



# Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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## Weekly News

Year 6 had a fantastic time on their school trip exploring Duxford, enjoying an exciting day that brought their learning to life. A highlight was walking through Concorde and seeing the aircraft used in the Battle of Britain up close. The pupils also took part in an inspiring workshop, where they were able to ask veterans about their experiences of conflict and make valuable links to their learning about World War II. Throughout the day, Year 6 represented the school exceptionally well, showing enthusiasm and curiosity and asking many insightful questions.

Next week we have Next Gen Spurs coming in to run workshops with each class from EYFS to year 6. These workshops are innovative, curriculum based and inclusive football themed provision for Primary School students, to INSPIRE and IGNITE their imagination and interest in football, focused on increasing their KNOWLEDGE, COMPETENCY, and CONFIDENCE. Please could you ensure that **all children have their PE kits and trainers in school**. As this is an outdoor event, they will need to make sure that they have a **jumper and trousers in their PE kits**.

Monday - classes 1, 3, 7 and 8

Tuesday - classes 2, 4, 9 and 10

Wednesday - classes 5, 6, 11 and 12

Thursday - classes 13 and 14

Well done to all the children who were recognised in our celebration assembly on Friday for our Fortnightly Focus. This was for their pod etiquette including looking after belongings, hanging up coats and keeping their bags on their peg. Our next Fortnightly Focus will be 'Good Manners'. This will include saying please and thank you, greeting people with good morning/ good afternoon, holding the door open for the next person, listening to others when they are speaking and where possible, looking at people when they are talking.

## Attendance

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole school
Class 1 - 98.9% <b>Class 2 - 100%</b> Class 4 - 96.5%	Class 8 - 96.3% class 9 - 97.6% Class 10 - 98.8% Class 11 & 12 - 99.2%	96.7%

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

## Dates for your diary

28/1/26

YR1 Workshop :  
History through toys  
In school event

## Lunch Menu

Week commencing:  
**26/01/2026**  
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	Iris G & Evan F	Class 8	Harry N & Jacob W
Class 2	Hamilton B & Gabby K	Class 9	Elijah G & Teddy H
Class 3	Joey S & Amelia W	Class 10	Dolcie G & Myla R
Class 4	Rayaan A & Rosie V	Class 11	Theo D, Gracie H & Luca J
Class 5	Richard B & Dora I	Class 12	Seb M & Meadow S
Class 6	Layla N & Harley P	Class 13	Isabelle K & Elsie W
Class 7	Harry J & Zuzanna W	Class 14	Zoe M & Isabella S

## House Points

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Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
34	47	49	37

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

# Eco-Council News

Big Garden  
Birdwatch

23-25 January 2026

## Big Garden Birdwatch

What is the Big Garden Birdwatch?






This week, in an assembly, the children have been learning about what the Big Garden Birdwatch involves and why it is important. They may well have come home asking to take part!

The 'Big Garden Birdwatch' is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like you take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are doing in our current climate.

Over 590,000 people in the UK took part in Big Garden Birdwatch 2025, counting a whopping 9.1 million birds! House Sparrows took the top spot, but counts of these chirpy birds are down by 60% compared to the first Birdwatch in 1979. In fact, we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years. With birds facing so many challenges, it's more important than ever to get involved in the Birdwatch. Every bird you do – or don't – count will give us a valuable insight into how garden birds are faring.

The most spotted birds of 2025 were-

### Most spotted in 2025

1	 House Sparrow 1,211,260	—
2	 Blue Tit 946,698	—
3	 Woodpigeon 859,780	↑
4	 Starling 784,741	↓
5	 Blackbird 732,472	—

If you wish to take part, it takes approximately 1 hour between the 23-25 January. A how to guide is attached for further information.

Please let Mrs Pinchback know if you took part so she can give you some house points for being a brilliant birdwatcher!!

The Eco Team



# Community News



## Help the planet and our school win a sustainability kit

Register today for free  
Simply scan the QR code to register and donate points to our school, or head to [carboncuttingessex.com/schools](http://carboncuttingessex.com/schools)



Essex County Council Environment and Climate Action

## Help the planet and our school

to win a sustainability kit!

Carbon Cutting Essex is inviting schools to reduce their carbon footprint and support school environmental projects across Essex.

We're inviting family and friends of the school to take part in fun activities designed to help reduce carbon footprints, for which they'll earn points that can then be donated to our school. The more points our school receives, the higher our chances of winning a kit!

Winning a sustainability kit will make a huge difference and help towards greener learning for the children - Please register today!



Simply scan the QR code to register and donate points to our school







## SEND School Age Drop-in

**An opportunity to get advice and support in a relaxed and non judgemental environment**

Parents and carers of both diagnosed and non-diagnosed children welcome.

**1st Wednesday of the month**  
**12:00 - 13:00**

**No need to book - Just drop in!**

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**Northlands Park Family Hub**  
**Davenants, Basildon Essex SS13 1QX**

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**Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service**

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## 2025-2026 Diary Dates

New calendar dates will be added in red

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

Date	Event	Details
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
Friday 6th February 2026	FOO: Uniform sales	After school in the Treehouse
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	
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	
Wednesday 25th February 2026	Year 6 Crucial Crew	More details to follow
Thursday 26th February 2026	Year 5 Ancient Greek workshop	In school event (instead of 11.02.26)

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		
Wednesday 11th March	Year 1 visit to Call of the Wild	During the school day
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
Friday 20th March 2026	FOO: Uniform sales	After school in the Treehouse
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

	FOO: Easter Egg hunt	
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)
	FOO: Wonderlicious Sale	After school
	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
	Year 5 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 5 parents

Wednesday 20th May 2026		
	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	