



# Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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## Weekly News

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It has been a very festive week in school. Well done to the children in EYFS, Key Stage 1 and years 3,4 and 5 who have performed this week. Each performance was full of fantastic singing, dancing and acting. It was lovely to see so many family members enjoying these with the children. We look forward to the year 6 coffee and carols next Thursday.

Today has been a very busy day in school. The children and staff enjoyed our Christmas lunch, listening to Christmas music and pulling crackers with their friends!

Thank you to FOO for hosting the Wishroom, with lots of children having the opportunity to buy Christmas presents for family. It has also been fantastic to see lots of Christmas and winter themed jumpers, making the school feel very festive.

The children have also completed the Elf run outside to support raising money for St Luke's. There was lots of running/ jogging, laughing and smiley faces as they completed the course with their class.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/oakfield-primary-5?  
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**Clubs:** A reminder that all of our clubs have now finished for the Autumn term. We have our new club timetable for Spring which will start in January. More information about this will be included in the Spring term club letter.

**REMINDER** 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.

## Dates for your diary

16/12/25

Class Christmas parties

17/12/25

Whole trip to the Pantomime  
Towngate Theatre

18/12/24

Year 6 Coffee and Christmas  
Carols

9.00am - Year 6 parents

19/12/25

Create Music Performance  
9.00am

Last day of term

## Lunch Menu

**Week commencing:**

**15/12/2025**

**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	Oliver H & Laila S	Class 8	Jack G & Jannat S
Class 2	George B & Jude E	Class 9	Aiden C & Ollie E
Class 3	Connie G & Alfie G	Class 10	Harry B & Ollie M
Class 4	Audrey D, Isla N & Oakley W	Class 11	Olivia B & Reina D
Class 5	Whole class	Class 12	Kayson A & Ollie J
Class 6	Whole Class	Class 13	Kaelen G & Brooke H
Class 7	Rowan A & Pippa N	Class 14	Ruby R & Zoe M

## House Points

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Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
43	42	41	40

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

## Attendance

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EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole school
Class 2 - 99.7% Class 3 - 99%	Class 7 - 99.3% Class 9 - 97.3% Class 12 - 98.6% Class 14 - 98.3%	95.6%

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

## Achievements from home

George S (Cl 13) played the guitar at his music schools Christmas market. He played in front of lots of people and has worked really hard with lots of practice to remember all the right notes.



Max C (Cl 4) received his 5M swimming certificate for swimming 5 meters on his front and back.



Flora Mc (Cl 9) has just completed her red belt grading in karate



Alivia L (Cl 7) has recently received an award for her determination and never-give-up attitude at her rugby club. All her hard work has been recognised.

Isabella S (Cl 14) has been working hard with her performing arts school and performed a piece from "Oliver" for the Christmas Revue. She sang and danced to "Food, Glorious Food", "I'd Do Anything" (performing a singing duet) and "You've Got to Pick a Pocket or Two".



## Eco-Council News

### BUSY BEES...

The Eco team have been really busy this term. The energy team have been working in pairs to do energy checks in the classrooms- this involves making sure lights and boards are off in empty classrooms, windows and doors are shut to keep in the heat and checking for dripping taps. The team are awarding certificates to the best energy saving classrooms- so far classes 8, 10 and 14 have been the best energy saving classes.

The Eco Council have been busy collecting the data from the 'Cut Your Carbon' campaign and calculating how much we saved in carbon emissions, the results were published in last week's newsletter. They will be looking into this further in the New Year.

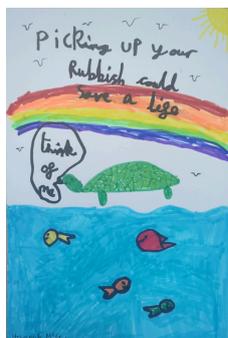
The recycling team have collected and boxed up this terms glue lids and pens to send off to Germany to make new pens for their EcoLine range. The Edding Recycling Box is an important part of sustainable action, and we are really pleased we are helping the planet by recycling what we can. This will be our fourth full box of recycling we have sent in the last academic year.

As we get closer to Christmas, please remember that you can recycle your Christmas cards by following these steps:

1. Book a visit to Essex County Council recycling centres if required.
2. Remove non-paper decorations from the cards before recycling.
3. Dispose of glittery sections in the waste bin.
4. Recycle the rest of the cards in the household recycling collection or at a local recycling centre.

The litter team have been busy doing their weekly litter picks and decided that they should make some posters to remind everyone to put their litter in the bin. Please help us keep the school grounds free of litter by placing your rubbish in the bins provided on the playground or taking it home with you.

