



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

It has been another busy week! On Monday, year 6 children went on their **residential PGL trip** to the Isle of Wight. They have had a brilliant week. We will share more information in next week's newsletter.

In school, our Year 6 children have been busy by taking on different roles and responsibilities. These have included looking after the school grounds and participating in sports events.

On Thursday we held our **circus day**. Thank you to FOO who organised the event and to all the volunteers who supported it. The children had a great day with lots of circus outfits, classroom circus activities as well as a circus workshop and face paints/ glitter tattoos and nail varnish!

Phonics and Reading Parent workshop: A reminder that next week (**Thursday 9th October 2025**) we will be hosting our first parent workshop of the academic year. This is open to all parents across the school and will be looking at what phonics and reading looks like at Oakfield, how we teach it and how you can help at home. We value the importance of children learning to read and this continues outside of school as well as in lessons. Our workshop will start at 8.50am in the large hall and finish before 9.30am. Entry will be through the main school office. The workshop will be led by our Phonics and Reading lead. We look forward to seeing lots of you.

New Intake photographs in the Echo - Tuesday 7th October 2025: The Echo will be publishing their **new intake photographs** which will include Oakfield reception children.

Attendance

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

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole School
Class 2 - 97.7%	Class 7 - 96.2%	94.3%
Class 4 - 98.1%	Class 9 - 98.4%	
Class 6 - 100%	Class 12 - 98.4%	

Dates for your diary

Black History Month

09/10/2025

Phonics & Reading

Parents Workshop

8.50—9.30am

Large Hall

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

29/09/2025

Week 3 New Summer Menu

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

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

Achievement Certificates

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

Class 1	Rosalee C & Ruben R	Class 8	Jude G & Winnie H
Class 2	Marnie & Finley W	Class 9	Elijah G & Flora Mc
Class 3	Freddie A & Isobel G	Class 10	Sophia A & Amy T
Class 4	Harry E & Melody M	Class 11	Mollie B & Darcey W
Class 5	Isla B & Teddy C-K	Class 12	Jamie H-O'K & Poppy S
Class 6	Frederick L & Georgie T	Class 13	Non-PGL Pupils
Class 7	Grace B & Canon H	Class 14	Non-PGL Pupils

Harvest Festival 9th October 2025

For our Harvest Festival this year we will be collecting donations for our local Foodbank, managed by The Salvation Army. The Food Bank, here in Wickford, has now been running for 12 years and they are seeing an increased number of local families needing their support on a regular basis.



Wickford Churches Food Bank Managed by The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, Jersey Gardens, Wickford, Essex, SS11 7AE
The Salvation Army is a Christian Church and registered charity number 214779

To support this valuable community resource, we are asking for donations to give to them. If you can spare just one item from your cupboards, or add an extra to your shop, it will make a huge difference for those in need.

Representatives from the Food Bank will be visiting the School to thank the children and below is a suggested list of items.

Children should bring their items in to their classrooms on or before Thursday 9th October.

We are grateful for donations in the following categories:

Packet rice, packet pasta, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit, long-life milk, tea, coffee, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, jam and marmalade.

Toiletry items are also welcomed – shower gel, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes and feminine hygiene products.

Wickford Wombles visit Year 6

This week Year 6 had a visit from our wonderful **Wickford Wombles**, a local community litter picking group, who help keep Wickford clean and safe. The Wombles did a talk about why litter is dangerous to wildlife and showed the children litter they had found in Wickford from over 20 years ago that hadn't decomposed. The children then did a litter pick around school.

Here's what they had to say-

"I learnt that no matter how big or small the litter is, it all matters." Ollie R

"I collected about 5 single-use plastic bottles and another 5 plastic milk cartons and loads of sweet wrappers in school. When we are collecting your children at the end of the day we should all be using the bins for our snack rubbish." Darcey H

"Pick all the rubbish up or put it in the bin." Matilda A

"We learnt if there is an animal on trouble try your best to help it by having a box and blanket in your car in case you need to take it to the wildlife hospital." Skyla B

"Do not be the one to litter, it polluted our planet!!" Jonny A

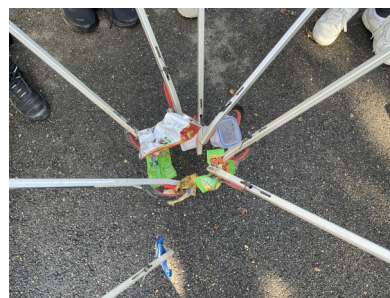
"Adults are not always the culprit, I found lego and a child's glove so we need to teach our children not to litter as it can kill animals." Jessica W

"Just by picking up a small amount of litter can save animals lives." Eva CM

"It doesn't matter how big an animal is, all animals even slow worms might mistake a yoghurt pot or bottle for somewhere to live." Harry M

"Do not throw nets and ropes in the ponds and rivers because it can wrap around the fish and kill them." Levi T

We kindly ask you take your litter home or put it in the school bins. The Year 6 children were shocked to find plastic bottles, Costa coffee cups, sweet and crisp wrappers, and items of clothing in our wooded areas and playground areas; please help keep our school clean.



ECO STARS

Daisy U and Bluebell B who are now part of the Eco Team, helped by Mollie U, were keen to get out and look after their local environment. They went litter picking in the woods next to the school.



Echo
FIRST CLASS PHOTO SPECIAL
TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2025
DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR COPY

2025-2026 Diary Dates

Autumn Term (1 st September – 19 th December 2025)		
Date	Event	Details
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: 13.10.25		
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		
NO STAFF LED CLUBS this week. No external <u>after school</u> on Wednesday or Thursday		
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 21 st November	Bingo or Quiz TBC	FOO event – more details to follow
W/C: 24.11.25		
Tuesday 25 th November 2025	Year 3 trip to Thorndon Country Park	During the school day
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 21 st January 2026	Year 6 trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum	During the school day
W/C:26.01.26		
Wednesday 28 th January 2026	Year 1 workshop: History through Toys	In school workshop
W/C: 2.02.26		
Wednesday 4 th February 2026	Year 2 workshop: History of Flight	In school workshop
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	
Wednesday 11 th February 2026	Year 5 workshop: Greeks	In school event
Friday 13 th February 2026	Break the Rules Day	FOO event
16 th – 20 th 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	Zactiv	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		
Wednesday 18 th March 2026	Year 5 visit to First Site Art Gallery, Colchester	During the school day
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	
Wednesday 15 th April 2026	Year 2 trip to Langdon Nature Reserve	During the school day
Thursday 16 th April 2026	Primary school allocations 2026	New intake 2026 parents From Essex County Council
Friday 17th April 2026	Year 5 Swimming lesson	
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)	EYFS & Year 1 – 2.00-3.00pm Years 2, 3 & 4 – 3.15 - 4.15pm Years 5 & 6 – 4.30 - 5.30pm
Friday 24th April 2026	Year 5 Swimming lesson	
W/C: 27.04.26		
Thursday 30 th April 2026	Year 4 trip to Layer Marney Tower	During the school day
Friday 1st May 2026	Year 5 Swimming lesson	
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)
Friday 15th May 2026	Year 5 Swimming lesson	

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
	Year 4 workshop: Science of sound	In school workshop
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
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Year 5 Swimming lesson	Last one
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)	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	During the school day
Thursday 11 th June 2026	Year 3 workshop: Ancient Egyptians	In school workshop
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 9 th 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	