



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

It has been lovely to welcome the children back for the start of a new half term. This is a very busy time of year and there are lots of events on the school calendar. Please read our weekly newsletters and check the calendar to keep up to date with all information.

We have introduced fortnightly focuses. Alongside our day-to-day expectations, these are key areas that all staff will be looking out for. At the end of the fortnight, these will be celebrated in assembly. During our assembly today, this was explained to the children, so they are all aware.

Our 'fortnightly focus' for this week and next week is using an attention signal to stop and listen to adults.

A polite reminder that on Monday 10th November we are inviting children to wear odd socks. This is part of the national Anti-Bullying week, which is next week.

As the weather has now turned colder, please can you ensure that your child brings in a coat every day.

Attendance

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole School
Class 1 - 98.1%	Class 12 - 100%	96%
Class 2 - 96%	Class 8 - 97.1%	
Class 4 - 97.5%	Class 10 - 97.4%	
	Class 14 - 97.2%	

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

Achievement Certificates

Class 1	Tommy B & Carter H	Class 8	Neriah I & Chase W
Class 2	Polly B & Theodore M	Class 9	Aria N & Izabela T
Class 3	Ronnie D & Thea E	Class 10	Lucy M & Myla R
Class 4	Max C & Rory K	Class 11	Bella O & Sophie P
Class 5	Seth G & Jaxon H	Class 12	Lilly-Ann J & Lily K
Class 6	Eli E & Harry R	Class 13	Sophie B & Isabelle K
Class 7	Brie B & Archie J	Class 14	Charlotte C & Amber-Rose W

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

House Points

Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
33	31	38	43

Well done to this week's winning house... **Green Normans**

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

Dates for your diary

10.11.25

Odd Sock Day

Primary School Admissions

2026 opens

Via Essex County Council online

11.11.25

Remembrance Day

13.11.25

Prospective Parent

Intake 2026 Tours

at 9.30am & 4.00pm

14.11.24

Children in Need

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

20/10/2025

Week 2 New Autumn-Menu

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

Achievements from Home

Well done to everyone on their achievements.



Esmé W (class 10) played the main orphan 'Molly' in the theatre production ANNIE on stage at the Towngate theatre during half term. Esmé worked hard for six weeks on her part and delivered a stand out performance on stage over two evenings.

Last Saturday, Amelia W (Class 10) completed her 25th Parkrun! This is a free weekly 5k race, and the 25th milestone earns her the purple achievement t shirt. Currently with a PB of 31min, 12 seconds, Amelia enjoys run the round the park, thanking the Marshalls and cheering other runners. A sub 30 is on the cards before the year is out!



Lucy S (Class 6) was awarded Student of the Week in Kung Fu after her hard work and dedication since starting in September has paid off.

Nico D (Class 5) has successfully completed Stage 7 swimming level. Nico has now progressed to Stage 8 showing his continued dedication to developing his swimming skills.



Ernie M (Class 5) achieved his level 3 and 10 metres swimming badges and has moved up to the next level at his swimming.



Eco-Council News

#RememberHedgehogs in November

As hibernation season approaches, life becomes even riskier for hedgehogs. To them, a quiet, unlit Halloween or Guy Fawkes bonfire seems like the perfect cosy spot to settle down; not realising the danger that lies ahead.

With this in mind, the British Hedgehog Protection Society is asking us all to [Stop, Move and Check](#) this November:

1. **Stop** – do you need to have a bonfire? Can you attend a community event, or mark the occasion in a more wildlife-friendly way? The fewer bonfires there are, the fewer wildlife casualties there will be.
2. **Move** – if you do decide to have a bonfire, build it on the day you plan to light it. Move all collected materials to a new site just before burning, in case hedgehogs, other wildlife or pets have decided to hide inside.
3. **Check** – before lighting (always from one side only), check the entire bonfire pile carefully for any wildlife or pets. Use a torch to look inside, and gently lift sections with a pole or broom handle as you search. Never use a spade or fork, as these can cause serious injury. Listen out, too, for the tell-tale huffing sound of a disturbed hedgehog.

