



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

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On Thursday, Year 5 were treated to a workshop run by the coaches from Southend United. They learnt about the importance of exercise and carried out an experiment investigating the effect of exercise on heart rate. Then they played some fun fitness games to get muscles moving and hearts pumping (while dodging the torrential rain!) They are looking forward to seeing what they will do next week!

Next week we will be starting our **clubs**. This includes staff led clubs as well as outside provider led clubs.

Today Miss Clark starts her maternity leave. We would like to wish her lots of luck with her next adventure and look forward to hearing of baby's arrival.

The new secondary school admission round opened on Friday, 12 September 2025, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2025.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

Attendance

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

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole School
Class 1 & 6 - 100%	Class 9 - 100% Class 13 - 99%	97.6%
Class 2 - 98% Class 5 - 97.2%	Class 7 - 97.7% Class 8 - 99.3%	
	Class 10 - 96.8% Class 12 - 98.9%	
	Class 14 - 97.5%	

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

Dates for your diary

15/09/2025

YR1 Curriculum Meeting
Small Hall
3.20—3.50pm

18/09/25

Reception Curriculum Meeting
Small Hall
3.20—3.50pm

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:
15/09/2025

Week 3 New Summer Menu

Please remember to discuss options with your child and pre-order meals on the MCAS App

Achievement Certificates

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

Class 1		Class 8	Olivia H & Indiana T
Class 2		Class 9	Holly P & Joshua F
Class 3	Charlotte K & Ernie M	Class 10	Harrison S & Soraya W
Class 4	Audrey D & Archie M	Class 11	Oliver B & Abigail M
Class 5	William C & Ava M-R	Class 12	Oliver B & Charlie V
Class 6	Gabriele A & Isla G	Class 13	Amelie D & Alba Y
Class 7	Zac C & Logan W	Class 14	Callie K & Ethan E

Achievements from Home

Well done everyone. Great achievements!



As Sydney is a member of the ECO Council, she has been busy creating a whole bird feed system at her grandparents. Making sure that the birds have enough food ready for Autumn

Over the summer holidays Charlie was awarded a football trophy for being Player of the Year for Bowers & Pitsea Football Club playing on a Saturday morning. He is now moving up to the next stage as in Year 2.



2025-2026 Diary Dates



Autumn Term (1 st September – 19 th December 2025)		
Date	Event	Details
W/C: 15.09.25		
Monday 15 th September 2025	Year 1 Curriculum meeting	Year 1 parents. Small Hall 3.20-3.50pm
Thursday 18th September 2025	Reception Curriculum meeting	EYFS parents. Small Hall 3.20-3.50pm
W/C: 22.09.25		
Monday 22 nd , Wednesday 24 th and Friday 26 th September 2025	Book Fair	3.15-3.45pm Small Hall
Wednesday 24 th September 2025	Year 6 PGL medication drop off	Year 6 parents in Treehouse 2.45- 3.30pm
W/C: 29.09.25		
Monday 29 th September – 3 rd October 2025	Year 6 PGL – Little Canada	
Thursday 2 nd October 2025	Happy Circus – Circus Day	FOO event-more details to follow
W/C: 6.10.25		
TBC	Black History Month	
Thursday 9 th October 2025	Phonics and Reading parent workshop	8.50-9.30am Large Hall
W/C: 13.10.2		
Wednesday 15 th October 2025	PGL 2026 information meeting	Year 5 parents 3.20-4.00pm Large Hall
Thursday 16 th October 2025	Prospective Reception Intake 2026 Parent Tours	9.30am and 4.00pm (Pre book spaces with school office)
Friday 17 th October 2025	Autumn Disco (FOO)	EYFS & Year 1 – 2.00-3.00pm Years 2, 3 & 4 – 3.15 - 4.15pm Years 5 & 6 – 4.30 - 5.30pm
W/C: 20.10.25		
Monday 20 th October 2025	Individual Photographs	
Wednesday 22 nd October 2025	Parents consultation meetings	3.30-6.00pm
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Parent workshop: writing	8.50-9.30am
	Parents consultation meetings	3.30-6.30pm
27th – 31st October: Half Term		
Friday 31 st October 2025	Secondary school admissions 2026 application closes	Year 6 parents Via Essex County Council online
W/C: 3.11.25		
Monday 3 rd November 2025	INSET day	
TBC	Children in Need	
W/C: 10.11.25		
Monday 10 th November 2025	Odd Sock Day: Anti-bullying week	Children to wear odd socks to school
	Primary school admissions 2026 application opens	New intake reception 2026 parents via Essex County Council online
Tuesday 11 th November 2025	Remembrance Day	
Thursday 13 th November 2025	Prospective Reception Intake 2026 Parent Tours	9.30am and 4.00pm (Pre book spaces with school office)
W/C:17.11.25		