Kind regards,  
The Eco Team and Mrs Pinchback



# Community News

## CHARITY CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Collections taking place from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**Hamelin**  
Charity number 1004432  
[www.hamelin.org.uk](http://www.hamelin.org.uk)

Follow us  
@HamelinTrust

**Book your tree in now and support your local disability charity**

**BOOK NOW:**  
[www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](http://www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree)

**SCAN HERE**

\*After costs 85% of monies raised will go to Hamelin. The remaining 15% will be distributed to charities in the local community.



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## KARATE

**- AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES**  
**- FREE TRIAL**  
**- NOW ENROLLING BEGINNERS**

07958 057406  
01245 362232  
[www.tokenkai-karate.co.uk](http://www.tokenkai-karate.co.uk)



### AFTER SCHOOL KARATE AT OAKFIELD SCHOOL Enrolling beginners for January 2026

Tokon Kai Karate has been established and run by full time professionally qualified instructors for over 24 years. We are directly affiliated with the World Union of Karate-Do Federations.

Chief instructor is Sensei Jo Griffiths 4<sup>th</sup> Dan. She has over 25 years' experience teaching and training in Shotokan Karate and won many World and National titles. All club instructors are DBS checked and insured.

- Traditional Shotokan Karate will be taught, as well as self-defence. Kick and punch bags will be used to channel aggression and focus power.
- Karate will help improve self-confidence, motivation, concentration, mental discipline and awareness. It will also help increase fitness, co-ordination, balance and flexibility.
- We offer an incentive scheme, to reward students for their effort during training. Bronze, silver and gold trophies are awarded.

#### OAKFIELD AFTER SCHOOL

Details: Oakfield school children only  
 Day & Time: Wednesdays 3pm-4.20pm (term time only)  
 Age: 5-11yrs  
 Cost: £7 per lesson-paid upfront half-terminly online

1<sup>st</sup> trial class is free

#### HOW TO START- Contact Sensei Jo to book

##### First class

Your child simply goes straight from their classroom to the sports hall. They will need to bring to school with them loose sports clothing to change into and they will be training in bare feet. Unfortunately, spectators are not permitted.

#### ALTERNATIVE CLASSES

Venue: Lee Chapel School, Basildon  
 Day and time: Wednesdays and Fridays 6-7pm

Contact details: Sensei Jo Griffiths

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[info@tokenkai-karate.co.uk](mailto:info@tokenkai-karate.co.uk)  
 For further information please visit our website -  
[www.tokenkai-karate.co.uk](http://www.tokenkai-karate.co.uk)



FREE online Family Learning courses designed to support parents and carers. These courses cover topics such as:

- Supporting neurodiverse children
- Positive parenting strategies
- Understanding ADHD and ASD
- Managing big emotions
- Sleep workshops
- ESOL for families
- ...and many more!

All sessions are delivered live online and are completely free of charge. Registration is simple via: [www.aclessex.com](http://www.aclessex.com)

Course Title	Start Date	Weeks	Time
Supporting Neurodiverse	08/01/2026	6	09:30
Understanding ADHD & ASD in	08/01/2026	6	18:00
Understanding ADHD	09/01/2026	1	09:00
Understanding ASD	09/01/2026	1	12:00
Understanding ADHD/ASD in	14/01/2026	6	09:30
Understand Anxiety for SEND	15/01/2026	2	18:00
Understanding Neurodiverse	16/01/2026	6	18:00
Support SEND Child Manage Big	21/01/2026	2	18:00
SEND Support for Families	22/01/2026	4	09:45

## General Parenting Courses

Course Title	Start Date	Weeks	Time
Support Your Child	08/01/2026	6	13:00
Positive Parenting	08/01/2026	6	18:00
Sleep Workshop	09/01/2026	1	09:30
Sibling Rivalry	12/01/2026	2	09:30
Managing Big Emotions	13/01/2026	2	19:00
About Boys (Age 5–11)	13/01/2026	4	09:45
ESOL for Families	14/01/2026	6	18:00
ESOL for Parents	14/01/2026	5	09:30
Understand Teens' Anxieties	15/01/2026	2	09:30
Setting Boundaries	15/01/2026	2	13:00
Zones of Regulation	15/01/2026	1	19:00
Praise, Rewards & Limit Setting	15/01/2026	1	19:00
Talking So Your Children Will	22/01/2026	2	19:00
Fussy Eaters	22/01/2026	1	19:00
Managing Anger in Young People	27/01/2026	2	19:00
Understanding Teens	29/01/2026	3	09:30

**2025-2026 Diary Dates**

New calendar dates will be added in red

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

Date	Event	Details
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	