



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

My Future My Basildon: Key Stage 1 and 2 children took part in an online session about different jobs. The theme of this workshop was 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. The children learnt about the jobs of 1. The CEO of a refill shop; 2. Someone who worked with schools to help cut their energy consumption; 3. Someone that worked in horticulture.

On Tuesday, year 3 had a great day at **Thorndon Country Park**. The children had the opportunity to embed their learning from history lessons linked to their learning of the Stone Age. They showed terrific teamwork when building a home from natural resources, had a go at fire lighting and created pieces of cave art.

On Thursday we held our **Maths workshop** for parents. Thank you to those parents who attended. We talked through what maths looks like in the school, how we teach it, the progression of knowledge and skills from reception to year 6 as well as how you could help at home. The PowerPoint will be shared on our school website on the maths subject page.

Thank you to everyone who has made donations to FOO for the Christmas Bazaar. A reminder that the Christmas Bazaar is next week (Friday 5th December) 3.30-5.30pm. We look forward to seeing lots of you at this event to have lots of Christmas fun as well as to support FOO raise funds for our school.

Please can we remind you that children should not be bringing in any toys/ equipment to school; this includes pencil cases. We provide them with everything they need for their learning. Thank you.

2 Johns workshop- Year 5 and 6

On 2nd December, year 5 and 6 will be taking part in a virtual workshop all about staying safe online delivered by the '2 Johns', who are former police officers that specialise in online safety. The session will help children think carefully and age-appropriately about their online habits and the ways they can keep themselves safe when using the internet, including when using popular games and apps. It will encourage them to be alert to potential online risks and to understand what to do, and how to report concerns if they ever feel uncomfortable or believe they may have been a victim of online harm. After the workshop, we recommended that you have a follow-up conversation with your child about what they learned, to help reinforce the key messages and support their ongoing online safety at home. The 2 Johns website is full of informative and supporting advice to help you navigate this as parents: <https://esafetytraining.org/>

Dates for your diary

02/12/25

FOO - Name the Elf

03/12/25

Rock Steady Concert
9am - Big Hall

05/12/25

FOO Christmas Bazaar
3.30 - 5.30pm

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

1/12/2025

**Week 2 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

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

Class 1	Khloe G & Zara H	Class 8	Daisy B & Brianna S-J
Class 2	Frankie L & Eadie N	Class 9	Roman K & Maxwell P
Class 3	Jamie D & Charlotte K	Class 10	Isla C & Callum R
Class 4	Ella C & Melody M	Class 11	Mason AC & James D
Class 5	Joshua D & Arthur M	Class 12	Archie H & Max O
Class 6	Danny M & Ivy W	Class 13	Lacey H & Alfie S
Class 7	Sadie G & Daisy S	Class 14	Chloe B & Harry Mo

House Points

Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
40	37	35	34

Well done to this week's winning house... **Yellow Romans**

Attendance

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole school
Class 2 - 98.1% Class 3 - 96.8% Class 4 & 5 - 97.6%	Class 7 - 96.9% Class 8 & 10 - 99.2% Class 9 - 91.8% Class 11 - 98.4% Class 12 - 96.6%	96.8%

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

Achievements from home



Chloe C (CI 12) completed a RISE assessment in gymnastics and achieved her apparatus level 2 medal.

Florence S (CI 1) entered her very first gymnastics competition and came 3rd.



Isla N (CI 4) has now moved up to stage four in swimming and achieved her Green hat for swimming 10m on her back and front.

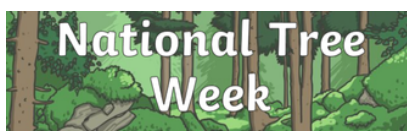


Eco-Council News



BULBS PLANTING BEGINS...

The Eco-Council have been planting narcissus, tulips, crocus and scilla bulbs in the school grounds and in the class planters ready for the spring. They have learnt about making sure they were planted 'pointy end up' and that they needed to create a hole three times the bulbs height to give them the best possible chance of growing. These bulbs will not only provide us with some wonderful colour across the school, but they will provide the first nectar and pollen for bees and other pollinators as soon as they emerge from hibernation. Since we are 'Friends of the Honey Bee' we are trying to make sure our bees have nectar and pollen throughout the spring and summer to ensure we continue with supporting our local ecosystem- by planting bulbs we create vibrant, sustainable green spaces for our wildlife.



This week Mrs Pinchback delivered an assembly about National Tree Week which is between 22nd to 30th November which marks the beginning of winter tree planting.

The children learnt about why trees are under threat and that planting trees can help slow down climate change by absorbing carbon emissions.

CUT YOUR CARBON CHALLENGE IS NEARLY OVER!

Please remember your children need to bring in their carbon challenge sheets by the 1st December so the Eco Council can tally the results and calculate our carbon savings. We will be entered into a prize draw to win an amazing mural for our school too!

Thank you in advance for taking part in the 'Cut Your Carbon' challenge, we appreciate your support.

Mrs Pinchback and the Eco Team.



2025-2026 Diary Dates

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 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	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		
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
	Year 2 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall

Friday 15th May 2026		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	

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Community News



COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE	LAINDON LIBRARY	01/12/2025	09:30	11:30
FL ZONES OF REGULATION	ONLINE LIVE	02/12/2025 (2 WEEKS)	09:45	11:45
FL AFTER SCHOOL FAMILY FUN LEARNING	ACL BASILDON	03/12/2025	16:00	18:00
FL UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING ANGER	ONLINE LIVE	4/12/2025 (2 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE	BILLERICAY LIBRARY	04/12/2025	15:45	16:45

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FL BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE	LAINDON LIBRARY	08/12/2025	09:30	11:30
FL AFTER SCHOOL FAMILY FUN LEARNING	ACL BASILDON	10/12/2025	16:00	18:00
FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS	ONLINE LIVE	10/12/2025	19:00	21:30
FL UNDERSTANDING DYSLEXIA	ONLINE LIVE	10/12/2025	12:30	14:30
FL BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE	BILLERICAY LIBRARY	11/12/2025	15:45	16:45
FL ROUTINES RULE	ONLINE LIVE	12/12/2025	12:30	15:00

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FL AFTER SCHOOL FAMILY FUN LEARNING	ACL BASILDON	17/12/2025	16:00	18:00
FL BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE	BILLERICAY LIBRARY	18/12/2025	15:45	16:45

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