



# Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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## Weekly News

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We have continued to look at our fortnightly focus of 'good manners', and it has been great to hear lots of greetings from the children as they come into school each morning as well as using please/ thank you within their conversations.

This week each class across the whole school had a workshop with a Next Gen Spurs coach. The programme is inclusive and designed to inspire and ignite an interest in football, focused on increasing knowledge, competency and confidence. It has been fantastic to see lots of children trying out and developing new skills as well as demonstrating skills they may have already had. The activities included team work as well as good communication. Well done to all the children on their participation in these workshops.

On Wednesday, Year 1 had visitors come into class to support their learning about the history of toys. The children participated in a number of different workshops linked to toys across different periods of time. They got to play with toys from the Victorian times, 1950s and 1970s. This included looking at the timeline of how dolls have changed over time and they showed the children some real examples; one doll was 150 years old! The children watched clips of TV programmes from 1950/1970 and learnt about puppets. The visitors talked about the materials used to make different toys and why these materials were chosen. A great day was had by all.

## Attendance

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EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole school
Class 1 - 97.8% Class 2 - 98.5% Class 3 - 99.5% Class 4 - 96.5% Class 5 - 96.3%	Class 7 - 98.4% Class 9 - 99.2% Class 11 - 95.9% Class 12 - 96.2% Class 13 - 98.1% class 14 - 97.8%	96.6%

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

## Dates for your diary

04/02/26

YR2 History of Flight  
Workshop

06/02/26

FOO Uniform Sale  
After school - Treehouse

## Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

**02/02/2026**

**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

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

Class 1	Maximilian A & Alicja W	Class 8	Jude G & Harry T
Class 2	George B & Eadie N	Class 9	Sophie C & Noah G
Class 3	Leo J & Colbey R	Class 10	Sophia A & Isla F
Class 4	Ella C & Madison S	Class 11	Oliver B & Scarlett S
Class 5	Isla B & Nico D	Class 12	Bradeigh H, Libby L & Jack W
Class 6	Kimberly D & Danny-River M &	Class 13	Esmee K & Kathleen M
Class 7	Matthew A & Connor C	Class 14	Ethan E & Thea S

## House Points

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Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
35	32	39	39

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

### Achievements from home



Leo J (Class 3) 1 had an amazing weekend of football. His Rayleigh Boys team won on the Saturday 13-3 and won again on Sunday 8-0. To top off these amazing results, Leo scored 11 of those goals and received the player of the week trophy

## Eco-Council News

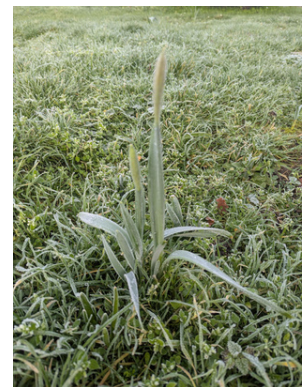


### HELLO SPRING!

We have spotted some very early signs of spring already at Oakfield with our bulbs already peeking through the compost in our class planters and in the grass at the front of the school. We are excited to see some colour brightening up the school grounds in the next few months; this will also be the first nectar and a source of energy for the Queen Bees coming out of hibernation.

Please be mindful that as the year progresses, we have lots of spring bulbs planted by the school path, fence and by the treehouse in the lawn that we want to see growing to their full potential. Please do not stand on or pick our precious flowers as we want them to be ready for when the bees come out of hibernation.

Thank you,  
Mrs Pinchback and The Eco Team



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Safer Internet Day 2026 – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI

This week, our school joined others nationwide to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2026, the largest global online safety campaign. This year's theme, 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI,' focuses on teaching children and young people the skills to use AI technology safely and responsibly, and highlights available support.

From voice assistants, to chatbots, to algorithms, AI technology is playing an increasingly large role in all our lives. It is important that we find time to discuss these tools and the impact they can have on our own and our families' online experiences, including:

- the news and content we see,
- the way we work, including using AI for homework or studies,
- and the risk of misuse of AI, for example to create realistic scams or non-consensual nude images.

We encourage you to join us in celebrating by continuing the conversation about AI technology at home. Here are some helpful resources:

- You can complete the [UK Safer Internet Centre's interactive quizzes](#) with your child.
- Read the UK Safer Internet Centre's tops tips for parents and carers [here](#).
- You can share the UK Safer Internet Centre's [top tips for children and young people](#) with your child.

You may also like to use one of these prompts to start a conversation with your child:

- What's your favourite thing to do online?
- Have you ever used an AI tool? How did it make you feel?
- What do you like about AI technology?
- Do you have any worries about AI technology?
- What advice would you give to your friends about using AI?
- Who would you talk to if you saw something worrying online?
- What more can I do to help you feel safe online?

A key part of protecting children and young people from online harms is through preventative education. By talking about this in school and at home, we can all work towards keeping children safe when they are online. Celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for you to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher, Mrs Marsh or Miss Lodge.

Kind regards,

Miss Lodge  
Deputy Head

# MISINFORMATION, COMMUNITY AND ONLINE SAFETY

## WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS!

- Do you want more information about how the online space impacts what your children and young people are seeing online?
- Are you unsure of what you can and cannot trust when you are browsing the internet?
- Are you worried about you and your children's safety in the community?

This workshop is an opportunity to discuss these issues with trained, knowledgeable youth workers, who care about keeping your children safe on and offline.

## WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM THIS WORKSHOP?

- ✓ You will better understand what we mean by **'mis' and 'disinformation' and the platforms** where they are most likely to encounter them
- ✓ You will be able to recognise symbols of **hate** that regularly feature in fake news campaigns
- ✓ You will know more about what is **legal** and **illegal** both on and offline in relation to hate in our communities
- ✓ You will have some **ready made questions** to ask your children to learn about what they are seeing online
- ✓ You will have a chance to **share your concerns** with skilled and trained facilitators

## WHY CHOOSE US?

We've worked with **313,306** young people, communities and practitioners to challenge hate, violence and prejudice

Our team consists of professionals, researchers and youth workers with over 50 years of experience

We provide post-course support, free resources and ongoing support

### About the sessions

- Content tailored to Essex parents
- 90 mins workshops to fit around busy schedules
- Post-session resources available to all attendees

Dates AND REGISTRATION LINK BELOW: (CLICK THE DATE & choose one)

- [14.01.26](#) | 12:00 -13:30
- [14.01.26](#) | 18:00 -19:30
- [19.01.26](#) | 12:00 -13:30
- [19.01.26](#) | 18:00 -19:30
- [03.02.26](#) | 12:00 -13:30
- [03.02.26](#) | 18:00 -19:30
- [12.02.26](#) | 12:00 -13:30
- [12.02.26](#) | 18:00 -19:30
- [24.02.26](#) | 12:00 -13:30

Contact below for more information.



*I didn't appreciate before this workshop how broad a topic this is. I understand so much more now about the kinds of exploitation that happen online, related to misinformation. I understand the language more; the difference between disinformation and misinformation and how to talk about these issues with students.*

**Jenni, LONDON**  
Participant

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# Community News

The Ivison Trust (formerly Pace) is a national charity working to keep children safe from exploitation by supporting parents, disrupting exploiters, and working in partnership with police and family services. Their work is grounded in a trauma-informed, family-centred approach.

During March 2026, the Ivison Trust is delivering a series of live webinars for parents and carers focused on county lines and criminal exploitation. The sessions help parents understand how exploitation happens, how children are groomed, what warning signs to look out for, and where to access advice and support. Each webinar includes local context, time for questions, and input from a parent with lived experience.

More information and booking details are available at: <https://ivisontrust.org.uk/webinars/>

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Fobbing Farm, Nethermayne,  
Basildon SS16 5NU  
Registered charity number 289466  
Phone: 01268 524 973 | Fax: 01268 282483  
[www.stlukeshospice.com](http://www.stlukeshospice.com)



28<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Your Ref: 20741

Oakfield Primary School  
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Dear Oakfield Primary School,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of £904.52 which was raised from your Festive Run. This wonderful donation will help us to continue to provide specialist palliative and end of life care to the communities we serve in Basildon & Thurrock.

Please forward our sincere thanks to everyone involved, we hope you had a fantastic time participating in the festive run and had fun on the day!

As a registered charity we are reliant on the generosity of our community to ensure the continued provision of specialist palliative and end of life care, where and when it is needed the most. For more information, please call us on 01268 524973 or visit our website [www.stlukeshospice.com](http://www.stlukeshospice.com)

We welcome you to keep up to date with what's happening at the hospice by following us on our social media pages:  
Facebook - [StLukesHospiceBasildonThurrock](https://www.facebook.com/StLukesHospiceBasildonThurrock)  
Twitter - [@stlukeshospice](https://twitter.com/stlukeshospice)

Thank you again for your much valued support, it is truly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

J Lucas

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## 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.



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COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL GETTING TEENS TO TALK	ONLINE LIVE	05/02/2026 (2 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL ROUTINES RULE	ONLINE LIVE	10/02/2026	09:45	11:45
FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS	ONLINE LIVE	11/02/2026	19:00	21:00
FL ROUTINES RULE	ONLINE LIVE	13/02/2026	12:30	14:30

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FL GETTING CHILDREN TO LISTEN	ONLINE LIVE	20/02/2026	12:00	14:30
FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS	ONLINE LIVE	20/02/2026	09:00	11:30
FL SUPPORT YOUR CHILD ATTEND/ENJOY SCHOOL	ONLINE LIVE	23/02/2026 (6 WEEKS)	18:00	20:00
FL UNDERSTANDING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	23/02/2026 (5 WEEKS)	12:30	14:30
FL SEND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES	ONLINE LIVE	24/02/2026 (6 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL FAMILY WELLBEING	ONLINE LIVE	24/02/2026 (6 WEEKS)	09:30	11:30
FL ASSERTIVE PARENTING	ONLINE LIVE	24/02/2026 (6 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00

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## Essex Fire Museum Open Day 2026



**17th and 22nd Of February**  
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays  
RM17 5QS

**Book Now**  
Free Entry



[Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](http://Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk)

## 2025-2026 Diary Dates

New calendar dates will be added in red

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

Date	Event	Details
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		
		Organised by the School Council. More information to follow

TBC	Comic Relief/ Sports Relief	
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
Friday 6th March 2026	FOO Event – Race Night	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)		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Details</b>
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  YR2 Skipping Event	2.30pm Large Hall Reception parents  At Oakfield 1.15 – 2.30pm
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
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		
Tuesday 16th June 2026	YR1 Teddy Bears Festival	At Abacus 12.30 – 2.30pm
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	9.30-11.00am Reception intake 2026

	storytime session	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	

