon- the greenhouse gas responsible for driving climate change!





2024 – 2025 Diary Dates



Autumn Term (2 nd September – 20 th December)		
Date	Event	Details
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
Friday 10th January 2025	EYFS Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
W/C 13.01.2025		
Monday 13th January 2025	Year 1 History of Toys Day	All Day
Wednesday 15 th January 2025	Year 6 Trip to Duxford	
Friday 17th January 2025	EYFS Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
W/C 20.01.2025		
Tuesday 21 st January 2025	Maths Workshop	9am-10am
Friday 24th January 2025	EYFS Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
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		
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
Friday 7 th February 2025	KS1 Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
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
	KS1 Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
W/C 17.02.2025		
February Half Term		
W/C 24.02.2025		
Tuesday 25 th February 2025	Writing Workshop	9am-10am

	(Writing approach, handwriting and spelling)	
Friday 28 th February 2025	KS1 Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
W/C 03.03.2025		
Thursday 6 th March 2025	World Book Day Pre-loved Book Sale	FOO Event
W/C 10.03.2025		
Thursday 13th March 2025	KS2 Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
Friday 14 th March 2025	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)	Organised by the School Council – more information to follow
W/C 17.03.2025		
Thursday 20th March 2025	KS2 Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
W/C 24.03.2025		
Thursday 27th March 2025	Year 1 Trip – Call of the Wild	
	KS2 Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
Friday 28 th March 2025	Mother's Day Wish Room	FOO Event
W/C 31.03.2025		
Tuesday 31st March	Transition Yr6-Yr7 Multiply Maths Course for Parents	Small Hall 9-11am
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 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		
Tuesday 8 th July 2025	Year 6 Play	5pm

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



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.

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

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




ESSEX FIRE MUSEUM

Date: 15th Of December



RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE



Please support Helen Rollason Cancer Charity! In exchange for a small donation we will take all the hassle out of disposing of your Christmas Tree!



www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree



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Essex Library Service

Winter Reading Challenge



The Dragons' Adventure!

Thursday 2 January to
Saturday 22 February

Help the dragons get home out of the
cold by completing fun challenges!

Sign up at any Essex library.



@essexlibraries

Essex Library Service

Winter Reading Challenge The Dragons' Adventure!

Arriving in your local library this January!

Children across Essex are being challenged to complete 6 challenges (from a choice of 12) to help some mischievous Dragons make their way home!

For every challenge you'll get a sticker and if you complete 6 you will receive a certificate and a pencil prize. You'll also be able to enter our prize draw for the chance to win some wonderful prizes such as tablets, book tokens, and arts and crafts packs!

Thursday
2 January
to Saturday
22 February

Find out more about how to take part in this free activity on our website: libraries.essex.gov.uk



Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's [Winter Reading Challenge](#) at your local library!

What is the Winter Reading Challenge?

The Winter Reading Challenge is a fun activity put together by Essex Library Service for children aged 0-12. It encourages children and families to keep reading over the winter and to visit their local library.

To do this children complete 6 challenges (from a list of 12), and it's **FREE** to take part. Their mission is to help some lost dragons make their way home before they get too cold!

How can my child take part?

Visit your [local library](#) to sign up. Your child will:

- Receive their Challenge folder
- Choose 6 challenges to complete (from a list of 12)
- Earn a sticker for each challenge they complete
- When they've complete 6 challenges they will receive a certificate and a pencil prize and they will be able to enter our prize draw – with the chance to win bigger prizes such as tablets, book tokens and arts and crafts packs

When?

The challenge starts on 2 January and runs through to the end of the February half term on 22 February. Unsure where your closest library is - use the Essex Library Service [website](#) to check.

Head to your local library this winter and sign up! You can find out more about the challenge on the [library website](#) and if you have any questions, please ask staff in the library.

We look forward to seeing you!

Best wishes

Essex Library Service

Essex ACTIVATE

Free holiday clubs, fun activities and food across Essex and Thurrock!

