



# Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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## Weekly News

We have had lots of **sporting events** this week.

On Monday, the **girls football team** played at Hockley Primary school in the Essex cup, they won 6 - 2 and are through to the next round.

On Monday, the **netball team** played at Beauchamps Secondary school against 3 local schools. They played against Abacus and won 4-3. They won 6-0 against Hilltop. Finally, they played Grange and won 5-1. Overall, we came in **1<sup>st</sup>** place.

On Tuesday, the **boys football team** played at Wickford Town. The boys came **5<sup>th</sup>** overall; they didn't lose any games and are now through to the next round.

On Thursday, the **girls football team** played at Wickford Town. The girls won all four matches and are through to the next round.



A big well done to all the children who played in the matches.

**Reception Tours:** This week we welcomed new families to our school for the new intake 2026 tours. Well done and thank you to our year 6 children who were fantastic tour guides. If you know anyone who has a child that is due to start school in September 2026, please contact the school office to book a space on one of our tour dates.

Next week we have our **parent consultations**. If you have not already booked an appointment, please do so as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you for these meetings. A reminder that there will be no school staff clubs running next week and no Karate Wednesday or Jack of All Sports on Thursday after school.

Thank you to **FOO** for organising this week's **discos**. FOO have some events coming up. On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, there will be a pre-loved Christmas Jumper sale after school in the Treehouse. Friday 28th November will be a non-uniform day, in return for children bringing in donations for the Christmas Bazaar. On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, they will be hosting 'Name the Elf.' Further details for these events will be shared.

On Monday we have our individual/ family school photographs. They are taking place in the Small Hall from 8am for pre-school siblings. Entrance is by the side doors to the hall.

**The school council are organising** Children in Need. Following on from today's meeting, the children would like to host Children in Need on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The children will be able to come into school wearing spots or non-uniform.



Congratulations to Miss Clark on the safe arrival of baby 'Leo' this week.

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

## Dates for your diary

20.10.25

Individual photographs

22.10.25

Parent Consultation Evening

3.30—6pm

23.10.25

Parent Workshop : Writing

8.50 —9.30am

23.10.25

Parent Consultation Evening

3.30—6.30pm

There are no teacher led clubs  
this week

No external clubs on  
Wednesday & Thursday  
Acorns to run normally

## Lunch Menu

**Week commencing:**

**20/10/2025**

**Week 2 New Summer  
Menu**

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

## Achievement Certificates

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

<b>Class 1</b>	Isabelle A & Cillian M	<b>Class 8</b>	Oscar B & Kayla G
<b>Class 2</b>	Ela S & Molly U	<b>Class 9</b>	Artie A & Kitty S
<b>Class 3</b>	Sofia D & Alfie G	<b>Class 10</b>	Bobbi G & Dolcie G
<b>Class 4</b>	Rosalia K & Oliver W	<b>Class 11</b>	Charlotte H & Olivia S
<b>Class 5</b>	Richard B & Emilia T	<b>Class 12</b>	Jack B-S & Bradeigh H
<b>Class 6</b>	Aspen B & Ethan K	<b>Class 13</b>	Penny L & Millie N
<b>Class 7</b>	Matthew A & Max W	<b>Class 14</b>	Mila A & Thea S

## House Points

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Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
38	39	36	35

Well done to this week's winning house... **Blue Saxons**

## Attendance

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EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole School
Class 1 - 97%	Class 7 - 99% Class 8 - 97%	97.5%
Class 3 - 97.9%	Class 10 - 96.8% Class 11 99.2%	
Class 5 - 99.2%	Class 12 - 98.4% Class 13 - 98.5%	
	Class 14 - 99.3% <b>Class 9 - 100%</b>	

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

# Achievements from Home

Thea S completed her Level 10 of swimming including swimming 1500m. She has now finished the stages of Swim England Learn to Swim Framework and will move on to lifeguarding. Well done Thea!



## Eco Stars



On their way home from school, Alba and Lacey noticed a lot of rubbish caught in a bush. Instead of walking past, they decided to take action! The girls worked together to collect the litter and dispose of it properly at home. They also talked about how harmful littering can be for the environment and local wildlife. We're so proud of Alba and Lacey for showing such great care for their community and setting a wonderful example for others. 🌿💚

Kyro R spent his Sunday morning litter picking the pathways round the school. He collected 1 full bag





# Eco-Council News



## OAKFIELD'S ECO TEAM HAS SIGNED UP TO BE A HEDGEHOG FRIENDLY SCHOOL

With our love of hedgehogs permeating the school during the autumn term Oakfield's Eco team has signed up to become a Hedgehog Friendly School.

This week the whole school took part in the Big Hog Friendly litter pick as part of our work towards gaining our 'Hedgehog Friendly School' award.