Tuesday 18 th November 2025	Whole school book look	3.30-4.00pm Enter classrooms through pod door
Thursday 20 th November 2025	Prospective Reception Intake 2026 Parent Tours	9.30am (Pre book spaces with school office)
	Flu Immunisation (whole school)	During the school day
Friday 21st November	Bingo or Quiz TBC	FOO event – more details to follow
W/C: 24.11.25		
Thursday 27 th November 2025	Parent workshop: Maths	8.50-9.30am Large Hall
W/C: 1.12.25		
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	Rocksteady concert	9am, Large Hall
Friday 5 th December 2025	Christmas Bazaar	FOO event 3:30-5:30pm
W/C: 8.12.25		
Monday 8 th December 2025	Years 4 and 5 Christmas performances	9.15am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 9 th December 2025	Years 2 and 3 Christmas performances	9.15am and 2.00pm
Wednesday 10 th December 2025	Years R and 1 Christmas performances	9.15am and 2.00pm
Friday 12 th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas lunch Christmas Wishroom	FOO event
W/C: 15.12.25		
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Whole school trip to the Towngate Theatre	During the morning, in school time
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Year 6 coffee and Christmas Carols assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 6 parents
Friday 19 th December 2025	Last day of term	
W/C: 22.12.25	Christmas Holiday	
W/C: 29.12.25		

Spring Term (5 th January – 27 th March 2026)		
Date	Event	Details
W/C: 5.01.26		
Monday 5 th January 2026	First day back	
Thursday 8 th January 2026	Prospective Reception Intake 2026 Parent Tours	9.30am (Pre book spaces with school office)
W/C:12.01.26		
Thursday 15 th January 2026	Primary school admission 2026 application closes	New intake reception 2026 parents via Essex County Council online
W/C: 19.01.26		
Wednesday 21st January 2026	Year 6 trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum	
W/C:26.01.26		
W/C: 2.02.26		
W/C: 9.02.26	Children's Mental Health week	

Tuesday 10 th February 2026	Whole school book look	3.30-4.00pm Enter classrooms through pod door
	Safer Internet Day	
Friday 13 th February 2026	Break the Rules Day	FOO event
16th – 20th February: Half Term		
W/C: 23.02.26		
Monday 23 rd February	INSET day	
W/C: 2.03.26		
TBC	Comic Relief/ Sports Relief	Organised by the School Council. More information to follow
Monday 2 nd March 2026	Secondary school places offered	Year 6 parents From Essex County Council
Tuesday 3 rd March 2026	Castry	In school event organised by FOO
Wednesday 4 th March 2026	Rocksteady concert	9am Large Hall
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day	More information to follow
W/C: 9.03.26		
Friday 13 th March 2026	Mother's Day Wishroom	In school event organised by FOO
W/C: 16.03.26		
W/C: 23.03.26		
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Parents consultation meetings	3.30-6pm
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Parents consultation meetings	3.30-6.30pm
Friday 27 th March 2026	Oakfield's Got Talent	In school event
	Last day of term	
W/C: 30.03.26	Easter Holiday	
W/C: 6.04.26		

Summer Term (13 th April – 20 th July 2026)		
Date	Event	Details
W/C: 13.04.26		
Monday 13 th April 2026	First day back	
Thursday 16 th April 2026	Primary school allocations 2026	New intake 2026 parents From Essex County Council
W/C: 20.04.26		
Wednesday 22 nd April 2026	Earth Day	Organised by the Eco-Council. More information to follow
Friday 24 th April 2026	Spring Disco (FOO)	EYF5 & Year 1 – 2.00-3.00pm Years 2, 3 & 4 – 3.15 - 4.15pm Years 5 & 6 – 4.30 - 5.30pm
W/C: 27.04.26		
Thursday 30th April 2026	Year 4 trip to Layer Marney Tower	
W/C: 4.05.26		
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday	
W/C: 11.05.26		
Monday 11 th - Thursday 14 th May 2026	Year 6 SATs week	
Wednesday 13 th May 2026	Reception Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Reception parents
Thursday 14 th May 2026	Year 1 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 1 parents

