



# Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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## Weekly News

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Thank you to all those parents/ family members who attended our book look this week. It was great to hear the children sharing their learning with their adults.

Our Christmas performance rehearsals are well under way and the children are working hard to learn their lines and songs for these. Please could you help and encourage them to practise at home, using clear, loud (but not shouting) voices. We look forward to sharing these performances with you.

On Tuesday, every class learnt about cutting their carbon and made pledges as to how we could support this in school. Lots of great ideas from turning off lights, walking to school and closing doors so the warmth stays in the classrooms.

September 2026 school applications: We held our EYFS new intake tours this week, thank you and well done to our year 6 children for their help with these. School application places for September 2026 are now open. If you have a child who will turn 5 between September 2026-August 2027, please make sure you apply for their school place. This is done via the Essex County Council website between Monday 10th November 2025 and Thursday 15th January 2026.

Fortnightly focus: For the last 2 weeks, the children have been working hard to learn our new attention signal. This will now continue within our everyday expectations and practise. Our next fortnightly focus is going to be walking silently in the corridor.

Please could every child have a PE kit in school, with the correct uniform in it (white t-shirt, jumper, shorts/ tracksuit bottoms and trainers- all named) PE kits will remain in school for the half term and sent home for each of the school holidays for a wash and recheck of sizing. If for those extenuating circumstances where a child is unable to do PE, parents need to inform the class teacher/ email the school office.

A polite reminder that on Thursday 27th November (8.50-9.30am) we are holding our Maths parent workshop in the large hall, led by our Maths lead. This will talk you through what the children learn in maths from reception through to year 6, how we teach it and ways you can support at home.

We also have a non-uniform day and FOO Christmas Bazaar donations day on Friday 28th November. Please see information shared by FOO as to what donations we are asking children to bring into school with them.

## Dates for your diary

25/11/25

Year 3 Trip to  
Thorndon Country Park

27/11/25

Parents Workshop - Maths  
Large Hall  
8.50 - 9.30am

28/11/25

FOO Non-uniform Day  
for Christmas Bazaar donations

## Lunch Menu

**Week commencing:**

**24/11/2025**

**Week 1 New Autumn  
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

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

Class 1	Archer R & Theo R	Class 8	Annabelle H & Frankie S
Class 2	Isaac G & Mathew P-G	Class 9	Ayda A & Ruby F
Class 3	Reggie B & Isobel G	Class 10	Hannah M & Esme W
Class 4	Daniel C & Zach H	Class 11	Abigail M & Jesse O & Scarlett S
Class 5		Class 12	Fearne A & Harley A
Class 6	Arthur K & Samuel L	Class 13	Amelia A & Blake B
Class 7	Jacob H & Daisy U	Class 14	Matilda A & Bobby S

## House Points

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Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
28	36	39	45

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

## Attendance

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EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole school
Class 2 - 96.5% Class 3 - 96% Class 4 - 99% Class 6 - 97%	Class 7 - 98% Class 8 - 97% Class 9 - 96.4% Class 10 - 99% Class 11 & 13 - 97-.1%	96.5%

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

## **Achievements from home**



**James D (Class 11) completed his level 5 and 25 metres distance in swimming.**

## **Online Safety Training – The 2 Johns**

**The 2 Johns will be back on Thursday 11 December, 8.00pm with one of their popular online sessions. This is your chance to hear the latest insights, tips, and must-know updates to help keep children safe online — just in time for the holiday season. Save the date and register now by scanning the QR code via this link :**

**<https://esafetytraining.org/upcoming-events/>**

**Further information and links available on ESCB - Online Safety**

**<https://www.escb.co.uk/safeguarding-topics/online-safety/>**



## Eco-Council News

### LITTER TEAM NEWS!

Our litter team have some amazing new green hi-vis vests and litter pickers thanks to a kind donation from FOO. The team are all really happy with their new bright colourful vests and wear them with pride during their playtime litter picks throughout the week.

A big thank you to FOO- we appreciate your support with our Eco work.

