



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

We have reached the end of our first half term of the year. Thank you to everyone who attended our parent consultations this week. We hope the meetings with teachers helped you to know where your child is working at and ways that you can help at home, and you enjoyed the opportunity to look through their books.

Writing and spelling workshop. Thank you to all of those parents that attended our writing and spelling parent workshop. We hope that you found the information from our subject leads useful and informative. The slides from the workshop are on our school website [Oakfield Primary School - English - Writing](#)

Our next parent workshop will be Maths on Thursday 27th November (8.50-9.20am)

Year 6 took part in play leader training on Tuesday. Our sports partnership teacher, alongside our year 6 teachers worked with the children to develop their leadership skills to support play activities at lunchtimes. The children were keen and enthusiastic, and we look forward to seeing them some of them take on the play leader roles after half term.

In our assembly today we celebrated those children that are reading or being read to regularly at home. Our school expectation is that children read or are read to at least 5 times a week. Each week, if a child has met this expectation, they will get a golden ticket to go into the box. Today each teacher picked 2 tickets from the golden ticket box and these children won a book from our vending machine.

After half term, the school council are organising our Children in Need Day. On the Friday 14th November 2025 the children are invited to wear spots or non-uniform. The School Council have come up with some ideas for fun activities to be done in the classroom on that day. We will be raising money via our just giving page. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/oakfield-primary-school>. All donations will need to be completed via this link; we will not be able to accept any cash.

Please can we remind you that before and after school, children are the responsibility of their parents or adults. It is important that children stay with their adults and are not on any of our school equipment or using balls, scooters or bikes on the playground. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

The children are not in school next week for the half term holiday and we look forward to seeing them back on Tuesday 4th November 2025. It is going to be a busy half term so please check the calendar for our planned events.

Attendance

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole School
Class 1 - 96.3%	Class 9 - 98.8%	95%
Class 2 - 99.2%	Class 11 - 97.7%	

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

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

Dates for your diary

3.11.25

INSET Day

4.11.25

First day back for Pupils

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

20/10/2025

Week 1 New Autumn-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	Rosalee C & Zachary H	Class 8	Oscar G & Frankie S
Class 2	Tommy B & Georgina D	Class 9	Noah G & Daisy O'S
Class 3	Connie G & Leo J	Class 10	Harry C & Lucy M
Class 4	Madison S & Rosie V	Class 11	Bonnie C & Theo D
Class 5	Kyro R & Erin s	Class 12	Ali C & Jamie H-O
Class 6	Grayson H & Ethan K	Class 13	Chloe B & Kathleen M
Class 7	Alfie K & Elijah H	Class 14	Freya A & Levi T

Golden Ticket Winners

Class 1 - Arabella J, Jude G
Class 3 - Ronnie D, Connie G
Class 5 - Timo E, Elton H
Class 7 - Nora W, Riley E
Class 9 - Daisy O, Carter K
Class 11 - Lily A, James D
Class 13 - Lacey H, Jessica-Anne W

Class 2 - Mateo S, Kaidus P
Class 4 - Rory K, Rosie V
Class 6 - Aspen B, Grayson H
Class 8 - Harry N, Chase W
Class 10 - Amelia W, Hannah M
Class 12 - Archie H, Jamie H-O
Class 14 - Isabella S, Freya A

Achievements from Home

Bobbi G will be in The Nutcracker again this Christmas with the English National Ballet and will be performing at the London Coliseum from the 16th to the 20th of December and from the 2nd to the 11th of January.



Rosie V in class 4 achieved her first red tag in Karate.



Eco-Council News

ECO TEAM EFFORT and TRAINING

This week the energy and recycling team were busy learning about their job roles and doing some 'training' to carry out their roles independently throughout the year.

The energy team are responsible for checking radiator blockages, if windows and doors are left open, if boards and lights are switched off when the classroom is empty and if the water taps are leaking. They will perform these checks at regular intervals and decide on the best energy saving classroom each time they check the classrooms.

The recycling team carefully sorted the pens and glue lids for recycling. This was a lengthy task, but they worked well as a team and got the job done quickly!

Mrs Pinchback is proud of all the children for working together as a team and managing to get so much done. Keep up the good work!

BIG HOG FRIENDLY LITTER PICK UPDATE

To date we have collected 27 and a half bags of litter, a typewriter and BBQ grill during our 'Big Hog Friendly Litter Pick' week and 4 bags of litter outside school hours. We still have a month to continue to litter pick so if you fancy doing some litter picking to help the local wildlife please take photo evidence and send to admin@oakfield.essex.sch.uk.

ENERGY SAVERS!

The energy team completed their first energy check this week and decided Class 14 were the best energy saving classroom this week. Well done!

Thank you!