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking and so much more!
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Run by qualified, local club providers
- ✓ Family support, resources and guidance
- ✓ Discretionary paid and paid for spaces

WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?
 Essex ActivAte is the name for the exciting activity clubs run by Active Essex! During school holidays, local club providers across the county deliver free holiday clubs and fun activities to get eligible primary and secondary children active, as well as support young people to make friendships and learn new skills, helping to enhance their wellbeing.

Please only book your child/ren a space at an Essex ActivAte club if they will attend. If they are booked on and do not attend, other children may miss out on this beneficial opportunity across the holidays.

www.activeessex.org

Turn this flyer over to read more on how to book a space!

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Facebook, X, Instagram icons and @EssexActivAte

FREE WINTER HOLIDAY CLUBS IN BASILDON

Book onto a free holiday club with Essex ActivAte this Winter in Basildon!
 Offer your children a memorable holiday experience filled with exciting and fun activities. We provide FREE spaces for children who receive income related free school meals. Book on with your **HolidayActivities** voucher code, which is emailed or text to you from your child's school.

CENTRAL BASILDON

Junior Adventures Group (5-11 yrs, SEND Level 2)
 Basildon Sporting Village, Cranes Farm Rd, SS14 3GR
 hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk & 03335771633
 23rd & 24th Dec 10-2pm | 2nd & 3rd Jan 10-2pm

Premier Education - Basildon Sport & Leisure Club (6-12 yrs)
 Basildon Sport & Leisure Club, Gardeners Way, SS14 3UJ
 RClark@premier-education.com & 07387196392
 23rd & 24th Dec 9-3pm | 2nd & 3rd Jan 9-3pm

ATF - Millhouse (5-14 years)
 Millhouse Primary School, School House, Tavistock Road, SS15 5QF
 kherring@aaffcommunity.com & 07701365822
 23rd Dec 9am-1pm | 2nd and 3rd Jan 2-6pm

BILLERICAY

Premier Education - Buttsbury Infants School (5-12 years)
 Buttsbury Infant School, Perry Street, Billericay, CM12 0NX
 RClark@premier-education.com & 07387196392
 23rd & 24th Dec 9-5pm | 2nd & 3rd Jan 9-3pm

Camp 4 Champs (4-14 years)
 Mayflower High School, Stock Rd, Billericay CM12 DRT
 bookings@camp4champs.co.uk & 02081030101
 23rd & 24th Dec 9-4pm | 2nd & 3rd Jan 9-4pm

Camp Epic (5-11 years)
 Basildon Disabled Sports Association, Swan Mead, Church Road, SS16 4AG
 campepic@prosports-solutions.co.uk & 01268955000
 23rd & 24th Dec 9am-4pm | 2nd & 3rd Jan 9am-4pm

Mega Camps (4-14 yrs, SEND Level 1)
 St John's School, Stock Road, Billericay, Essex, CM12 0AR
 03330124378
 23rd Dec 9-5pm | 2nd and 3rd Jan 9-5pm

PITSEA

ATF Eversley (5-14 years)
 Eversley Primary School, Crest Ave, Pitsea, Basildon SS13 2EF
 jrobinson@aaffcommunity.com & 07794329833
 2nd & 3rd Jan 9am-1pm

Turn over to discover more local Essex ActivAte clubs!

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FELMORES & VANGE

Southend United (5-13 yrs, up to SEND Level 2)
 Eversley Leisure Centre, Crest Ave, Basildon SS13 2EF
 info@southendunited-cct.co.uk & 01702341351
 23rd Dec 10:30-2:30pm

Southend United Stadium Tour & Match Tickets (5-13 yrs)
 Coach pick up: Eversley Leisure Centre, Crest Ave, SS13 2EF
 to go to Roots Hell Stadium
 info@southendunited-cct.co.uk & 01702341351
 24th Dec 09:45-3pm