In other hedgehog news

Don't forget to get involved in the Big Hog Friendly Litter Challenge. From now until the 28th of November 2025. The winner of each category will receive a hedgehog house complete with a bag of hog food from the British Hedgehog Preservation Society. We've completed our litter challenge in school but if you want to help take a photo of your litter bags and send to admin@oakfield.essex.sch.uk.

CUT YOUR CARBON MONTH HAS STARTED!!

We are excited to start our third year of participating in 'Cut Your Carbon' during the month of November and we hope you have all managed to start the challenges, if not it isn't too late to start!

Your child needs to bring the sheet back to school on **Monday 1st December** so that the Eco-Council can tally how many pupils completed each of the 6 cut your carbon actions. These results will then be reported back to the school and Eco Schools so they can calculate our carbon reductions.

We thank you for your co-operation and support.

Kind Regards,

H Pinchback and the Eco- Council



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Dear Parents / Carers

Following on from a very successful coffee morning held in July we now have **SPACE (Support for Parents and Carers in Essex)** (formally Autism Central) attending Oakfield on Wednesday 19th November at 9.30 a.m.

As requested, this will focus on Sensory issues to support pupils with an ASD diagnosis or traits of this nature. Sensory needs can be applicable to a range of children so please feel free to attend even if your child does not have a ASD diagnosis. There will also be a quick introduction to SPACE.

SPACE now offer their support to parents of all SEND needs so if your child already has a diagnosis or you suspect could be displaying difficulties, please feel free to come along, enjoy a coffee and have a chat with like minded parents.

The session is likely to be for an hour and a half and be very informative, the feed back from the last Coffee morning was very positive with parents saying how helpful it had been.

As we feel this will be a popular event, please advise the office of your intention to attend so a place can be allocated to you. Alternatively call Mrs Marsh to book in.

Kind Regards

Julie Marsh



Community News

SPACE - Supporting Parents and Carers in Essex

Supporting Parents and Carers in Essex (SPACE) is launching this month. You will be able to find out more by visiting the SPACE website when it goes live. Follow the Essex Local Offer Facebook page to keep up to date with the latest news.

SPACE is a free parent to parent service, offering 1 to 1 support and online group sessions, run by peer educators. All the Peer Educators are parent and carers with lived experience of having a child with SEND.

SPACE offers:

one to one support – a telephone conversation or a video call

online group sessions

supportive resources through the website

You can also come along to a community event and chat to one of the team for support and advice around any area of SEND. The service support parents of children aged 0 to 25.

There are four online sessions running in November. These are:

Tues 4 Nov - 11:00am to 12:30pm - Masking

Weds 12 Nov - 12.00pm to 1.30pm - After School Distress

Tues 18 Nov - 10.00 am to 11.30am - Introduction to Autism

Weds 26 November - 12.00pm to 1.30pm - Coping with Christmas

To find out more visit the SPACE website [Home | Support for Parents And Carers in Essex](#)



Dear Parents/Carers
**WOOHOO... MONDAY
10TH NOVEMBER IS ODD
SOCKS DAY!**

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?
Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 10th November. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are partnering with the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, 'Power for Good'.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?
The day sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?
It's so easy! ☺ Here's what you do:

1. Make sure your child wears odd socks to school.
2. Donate £1 (or whatever you can afford) to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work.
3. If you want to, you can share a photo or video online and feel free to add the 'Power for Good' audio to your posts! Don't forget to tag us using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @ABAonline on X. Or @AntiBullyingAlliance and @AndyandtheOddSocks on Instagram.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!
Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the odd socks on Monday 10th November ... If you have any questions please ask:

**MONDAY
10TH NOVEMBER**

**POWER
GOOD**
ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

**ANTI-BULLYING
ALLIANCE**
CHALLENGER

**POWER
GOOD**
ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

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hcrp Care Group **FREE Warm Winter Clothes for Families** Believe in children **Barnardo's**

Come along to our FREE event giving clothing a new life and **reducing carbon footprint.**

**Northlands Park
Family Hub**
**Davenants, Basildon, Essex
SS13 1QX**

**Saturday 15th November
11:00- 13:00**

**For more information or support please call us on
0300 247 0013**

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2025-2026 Diary Dates

Autumn Term (1 st September – 19 th December 2025)		
Date	Event	Details
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		
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
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	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
Friday 15 th May 2026	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
Wednesday 20 th May 2026	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	