Each class collected litter from the school grounds including a sweet wrapper from 2003, drinks cans, Costa coffee cups, glass bottles, and crisps packets- one from 2006. Year 6 even found an old antique typewriter and a BBQ grill which had clearly been fly tipped onto our school grounds!

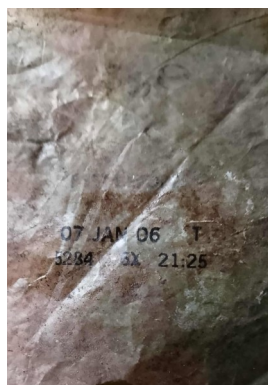
**Please remember to use our school bins or to take your rubbish home with you, we would like our school to be as litter- free as possible.**

The Eco Council hope that by the end of the year they achieve an award for doing impactful work to help hedgehogs. During their meeting this week they found out facts about hedgehogs by watching a short information video and from reading a fact sheet on hedgehogs.

If you find a hedgehog or any injured, orphaned, or sick wild animal please follow the advice from South Essex Wildlife using the link below.

FOR URGENT WILDLIFE ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL THE HELPLINE ON 01375 893893

<https://southessexwildlife.org/emergency>



## 2025-2026 Diary Dates



Autumn Term (1 <sup>st</sup> September – 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025)		
Date	Event	Details
W/C: 20.10.25		
<b>NO STAFF LED CLUBS this week. No external <u>after school</u> on Wednesday or Thursday</b>		
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Individual Photographs	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025	Parents consultation meetings	3.30-6.00pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Parent workshop: writing	8.50-9.30am
	Parents consultation meetings	3.30-6.30pm
<b>27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October: Half Term</b>		
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	Secondary school admissions 2026 application closes	Year 6 parents Via Essex County Council online
W/C: 3.11.25		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	INSET day	
TBC	Children in Need	
W/C: 10.11.25		
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Remembrance Day	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Whole school book look	3.30-4.00pm Enter classrooms through pod door
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> November	Bingo or Quiz TBC	FOO event – more details to follow
W/C: 24.11.25		
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Year 3 trip to Thorndon Country Park	During the school day
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Parent workshop: Maths	8.50-9.30am Large Hall
W/C: 1.12.25		
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025	Rocksteady concert	9am, Large Hall
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christmas Bazaar	FOO event 3:30-5:30pm
W/C: 8.12.25		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Years 4 and 5 Christmas performances	9.15am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Years 2 and 3 Christmas performances	9.15am and 2.00pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Years R and 1 Christmas performances	9.15am and 2.00pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas lunch	

	Christmas Wishroom	FOO event
W/C: 15.12.25		
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Whole school trip to the Towngate Theatre	During the morning, in school time
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Year 6 coffee and Christmas Carols assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 6 parents
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Last day of term	
W/C: 22.12.25	Christmas Holiday	
W/C: 29.12.25		

Spring Term (5 <sup>th</sup> January – 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026)		
Date	Event	Details
W/C: 5.01.26		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	First day back	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Prospective Reception Intake 2026 Parent Tours	9.30am (Pre book spaces with school office)
W/C:12.01.26		
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> January 2026	Year 6 trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum	During the school day
W/C:26.01.26		
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Year 1 workshop: History through Toys	In school workshop
W/C: 2.02.26		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Year 2 workshop: History of Flight	In school workshop
W/C: 9.02.26	Children's Mental Health week	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Whole school book look	3.30-4.00pm Enter classrooms through pod door
	Safer Internet Day	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Year 5 workshop: Greeks	In school event
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Break the Rules Day	FOO event
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February: Half Term		
W/C: 23.02.26		
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	INSET day	
W/C: 2.03.26		
TBC	Comic Relief/ Sports Relief	Organised by the School Council. More information to follow
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026	Secondary school places offered	Year 6 parents From Essex County Council
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Zactiv	In school event organised by FOO
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Rocksteady concert	9am Large Hall
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	World Book Day	More information to follow
W/C: 9.03.26		
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Mother's Day Wishroom	In school event organised by FOO
W/C: 16.03.26		

