



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

Odd sock day on Monday was the start of our annual Anti-bullying week. Throughout the week the children have talked about this year's theme of 'Power for Good' and participated in different activities to think about how we are all unique.

On Friday we also supported Children in Need with each class doing activities linked to this event. The children looked great in the various spotty or non-uniform outfits they had on!

On Tuesday, all the children attended our Remembrance assembly. They listened to facts about why we wear poppies and the importance of Remembrance day. We then took part in a minute's silence.

Throughout the week, we have seen lots of children working hard at our fortnightly-focus, which is using an attention signal and listening to the adult. This focus will continue next week.

Thank you and well done to our year 6 children who helped on Thursday with the new intake EYFS tours. We have had lots of positive feedback from visiting parents about how confident the children were to talk about our school and share facts about our curriculum, learning and environment.

Please could we ask that reading books, library books and reading records are in your child's bag daily. Well done to all those children who continue to receive weekly golden tickets for reading/ being read to at home. Our school expectation is that children are reading at least 5 times a week. Please ensure that an individual comment for each read is recorded in the reading records.

Next week we have our whole school book look on Tuesday 18th November (3.30-4pm). Pod doors will reopen at 3.30pm for you to come into classrooms and talk to your child about their learning.

Attendance

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole school
Class 1 - 97.1% Class 2 - 99.1% Class 3 97.9%	Class 7 - 98.4% Class 9 - 99.2% Class 10 - 96.8% Class 12 - 99.2% Class 13 - 97.8%	96.6%

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

18/11/25

Whole School Book
Look
3.30 - 4.00pm

20/11/25

Prospective Reception
Intake 2026 Parent Tour
9.30am

Flu Immunisation
Whole school

21/11/25

FOO Quiz Night

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:
17/11/2025
Week 3 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	Florence C & Alicja W	Class 8	Harrison C & Euan H
Class 2	Emily B & Rosie D	Class 9	Callum H & Kieran M
Class 3	Thea E & Lucas H	Class 10	Ralphie H & Noah K
Class 4	Lily-Aurora A & Alice W	Class 11	Oliver M & Pearl T
Class 5	Olivia G & Nikolai S	Class 12	Sydney D, Libby L & Noah S
Class 6	Finlay C & Freddie S	Class 13	Archie B & Darcie H
Class 7	Harry J & Nora W	Class 14	Ellie B & Maria H

House Points

Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
29	36	46	41

Well done to this week's winning house... Red Vikings

Achievements from home



Bobbi G in Class 10 won first place this Sunday at the Colchester dance festival for her Ballet Solo!

Rosie V in Class 4 completed a dance show at the weekend and won a Teachers Award and was awarded a trophy and certificate.



Nora M in Class 6 performed in her annual dance school show at the weekend, performing 8 different dances across Ballet, Tap, modern, Acro and Elite Troupe and won 'Best Overall Dancer'.

Alivia L in Class 7 has received her Red Belt certificate in Karate. Since she started karate last year, she has earned two belts and continues to show great determination and passion for Karate. She's already working hard towards her next grading.





Eco-Council News

Our Carbon Footprint!

At the end of last term Mrs Pinchback conducted a survey to calculate our school's carbon footprint. The results are below. The Eco Council has identified that the main contributor is, once again, student commutes, making up 46% of the total a rise of 15% from last year.

This term the Eco Council will be looking at how we can save energy in our school and help reduce carbon emissions. The whole school are also taking part in a carbon hour to learn more about carbon emissions and how they affect our planet. Each child will make a pledge stating what they will try and do to help our environment.

In the meantime, we encourage you to walk, scoot or bike to school if possible to help reduce Oakfield's carbon footprint and reduce air pollution in our community.