Mrs Pinchback



2025-2026 Diary Dates



Autumn Term (1 st September – 19 th December 2025)		
Date	Event	Details
27 th – 31 st 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	
W/C: 10.11.25	Anti-bullying week	
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)
Friday 14 th November 2025	Pre-loved Christmas Jumper sale	FOO - Treehouse 3pm
Friday 14 th November 2025	Children in Need	Children to wear spots or non-uniform
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
Friday 28 th November 2025	Non uniform day for Christmas Bazaar donations	FOO event
W/C: 1.12.25		
Tuesday 2 nd December 2025	Name the Elf	FOO – more details to follow
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 17 th 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 24 th 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 1 st 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 15 th 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	



We're excited to announce that registration is now open for our upcoming Cheerleading Program! Whether your child is looking to cheer with spirit, we offer fun, structured, and engaging classes to build confidence, coordination, and teamwork.

Cheerleading Club – Mondays, 7:45–8:30 AM (Before School)

Start your week with spirit! Cheerleading Club meets every **Monday morning before school** from **7:45 to 8:30 AM**. Members will practice cheers, chants, basic stunts, and routines to support school events and sports teams. It's a great way to build teamwork, confidence, and energy for the week ahead. Open to all skill levels—come ready to move and have fun!

✔ **How to Book**

To sign your child up, please follow the link below:

🌐 <https://christina-marks-sopa.classforkids.io>

Spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so early booking is advised.

We look forward to welcoming your child to one (or both!) of these exciting lunchtime clubs.

Warm regards,

Christina

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Community News




FREE Warm Winter Clothes for Families

We are holding a pre-loved adult and children's winter clothing event. Come along and give clothing a new life and **reducing carbon footprint**. We have some amazing volunteers that have sorted and washed the clothes.

Highcliffe Delivery Site
Rettendon View, Wickford, SS11 8JE

Saturday 25th October
10:00- 11:30



No need to book!
For more information or support please call us on **0300 247 0013**

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

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Free half term clubs, fun activities and food across Essex!

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

WHAT DO HALF TERM CLUBS OFFER?
Activities include sports, games, crafts, dance, baking, and more! Clubs will provide nutritious meals and snacks, along with food education, to engage young people and support parents during half term holidays.


CAN I BOOK ONTO A HALF TERM CLUB?
Children and young people eligible for pupil premium, free school meals, or income-related benefits can be booked onto our activity clubs for free, and clubs may also offer discretionary paid for and paid places, ensuring there is something for everyone!

HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A HALF TERM CLUB?
Families will not receive or book on with a HolidayActivities voucher code for half term clubs.
To book onto a local club, you will head over to the Activity Finder on the Essex ActivAte website and use the booking link, email or contact number provided by the club organisation directly to book a space.

Please note: Half term holidays are funded by Essex County Council and other supporting local councils. Funded places are limited and priority will be given to those families most in need of support.

 
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Community & Family Learning Courses

COURSE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL UNDERSTANDING NEURODIVERSE CHILDREN	03/11/2025	08/12/2025	12:30	14:30
FL SUPPORTING FAMILY MATHS	04/11/2025	11/11/2025	09:30	11:30
FL POSITIVE PARENTING	04/11/2025	09/12/2025	09:30	11:30
FL FAMILY WELLBEING	04/11/2025	09/12/2025	13:00	15:00
FL SUPPORT YOUR CHILD ATTEND/ENJOY SCHOOL	04/11/2025	09/12/2025	18:00	20:00
UNDERSTANDING ADHD AND ASD IN CHILDREN	04/11/2025	09/12/2025	19:00	21:00

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COURSE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL SUPPORT YOUR CHILD ATTEND/ENJOY SCHOOL	05/11/2025	10/12/2025	09:30	11:30
FL ESOL FOR FAMILIES	06/11/2025	11/12/2025	09:30	11:30
FL ASSERTIVE PARENTING	06/11/2025	11/12/2025	09:30	11:30
FL RAISING BOYS	06/11/2025	13/11/2025	19:00	21:00
FL SEND SUPPORT	06/11/2025	11/12/2025	10:00	12:00
FL ZONES OF REGULATION	07/11/2025	07/11/2025	12:30	14:30
FL ESOL FOR FAMILIES	08/11/2025	13/12/2025	18:00	20:00

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COURSE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL SUPPORT SEND CHILD MANAGE BIG EMOTION	11/11/2025	18/11/2025	12:30	14:30
FL MANAGING ANGER IN YOUNG PEOPLE	11/11/2025	18/11/2025	18:00	20:00
FL SEND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES	12/11/2025	17/12/2025	18:00	20:00
FL SLEEP WORKSHOP	13/11/2025	13/11/2025	13:00	15:00
FL INTERVIEW SKILLS FOR PARENTS	14/11/2025	14/11/2025	12:00	14:30
FL TALKING SO CHILDREN WILL LISTEN	14/11/2025	21/11/2025	09:00	11:30

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