Friday 15 th May 2026	Year 2 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 2 parents
	Year 6 park visit	(Weather dependent)
W/C: 18.05.26		
Monday 18 th , Wednesday 20 th and Friday 22 nd May 2026	Book Fair	3.15-3.45pm Small Hall
Monday 18 th May 2026	Year 3 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 3 parents
Tuesday 19 th May 2026	Year 4 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 4 parents
Wednesday 20 th May 2026	Year 5 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 5 parents
Thursday 21 st May 2026	Year 6 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 6 parents
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Stay and play coffee morning – new reception intake 2026	9.00-10.00am Reception new intake parents 2026
25 th - 29 th May: Half Term		
W/C: 1.06.26		
Monday 1 st June 2026	INSET day	
Tuesday 2 nd June 2026	INSET day	
Wednesday 3 rd – Friday 5 th June 2026	Year 4 Multiplication Check	
Friday 5 th June 2026	Summer Fete (FOO event)	FOO event 3:30-5:30pm
W/C: 8.06.26		
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th June 2026	Year 4 Multiplication Check	
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th June 2026	Year 1 Phonics Screening	
Wednesday 10 th June 2026	Reception trip to Barleylands	
Friday 12 th June 2026	Father's Day Wishroom	In school event organised by FOO
W/C: 15.06.26		
Friday 19 th June 2026	Sports day and picnic	KS2: 9.00-11.30am Picnic: 11.45am-12.45pm KS1: 1.00-3.00pm
W/C: 22.06.26		
Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	Sports day and picnic reserve date in the event of inclement weather on 19.06.26	KS2: 9.00-11.30am Picnic: 11.45am-12.45pm KS1: 1.00-3.00pm
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Wickford Arts Festival	
Thursday 25 th June 2026	Year 6 Transition Day	
	New Reception intake stay , play and storytime session	9.30-11.00am Reception intake 2026 children and parents
	Book look and meet the new teacher	3.30-4.30pm – parents to enter classrooms through pod door
Friday 26 th June 2026	Year 6 Transition Day	
	New Reception intake stay , play and storytime session	9.30-11.00am Reception intake 2026 children and parents
W/C: 29.06.26		
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	Rocksteady concert	9am Large Hall
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Reception intake 2026 meeting and Teddy Bear's Picnic	9.30-11.15am – Large Hall
	Rainbow Run	FOO event

W/C: 6.07.26		
Tuesday 7 th July 2026	Year 6 play	5.00pm Large Hall Year 6 parents
Wednesday 8 th July 2026	PGL Little Canada 2026 Information meeting	Year 5 parents 3.20-4.00pm Large Hall
Thursday 9th July 2026	Year 5 taster day – Beauchamps	Year 5 children
Friday 10 th July 2026	Reception end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Reception parents
	Reports out to parents	
	Contingency date – Rainbow Run	FOO event
W/C: 13.07.26		
Monday 13 th July 2026	Year 1 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 1 parents
Tuesday 14 th July 2026	Year 2 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 2 parents
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Year 3 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 3 parents
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Year 4 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 4 parents
Friday 17 th July 2026	Year 5 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 5 parents
W/C: 20.07.26		
Monday 20 th July 2026	Year 6 leavers assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 6 parents
	Last day of term	

Community News

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Understand Anxiety for SEND Children Online Course

Looking at anxiety, the causes of anxiety and how to support your child or young person.

Date: Various - check website
Time: check website

Scan the QR code, or Visit our website aclesssex.com and type "UNDERSTAND ANXIETY" in the "Find a course..." box

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Managing Big Emotions Online Course

Develop an understanding of emotional expression and how to manage big emotions in young people.