Your Carbon Footprint Report

Your schools total carbon footprint is estimated to be: **439.38 tonnes CO₂e*** per year

Operational area	Emissions area	Scope	t CO ₂ e*	% **
Energy, Waste & Water	Fuel	1	19.2	4%
	Electricity	2	15.8	4%
	Waste	3	0.1	0%
	Water	3	0.5	<1%
Transport	School vehicles	1	0	0%
	School trips	3	2.2	<1%
	Student commuting	3	202.2	46%
	Staff commuting	3	58.3	13%
Food	Food	3	69.1	16%
Purchasing & Uniform	Purchasing	3	71.9	16%
	Uniform ***	Out-of-scope	92.8	n/a



* 't CO₂e' or 'CO₂e' tonnes means 'tonnes of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent'. Under the GHG protocol, 7 greenhouse gases are tracked and summarised as the equivalent amount of Carbon Dioxide that would produce the same warming effect.

** Percentage of your carbon footprint.

*** Uniform is out-of-scope and therefore not included within the pie chart.

Don't forget the 'Cut Your Carbon' challenge continues throughout November so well done if you have started but if you haven't, do not worry you can still start. Attached is a copy of the challenge sheet if you have lost your paper copy.





Coffee
& chat

Oakfield Coffee Morning

Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 9.30am

Following on from a very successful coffee morning held in July we now have another booked at the request of many parents.

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 an ASD diagnosis. This coffee morning is to be supported by SPACE.

SPACE (Support for Parents and Carers in Essex) (formally Autism Central) SPACE now offers their support to parents of all SEND pupils.

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.

Come along enjoy a coffee and have a chat with like-minded parents.

Please advise Mrs Marsh of your intention to attend marsh@oakfield.essex.sch.uk or call 01268 734343

Kind regards

Julie Marsh

Dear parents and carers,

We are pleased to invite you to take part in the **SHINE (Studying Happiness, self-Image and Nutrition and Eating in children) Parent & Carer Survey**. The survey will help us understand the health and wellbeing of children in **Reception (4-5 years)** and **Year 6 (10-11 years)**. The survey is open to parents and carers of children in these year groups.

The survey takes around **20 minutes** and can be completed **online (or on paper, if preferred – see below)**. It includes questions about:

- Your child's mental wellbeing,
- You and your child's eating and physical activity habits,
- Your household and background.

By sharing your experiences, you will help us make changes at both local and national levels to support children's wellbeing.

As a thank you for taking part, you can enter a **prize draw** to win one of **four £50 shopping vouchers**, awarded to parents and carers in your local community.

The information you provide will only be used only for research purposes and will be kept completely confidential.

[Click here to access the survey.](#)

[For more details, visit our website.](#)

If you have any questions or want a paper version of the survey, contact the study team at shine@ucl.ac.uk.

Thank you for supporting this important research,

The SHINE Study Team



SHINE is a collaboration between University College London, Durham University and Newcastle University.

2025-2026 Diary Dates

Autumn Term (1st September – 19th December 2025)

Date	Event	Details
W/C:17.11.25		
Tuesday 18th November 2025	Whole school book look	3.30-4.00pm Enter classrooms through pod door
Thursday 20th 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		
Tuesday 25th November 2025	Year 3 trip to Thorndon Country Park	During the school day
Thursday 27th November 2025	Parent workshop: Maths	8.50-9.30am Large Hall
Friday 28th November 2025	Non uniform day for Christmas Bazaar donations	FOO event
W/C: 1.12.25		
Tuesday 2nd December 2025	Name the Elf	FOO – more details to follow
Wednesday 3rd December 2025	Rocksteady concert	9am, Large Hall

Friday 5th December 2025	Christmas Bazaar	FOO event 3:30-5:30pm
W/C: 8.12.25		
Monday 8th December 2025	Years 4 and 5 Christmas performances	9.15am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 9th December 2025	Years 2 and 3 Christmas performances	9.15am and 2.00pm
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Years R and 1 Christmas performances	9.15am and 2.00pm
Friday 12th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas lunch Christmas Wishroom	FOO event
W/C: 15.12.25		
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Whole school trip to the Towngate Theatre	During the morning, in school time
Thursday 18th December 2025	Year 6 coffee and Christmas Carols assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 6 parents
Friday 19th December 2025	Last day of term	
W/C: 22.12.25	Christmas Holiday	
W/C: 29.12.25		