### BIG HOG FRIENDLY LITTER CHALLENGE' UPDATE

So far, we have collected with the help of the Wickford Wombles, 39 bags of litter from the school grounds- this included sweet and crisp wrappers, Costa coffee cups, drinks cans and glass bottles.

These results will be submitted as part of our 'Hedgehog Friendly Schools' work; you can still take part until 30th November, just let [admin@oakfield.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oakfield.essex.sch.uk) know what you collected and we can add the bags collected to our total!

Please help us to keep our school clean and tidy by either taking your litter home or placing in the blue bins on the Key Stage 1 and 2 playgrounds.

### THANK YOU TO WICKES

A big thank you to Wickes in Rayleigh for donating some topsoil and compost so we can plant our bulbs and grow flowers and vegetables as part of our outdoor learning curriculum later in the year.

We are always happy to receive donations from our community such as logs, kindling, compost and outdoor plants and vegetables so please bear us in mind.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Pinchback and the Eco Team



**2025-2026 Diary Dates**

**New calendar dates will be added in red**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Details</b>
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
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Wednesday 10th December 2025	Years R and 1 Christmas performances	
Friday 12th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas lunch Christmas Wishroom Elf Run	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

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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

Wednesday 18th March 2026

Year 5 visit to First Site Art Gallery,  
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	
	Year 6 Transition Day	

Thursday 25th June 2026		
	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
Year 6 Transition Day		
Friday 26th June 2026		
	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		9.00am Large Hall Reception parents
	Reports out to parents	
		FOO event

	Contingency date – Rainbow Run	
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



School's out!

## Our 5-star kids Christmas Half-Term Holiday Camps are in!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Premier Education are very excited to announce we will be offering a Christmas Half-Term Camp at Basildon Sports and Leisure Centre. Our aim is to offer a convenient and affordable service to parents where children can have fun and feel safe in familiar surroundings. We hope our experience and extensive offering of activities will ensure there is something for every child to enjoy.

Please see further details below:

### Multi-Activity

Venue: Basildon Sport & Leisure centre SS14 3AP  
Dates: 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026.  
Time: 9am – 3pm  
Ages: 5 - 11  
Price: £17.95 per day  
Book Here:

Our Christmas Half-Term Camps are designed to help your children get active, introduce them to new and exciting activities, and create a fun-filled experience they will remember forever.

### Offers

Save 10% when you book all available days!  
Save 10% on your 2nd child with our sibling discount!

How to book: <https://www.premier-education.com/holiday-camps/>, Book a Course and use the postcode SS14 3AP

Spaces are limited to 32 per day, so book quickly to avoid disappointment!

Please email - [Rclark@premier-education.com](mailto:Rclark@premier-education.com) with any questions or requests.



### YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CLUB

Venue: Basildon Sport & Leisure centre SS14 3AP  
Dates: 22nd&23rdDecember2025, 2nd January 2026.  
Times: 9am-3pm  
Price: £17.95 per day. Save 10% when booking all available days!  
Ages: 5-11 years.  
Additional info: Save 10% on your second child with our sibling discount.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMP ACTIVITIES**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025**  
**Activities:**  
Test your skills with **Football, Handball, and Parachute games.**  
Get creative with **Arts & Crafts and Lego.**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025**  
**'Jingle Bell bash'**  
Join us for our Christmas party. Wear your best Christmas jumper!  
**Activities:**  
**Decorating tree ornaments, Reindeer tag, Christmas card making, Wreath toss, Snow dodgeball & more!**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026**  
**Activities:**  
Unleash your competitive side with **Scatterball and Capture the Flag Relay races.**  
Get creative with **Arts & Crafts and Lego.**

**Additional information**  
Wear your favourite Christmas jumper or outfit to our 'Jingle Bell bash' on **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December.**  
Booking link: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/23979/?location=SS14&distance=0.8&distance=0.8>

**PLEASE BRING**  
A packed lunch  
Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this Winter as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy as they start 2026!

**Book now** for a holiday full of excitement!

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