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 5 visit to First Site Art Gallery, Colchester	During the school day
W/C: 23.03.26		
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Parents consultation meetings	3.30-6pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Parents consultation meetings	3.30-6.30pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> April – 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026)		
Date	Event	Details
W/C: 13.04.26		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	First day back	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Year 2 trip to Langdon Nature Reserve	During the school day
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Primary school allocations 2026	New intake 2026 parents From Essex County Council
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Year 5 Swimming lesson</b>	
W/C: 20.04.26		
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026	Earth Day	Organised by the Eco-Council. More information to follow
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Year 5 Swimming lesson</b>	
W/C: 27.04.26		
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Year 4 trip to Layer Marney Tower	During the school day
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>Year 5 Swimming lesson</b>	
W/C: 4.05.26		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday	
W/C: 11.05.26		
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 6 SATs week	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Reception Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Reception parents
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 1 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 1 parents
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 2 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 2 parents
	Year 6 park visit	(Weather dependent)
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>Year 5 Swimming lesson</b>	
W/C: 18.05.26		
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	Book Fair	3.15-3.45pm Small Hall
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 3 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 3 parents
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 4 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 4 parents
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Year 6 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 6 parents
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	Stay and play coffee morning – new reception intake 2026	9.00-10.00am Reception new intake parents 2026
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	Year 5 Swimming lesson	Last one
<b>25<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> May: Half Term</b>		
W/C: 1.06.26		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	INSET day	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	INSET day	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 4 Multiplication Check	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Summer Fete (FOO event)	3.30-5.30pm
W/C: 8.06.26		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 4 Multiplication Check	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 1 Phonics Screening	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Reception trip to Barleylands	During the school day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 3 workshop: Ancient Egyptians	In school workshop
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Father's Day Wishroom	In school event organised by FOO
W/C: 15.06.26		
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Wickford Arts Festival	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	Rocksteady concert	9am Large Hall
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 6 play	5.00pm Large Hall Year 6 parents
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	PGL Little Canada 2026 Information meeting	Year 5 parents 3.20-4.00pm Large Hall
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 5 taster day – Beauchamps	Year 5 children
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 1 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 1 parents
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 2 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 2 parents
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 3 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 3 parents
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 4 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 4 parents
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 5 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 5 parents
W/C: 20.07.26		
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 6 leavers assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 6 parents
	Last day of term	



# OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMP ACTIVITIES

### Monday

**Activities:**

Test your skills with **Basketball, Gymnastics** and **Scatterball**.

Get creative with **Arts & Crafts** and **Lego**.

### Tuesday

**Activities:**

Test your endurance during **Handball, Obstacle courses** and **Table Top games**.

Get creative with **Arts & crafts** or get constructing with **Lego, Stickle Bricks** and **K'nex**.

### Wednesday

**Activities:**

Unleash your competitive side during **Dodgeball, Parachute games** and **Speed stacking contest**.

Get creative with **Arts & Crafts, Lego** and our **Talent show**.

### Thursday

**Activities:**

Unleash your competitive side during **Football, Performing arts games** and **Relay races**.

Get creative with **Arts & Crafts, Lego** and **Biscuit decorating**.

### Friday

#### 'Halloween Spooktacular'

Dress in your spookiest outfit

**Activities:** **Halloween bingo, Monster capture the flag, spooky arts and crafts, Pumpkin kickball.**

### Additional information

Dress spooky for the 'Halloween Spooktacular' on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Booking link:**  
<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/6489/?location=ss12&distance=0.1&distance=0.1>

# Community News

## HEDGEHOG-FRIENDLY FACTSHEET!



Photo: British Hedgehog Preservation Society



Our hedgehog is the West European Hedgehog. The African Pygmy Hedgehog is not native to the UK.

**Hedgehogs are nocturnal.** Contact the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584890801 if you're worried about a hedgehog out in the day.



Photo: Aleksandra Maddams via Hedgehog Street

Funded by the  British Hedgehog Preservation Society

Hedgehogs are vulnerable to extinction in Britain – they've declined by up to 50% since 2000



In the wild, hedgehogs forage mostly for bugs and grubs. However, if you want to feed hedgehogs a supplement, feed meaty cat or dog food.



Provide a shallow dish of fresh water for hedgehogs all year-round.



Hedgehogs usually hibernate in winter, when it's cold and there is less food. Most hedgehogs will move nests at least once in this time. They emerge from hibernation in spring and will be very hungry!



Photo: Jean Nichols via Hedgehog Street

**WORRIED ABOUT A HEDGEHOG?**  
Contact the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801



Wild areas are crucial for hedgehogs – they need them to feed, breed and nest.



**Hedgehogs are lactose-intolerant!**  
Don't give them milk or cheese.



**Hedgehogs can travel up to 2 kilometres per night!**  
Think like a hedgehog and make sure you provide gaps and holes for them to travel through!

**Never pick up a hedgehog** (unless it needs your help). Just observe them from a distance!



Photo: British Hedgehog Preservation Society

**HOG FRIENDLY**

For further information please contact Hog-Friendly on [info@hedgehogfriendlycampus.co.uk](mailto:info@hedgehogfriendlycampus.co.uk)

**Tottenham Hotspur** are offering our students and parents the chance to apply for free tickets to a Tottenham Hotspur Women's home match this season!

Please use the link below to enter the draw for any of their remaining WSL matches – including three high-profile fixtures at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium (vs. Chelsea, Everton, and Manchester United).

All other matches will take place at Brisbane Road.

🔗 <https://www.tottenhamhotspur.com/tickets/buy-tickets/womens-tickets/comp-tickets-202526/>