Spring Term (5th January – 27th March 2026)

Date	Event	Details
W/C: 5.01.26		
Monday 5th January 2026	First day back	
Thursday 8th January 2026	Prospective Reception Intake 2026 Parent Tours	9.30am (Pre book spaces with school office)
W/C:12.01.26		
Thursday 15th 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	During the school day
W/C:26.01.26		
Wednesday 28th January 2026	Year 1 workshop: History through Toys	In school workshop
W/C: 2.02.26		
Wednesday 4th February 2026	Year 2 workshop: History of Flight	In school workshop
W/C: 9.02.26	Children's Mental Health week	
Tuesday 10th February 2026	Whole school book look	3.30-4.00pm Enter classrooms through pod door

	Safer Internet Day	
Wednesday 11th February 2026	Year 5 workshop: Greeks	In school event
Friday 13th February 2026	Break the Rules Day	FOO event
16th – 20th February: Half Term		
W/C: 23.02.26		
Monday 23rd February	INSET day	
W/C: 2.03.26		
TBC	Comic Relief/ Sports Relief	Organised by the School Council. More information to follow
Monday 2nd March 2026	Secondary school places offered	Year 6 parents From Essex County Council
Tuesday 3rd March 2026	Zactiv	In school event organised by FOO
Wednesday 4th March 2026	Rocksteady concert	9am Large Hall
Thursday 5th March 2026	World Book Day	More information to follow
W/C: 9.03.26		
Friday 13th March 2026	Mother's Day Wishroom	In school event organised by FOO
W/C: 16.03.26		
	Year 5 visit to First Site Art Gallery,	

Wednesday 18th March 2026	Colchester	During the school day
W/C: 23.03.26		
Wednesday 25th March 2026	Parents consultation meetings	3.30-6pm
Thursday 26th March 2026	Parents consultation meetings	3.30-6.30pm
Friday 27th 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 (13th April – 20th July 2026)

Date	Event	Details
W/C: 13.04.26		
Monday 13th April 2026	First day back	
Wednesday 15th April 2026	Year 2 trip to Langdon Nature Reserve	During the school day
Thursday 16th 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 22nd April 2026	Earth Day	Organised by the Eco-Council. More information to follow
Friday 24th 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 30th 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 4th May	Bank Holiday	
W/C: 11.05.26		
Monday 11th- Thursday 14th May 2026	Year 6 SATs week	
Wednesday 13th May 2026	Reception Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Reception parents
Thursday 14th May 2026	Year 1 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 1 parents
Friday 15th 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 18th, Wednesday 20th and Friday 22nd May 2026	Book Fair	3.15-3.45pm Small Hall
Monday 18th May 2026	Year 3 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 3 parents
Tuesday 19th May 2026	Year 4 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 4 parents
Wednesday 20th 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 21st May 2026	Year 6 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 6 parents
Friday 22nd May 2026	Stay and play coffee morning – new reception intake 2026	9.00-10.00am Reception new intake parents 2026
Friday 22nd May 2026	Year 5 Swimming lesson	Last one
25th- 29th May: Half Term		
W/C: 1.06.26		
Monday 1st June 2026	INSET day	
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	INSET day	
Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th June 2026	Year 4 Multiplication Check	
Friday 5th June 2026	Summer Fete (FOO event)	3.30-5.30pm
W/C: 8.06.26		
Monday 8th – Friday 12th June 2026	Year 4 Multiplication Check	
Monday 8th – Friday 12th June 2026	Year 1 Phonics Screening	
Wednesday 10th June 2026	Reception trip to Barleylands	During the school day
Thursday 11th June 2026	Year 3 workshop: Ancient Egyptians	In school workshop
Friday 12th June 2026	Father's Day Wishroom	In school event organised by FOO