Dates: 30/10/25 19:00-21:00, 25/11/25 13:00 - 15:00
more dates available online

Scan the QR code, or Visit our website aclesssex.com and type "BIG EMOTIONS" in the "Find a course..." box

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Positive Parenting Online Course

This course is designed to support you to understand your children and provide parenting support. It covers boundaries, communication skills, understanding feelings and emotions and most importantly how to have fun as a family.

Date: - 11 September to 16 October 2025
more dates available online
Time: 12:45am - 15:15pm

Scan the QR code, or Visit our website aclesssex.com and type "POSITIVE PARENTING" in the "Search Courses..." box

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Setting Boundaries Online Course

Empower your parenting journey with our 'Setting Boundaries' course. Learn the importance of clear, consistent limits and how they contribute to a child's sense of security and well-being.

Date: 16/09/2025 to 23/09/2025
(more dates available online)
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Scan the QR code, or Visit our website aclesssex.com and type "BOUNDARIES" in the "Find a course..." box

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Essex Fire Museum Open Days 2025



28th Of September
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays RM17 5QS

Book Now

Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

E-scooter guidance from the Safer Essex Roads Partnership:

- Privately owned e-scooters (most of which are plain black for example) are illegal for anyone of any age to ride in any public place.** These E-scooters you can buy from shops like Halfords and Smyths or online can only be used on privately owned land, with the landowner's permission.
- Parents providing an e-scooter for their child are putting them at risk on the roads. The children are unlikely to be aware of the Highway Code, are unlikely to wear a helmet or anything to make them visible to other road users, are unlikely to have the observation skills required, are likely to carry a passenger making the scooter unstable and, travelling at speeds of 15mph, are likely to be seriously injured if they fall off or are involved in a collision.

The Safer Essex Roads Partnership website <https://saferessexroads.org/> has information and advice for parents.

VISION ZERO NO ROAD DEATHS



What is an e-scooter?

SAFERESSEX roads partnership

The rules

Electrically powered scooters are classed as a mechanically propelled vehicle, which means the same rules apply to e-scooters as other motor vehicles. These rules also apply to other personal electric transporters, with the exception of mobility scooters. Electric scooters are treated the same as any other motorised vehicle, this means they must have MOT, Vehicle Excise Duty ("tax") and insurance.

In order to obtain a MOT and insurance to be used legally in public, an e-scooter must be approved by the Vehicle Certification Agency for its construction and use for transport on the public highway.

No such approval exists for privately owned e-scooters. If you are using a private e-scooter on public roads, or footways, the police can seize it and you could be liable for prosecution for traffic offences, and even receive points on your licence.

Risks include:

- Lack of maintenance affecting braking and tyre performance.
- Charging of devices in the home introduces fire risk, especially if batteries have become damaged or wet.
- Scooters can easily over balance on bumps or holes due to their small wheels.
- Handling can be unpredictable, especially when reacting to hazards.
- There can be a temptation to ride while intoxicated or distracted.

Renting

A number of rental schemes have been set up in towns and cities in the UK, including Basildon, Chelmsford, Braintree and Colchester in Essex. These schemes allow people to use rented e-scooters legally.

To use these schemes, you must:

- Be aged 18 or over.
- Hold a UK driving licence.
- Only ride on roads and cycle-paths within the hire scheme areas, pavement riding is not permitted.
- Not carry passengers or allow others to use a scooter you have hired. Wearing a helmet is highly recommended, and riders have the same responsibility to obey traffic laws as anyone driving a car.

use rented e-scooters legally



E-scooters are motor vehicles, so must not be used by children.

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Visit our website to see the latest information, stories and press releases.
saferessexroads.org/visionzero

Please get involved

- Learn more about safe road use on our website saferessexroads.org
- Use #saferessex on our social media channels.
- Talk to family, friends and people in your community about Vision Zero.
- Share ideas about how to make improvements where you see with your local elected representatives.
- Subscribe to updates from us at: saferessexroads@essex.gov.uk
- Submit footage of road traffic offences to our Extra Eyes campaign: saferessexroads@essex.gov.uk
- To share any ideas you have about how you might be able to help achieve Vision Zero in your community, please contact us at: saferessexroads@essex.gov.uk
- Sign the Vision Zero pledge at: saferessexroads.org/visionzero/pledge/