ATF Winter Wonderland (5-16 years)
 Briscoe Primary School, Felmores End, Basildon, SS13 1PN
 cmcalden@heartsacademy.uk & 07956770446
 22nd Dec 10am-4pm

ATF - Briscoe
 Briscoe Primary School, Felmores End, Basildon, SS13 1PN
 cmcalden@heartsacademy.uk & 07956770446
 23rd Dec 9am-1pm | 2nd & 3rd Jan 9am-1pm

ATF - Vange (4-12 years)
 Vange Primary School, London Road, Basildon SS16 4QA
 smartin@aaffcommunity.com & 07989515757
 23rd December 9am-1pm | 2nd and 3rd Jan 9am-1pm

SPECIALIST SEND & MENTAL WELLBEING CLUBS

JTD Arts SEND Level 1-3 (5-11 years)
 Northlands Primary School, 45 Winfred Road, SS13 3JQ
 activetjd@hotmail.com & 07856869296
 21st Dec 10am-12:30pm | 21st Dec 12:30pm-5pm | 22nd Dec 10am-12:30pm

Butterflies Club Family Party, SEND Level 4 (8-16 yrs)
 Frypa Hall, The Fryth, Basildon, Essex, SS14 3PW
 jasmine@butterfliesclub.co.uk & 07884700124
 22nd Dec 12-2pm

Butterflies Club - Laindon, SEND Level 4 (8-16 yrs)
 Presidents Hall, Laindon, SS15 6LF
 jasmine@butterfliesclub.co.uk & 07884700124
 23rd & 28th Dec 8am-12pm | 23rd & 28th Dec 12pm-4pm

JTD Arts SEND Level 1-3 (5-11 years) Winter Family Trip
 Transport from Northlands Primary School, 45 Winfred Road, Basildon, SS13 3JQ
 activetjd@hotmail.com & 07856869296
 22nd Dec 12:30pm-5pm

Share SEND Level 4 (5-16 years)
 The Fryth, Beeleigh E, SS14 2RR
 admin@sharerespite.co.uk & 0126852169
 30th & 31st Dec 10:30-2:30pm | 2nd & 3rd Jan 10:30-2:30pm

Motivated Minds Piano!
Mental Wellbeing & SEND Level 2 (6-16 years)
 Happy Hub, Eastgate Shopping Centre, Basildon SS14 1AE
 thrive@motivated-minds.co.uk & 07429224971
 Saturday 21st Dec 09:30am meet, 11am - 12:30pm event

Motivated Minds Cinema & Orleto Lounge Family Experience
Mental Wellbeing & SEND Level 2 (6-16 years)
 Happy Hub, Eastgate Shopping Centre, Basildon SS14 1AE
 thrive@motivated-minds.co.uk & 07429224971
 23rd Dec 1-4pm

Motivated Minds Bowling
Mental Wellbeing & SEND Level 2 (6-16 years) Happy Hub, Eastgate Shopping Centre, Basildon SS14 1AE
 thrive@motivated-minds.co.uk & 01268520785
 23rd Dec Meet 10:30am, 11am-12:45pm Event

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Scan the QR code to find out more!



Free Online Safety Awareness Session for Parents and Carers

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DON** BELIEVE IN
BASILDON

BasildonCouncil

Missed Last Week's Walk Online Session?

No worries! You can catch up on this Free Online Safety & Exploitation Awareness Session designed specifically for parents and carers. The session helps you understand how young people are spending time online and how to recognize the signs of exploitation.

But hurry—it's only available for the next **15 days!**

👁️ Watch back here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/3JvGQxOZ6vBAJMG7e2GRtYjubBHJ5fm97XVbKcc7 -PkDn4ESMmYSY22YafOaj-d.I9ivtH6bK7nEnbZT](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/3JvGQxOZ6vBAJMG7e2GRtYjubBHJ5fm97XVbKcc7-PkDn4ESMmYSY22YafOaj-d.I9ivtH6bK7nEnbZT)

Let's work together to keep our young people safe.
Don't miss this important session—watch it before it expires!