W/C: 15.06.26		
Friday 19th 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 23rd 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 24th June 2026	Wickford Arts Festival	
Thursday 25th 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 26th 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 1st July 2026	Rocksteady concert	9am Large Hall
Friday 3rd 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 7th July 2026	Year 6 play	5.00pm Large Hall Year 6 parents
Wednesday 8th 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 10th 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 13th July 2026	Year 1 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 1 parents
Tuesday 14th July 2026	Year 2 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 2 parents
Wednesday 15th July 2026	Year 3 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 3 parents

Thursday 16th July 2026	Year 4 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 4 parents
Friday 17th July 2026	Year 5 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 5 parents
W/C: 20.07.26		
Monday 20th July 2026	Year 6 leavers assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 6 parents
	Last day of term	

Community News

Free Online Safety and Exploitation Awareness Session for Parents/Carers

Tuesday 2nd December 2025
7:00-9:00pm
Delivered virtually via Zoom

If you want to learn more about how young people are spending their time online and how to spot the signs of exploitation – this is the event for you.

The session will provide you with key tips and advice to protect your young people from online grooming and exploitation.

To attend – click on the below link

[WALK ONLINE](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5ecJdZ6uRuKKqVZDFd06tg) or https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5ecJdZ6uRuKKqVZDFd06tg



WHAT I'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW ABOUT:

TYPE 1 DIABETES

DIABETES AWARENESS DAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2025

What is Type 1 Diabetes?
It is a serious condition where your blood glucose level is too high. Insulin is made by the pancreas and it allows the glucose in our blood to enter our cells and fuel our bodies.

IT IS AN AUTOIMMUNE CONDITION WHERE THE BODY DESTROYS ITS INSULIN PRODUCING CELLS.

If you have Type 1 Diabetes you cannot make any insulin so need to have insulin injected or via a pump.

Approximately 270,000 people in England have Type 1 Diabetes.

TYPE 1 DIABETES IS NOT CAUSED BY DIET OR LIFESTYLE.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?
The 4 main symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes - "The 4 Ts":

 THINNER unexpected weight loss	 THIRSTY being REALLY thirsty	 TIRED feeling more tired than usual.	 TOILET going for a wee a lot, especially at night.
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If you spot any of these signs see a GP as soon as possible and ask for a test. If left undiagnosed it can make you unwell, very quickly.

Illustrations by: *Avery Fuller Diagnosed age 6*



Make 3 evening meals plant-based across the month.



Make 3 journeys active across the month.



Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week.



Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month.



Have a 'device-free' day.



Drop your heating by 1°C for a week.

Completed by:

November is Cut Your Carbon month!

Eco-Schools is calling on young people across the UK to tackle carbon emissions, one simple action at a time. Complete these 6 challenges at home with family and friends to raise awareness and spark change. At the end of the month, we'll count how many of you joined in, add up the estimated carbon saved, and celebrate your amazing efforts!

📌 **Stick this checklist on your fridge – and start cutting carbon today!**

- **Make three evening meals plant-based across the month**
Meat production is responsible for around 14% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions, so make three evening meals plant-based and discover how delicious cutting carbon can be!
- **Make any three journeys 'active' across the month**
Transport creates nearly a quarter of the UK's carbon emissions. Active travel - such as walking, scooting, wheeling, or cycling - doesn't emit anything! So, get active and ditch the drive!
- **Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week**
Research suggests that the average person wastes 95kg of food per year! At each stage of the life-cycle of wasted food, from production to rotting at landfill, carbon is produced. Plan your meals, shop smart, and waste less – it's good for the planet and your wallet!
- **Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month**
Washing machines are energy-hungry! Drop the temperature to 30°C for three washes this month and cut carbon without sacrificing clean clothes. Cool it to care!
- **Have a device-free day**
Electricity makes up about 25% of your home's carbon footprint. Power down non-essential devices for one day – no gaming, no streaming – and rediscover the joy of offline fun!
- **Turn down the heating by 1°C for a week**
Heating is the top source of home carbon emissions in the UK. Turn it down by just 1°C for a week, layer up, and show your love for the planet – one cosy jumper at a time!