



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

It has been a very busy week across the school. Children performed their Christmas productions dress rehearsal to the rest of the school. These dress rehearsals were all brilliant and showed how hard the children have been working to learn their lines and songs as well as the acting and dancing.

Year 5 and 6 had an online workshop by the 2 Johns about online safety. They took part in a quiz linked to famous influencers as well as learning about ways to stay safe online. They learnt about what to do if they saw something online that they felt was not appropriate and who their safe adults to talk to were.

Well done to the Rocksteady children. On Wednesday they performed to their families, demonstrating the skills they have learnt within their music lessons.

Thank you to FOO for organising today's Christmas Bazaar. It was lovely to see so many people attend and participate in lots of the activities that were available.

Christmas parties: On Tuesday 16th December we will have our classroom Christmas parties. Children are invited to wear party clothes but must be wearing sensible shoes. Please could the children bring in a small snack in the original packaging to share with their class.

Any children with allergies will need to bring in their own snack in a named container/ bag.

Reception enjoyed a walk around the local area to post their letters. Whilst out, they demonstrated good listening skills, awareness of how to stay safe near roads and how to stop first when crossing a road. As they walked, the children were able to recognise and notice familiar places along the way and talk about the local environment. Thank you to FOO for purchasing the stamps to enable the children to do this activity.

Dates for your diary

08/12/25

Yr 4 & 5 Christmas Performance
9.15am & 2.00pm

9/12/25

Yr 2 & 3 Christmas Performance
9.15am & 2.00pm

10/12/25

REC & Yr1 Christmas
Performance
9.15am & 2.00pm

12/12/25

Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Lunch
Elf Run
FOO Christmas Wishroom

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

8/12/2025

**Week 3 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	Theodore I & Rosie M	Class 8	Millie D & Alfie T
Class 2	Gabby K & Teddy L	Class 9	Iyla C & Alfie S
Class 3	Freddie A & Malek A	Class 10	Danielius A & Heidi G
Class 4	Rosie V & Alice W	Class 11	Bonnie C & Luca J
Class 5	Dominic A & Dora I	Class 12	Ava Chu, Florence S & Adele T
Class 6	Bella I & Nora M	Class 13	Alice B & Penny L
Class 7	Oscar L & Keira-Leigh W	Class 14	Isabel F & Aria H

House Points

Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
36	40	37	30

Well done to this week's winning house... [Blue Saxons](#)

Attendance

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole school
Class 1 - 96.3% Class 4 - 98.1% Class 5 - 100%	Class 7 - 96% Class 8 - 96.3% Class 9 - 97.2% Class 11 - 98.4% Class 12 - 99.1% Class 13 - 97.8%	96.3%

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

Achievements from home



Sophie C attended the Burnham carnival dance representing Wickford Town carnival as their Princess and won the Ann Fagg memorial trophy for coming first in the court of courts competition. Sophie also attended Witham carnival dance last weekend and came 3rd place for junior princess in her solo competition.

SPORTS NEWS

Boys football

The boys football team have played 3 matches in the last few weeks. They played well, demonstrating all the sporting core values such as passion, teamwork and resilience.

Girls football

The girls football team got through to the final in their matches and came second overall in the NLT Cup and Essex Cup. Well done!



Netball

The netball team played 3 friendly matches against local schools at Abacus Primary School. The team played extremely well considering it's the first time they have competed in a match outside school.

A massive well done to all the children participating in a sporting event. We are looking forward to our next matches in the new year!

CUTTING CARBON MONTH



Eco-Council News

HARVESTING THE POTATOES and a CHIP PARTY TO CELEBRATE!!

We have finally harvested our potatoes from 'Grow your own potatoes'. We were sent two types of potato, Shannon and Casablanca and planted three of each type. Mrs Pinchback emptied the potato bags and we searched for our home-grown potatoes; we couldn't believe how many Casablanca potatoes there were! When we weighed them we had 525g of Shannon potatoes and 1535g of Casablanca potatoes so we managed to grow just over 2kilograms of potatoes from six tiny potatoes!

To celebrate we had a chip party; Mrs Franklin kindly cooked our potatoes in the kitchen and they were delicious.

Thank you for your help Mrs Franklin.

If you want to try and grown your own potatoes click the link to find out how-
<https://www.thompson-morgan.com/growing-potatoes-with-kids>

CUTTING CARBON MONTH

As part of 'Cutting Carbon' month we have all been busy learning about greenhouse gases and climate change.

Key stage 1 and Key Stage 2 watched a short video on climate change and what we can do to help reduce carbon emissions, they also took part in a carbon quiz. Each pupil in Key Stage 2 made a climate friendly pledge to help planet Earth and the Key Stage 1 classes made five class pledges.

We thank you to those of you that participated in the cutting carbon challenges at home. The results were as follows-

- Make 3 evening meals plant-based across the month= 28 pupils
- Make 3 journeys active across the month= 38 pupils
- Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week= 34 pupils
- Lower your washing machine temperature to 30 degrees Celsius for three washes across the month= 37 pupils
- Have a 'device free' day= 28 pupils
- Drop your heating by 1 degree Celsius for a week= 33 pupils

Thank you to the 40 families that took part in this challenge and help reduce carbon emissions; we hope the children have learnt over the last month about what causes carbon emissions and continue to help save the planet and making it a healthier place to live. Our final results showed that you saved 644kgCO₂e!

Mrs Pinchback and the Eco Council.



Community News

CANCER RESEARCH UK

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Awarded to
OAKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

for their generous donation of
£122.50
from sales of photographs by
Braiswick Photographic Co Ltd Carbon Neutral Britain

With grateful thanks

Signed: Gill Burgess
Title: Relationship Manager Date: December 2025

Cancer Research UK is a registered Charity in England and Wales (200146), Scotland (SC 01400) and the Isle of Man (2018).

Essex ACTIVate

Free holiday clubs, fun activities and food across Essex and Thurrock!

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking and so much more!
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Run by qualified, local club providers
- ✓ Family support, resources and guidance
- ✓ Discretionary paid and paid for spaces

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

Please only book your child/ren a space at an Essex ActivAte club if they will attend. If they are booked on and do not attend, other children may miss out on this beneficial opportunity across the holidays.

www.activeessex.org
@EssexActivAte

Turn this flyer over to read more on how to book a space!

SCAN ME

HolidayActivities

A guide on claiming your voucher and booking activities

Step 1 - Open the email and click the green button
This voucher will come from help@holidayactivities.com

Step 2 - Select Continue with email and log in/sign up
After selecting Continue with email, you will be asked to enter your email address. If you do not have an account, you will be asked to sign up

Step 3 - Making a booking
Clicking the green arrow on the voucher of your child will take you to a list of providers. From here, you can browse available activities and, once you find one suitable, you will be asked to complete a booking form.



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: **22nd, 23rd December 2025, 2nd 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 with any questions or requests.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMP ACTIVITIES

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

Tuesday 23rd 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 2nd 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, 23rd December.**
Booking link: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/23979/?location=SS14&distance=0.8&distance=0.8>

2025-2026 Diary Dates

New calendar dates will be added in red

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

Date	Event	Details
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		
Tuesday 16th December 2025	Christmas Parties	Classrooms
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	Create Music Performance Last day of term	9.00am Large Hall

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
	Reception intake 2026 meeting and Teddy Bear's Picnic	9.30-11.15am – Large Hall

Friday 3rd July 2026		
	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	