



# Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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## Weekly News

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We hope you all had a nice half term.

Break the rules day: Thank you to FOO for organising break the rules day on Friday 13th February. Thank you to all our parents and children who supported this event. We raised £932.00.

Year 6 had Crucial Crew workshops on Wednesday. The three workshops they participated in were about 1. Vaping 2. Knife crime and 3. Grooming. The children listened to the dangers and how to be aware of these in social situations. They were given facts and figures during the interactive workshops and were able to ask questions.

On Thursday, Year 5 had a Greek Workshop. They learnt all about the stories and myths that were common throughout Ancient Greece and acted out stories such as 'Perseus and Medusa' and 'Helen of Troy'. They then learnt about some of the Greek philosophers and put together puzzles invented by Pythagoras. After break, they went on a treasure hunt to learn more information about the lives of the Ancient Greeks, as well as playing a strategic Greek board game, which was a favourite of Alexander the Great. The children then finished the day with a mini-Olympic games, where they took part in Quoites, javelin and a foot race.

On Thursday, Year 6 had a visit from Essex Fire Safety. They learnt about online safety including app and age restrictions of these, what to do if you come across something online that is not appropriate, how to stay safe online and AI/ fake news.

Snack: EYFS and Key Stage 1 are provided with government funded fruit and vegetables. However, for those children that are bringing in a snack from home for break time, please could we ask that these are fruit or vegetables. Thank you.

Next week (Thursday 5th March) is World Book day. Children are invited to dress up and we look forward to seeing lots of 'spud-tacular' potato characters coming into school on Thursday morning.

100 books restarts next week, with the change of day to a Monday (3.15-3.45pm in the Treehouse)

## Dates for your diary

02/03/26

YR6 Secondary school places

03/03/26

Zactiv - FOO Event

04/03/26

Rock Steady Concert

9am Large Hall

05/03/26

World Book Day

06/03/26

FOO Race Night

## Lunch Menu

**Week commencing:**

**02/03/2026**

**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

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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 & Layla S	Class 8	Charlotte C & Marshall PC
Class 2	Teddy L & Poppy N	Class 9	Kieran M & Aria N
Class 3	Jamie D & Isobel G	Class 10	Olly M & Callum R
Class 4	Max C & Alice W	Class 11	Reina D & Sophie P
Class 5	Jaxon H & Mia R	Class 12	Troy C & Lilly-Ann J
Class 6	Frederick L & Emilia T	Class 13	Blake B & Lacey H
Class 7	Pippa N & Noah S	Class 14	Harry Ma & Zoe M

## Attendance

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EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole school
Class 1 - 99.1% Class 2 - 96.1%	Class 7 - 99% Class 8 - 97.2% Class 9 - 98.5% Class 10 & 11 - 96.9% Class 13 - 98.6%	96.1%

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

## House Points

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Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
40	43	34	42

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

## Achievements from home



Kayla G (Cl ) and Khloe G (Cl 8) both received their certificates and medals for moving up to their next levels in gymnastics.

Theo D (Cl 11) has successfully completed Stage 10 of the Swim England Learn to Swim Framework, which demonstrated his dedication and mastery of swimming techniques. He will now participate in junior fitness sessions designed to maintain stamina and improve technique.



Nico D (Cl 5) has successfully completed Stage 8 of the Swim England Learn to Swim Framework, including achieving the 400 metres and 500 metres distance awards. He will now progress to Stage 9 .

# Eco-Council News

## WE WON THE PECULIAR PICKS CHALLENGE!

As part of the Big Hog Friendly Litter Pick we are pleased to announce we have also won first place for winning the Peculiar Pick Challenge.

Here's what the hedgehog friendly campus said about our school-

Winners of the Primary School category:

Oakfield Primary School won this category! Their team of 426 amazing volunteers collected a total of 37.5 bags of litter for 2025, which included some unusual finds like an antique typewriter and BBQ grill, a toy figure, 102 balls, cones, a metre ruler stick, a Haribo packet from 2003 and 2007, and a crisp packet from 2006.

The full article can be read using the following link-

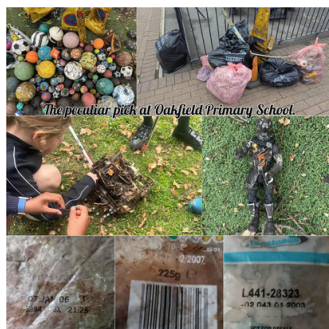
<https://www.hedgehogfriendlycampus.co.uk/post/the-big-hog-friendly-litter-pick-challenge-2025>

Congratulations to everyone that was involved in our litter pick challenge including the Wickford Wombles who supported us throughout the challenge and helped the children and teachers keep our school litter free.

Our next litter challenge starts soon! The Essex Wildlife Trust Spring Pickers challenge. We took part in this last year and have even been mentioned on their advertising poster this time round!

See the attached poster for further details and sign up to help spring clean the local area! If you do manage to participate let us know by emailing [admin@oakfield.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oakfield.essex.sch.uk) know and collect some extra team points and an Eco certificate for your efforts!

Mrs Pinchback



# EASTER

## WEEK 1

# HOLIDAY CAMP ACTIVITIES



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### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

#### Activities:

Test your skills with, **Team building games, Archery** and **Dodgeball**.

Get creative with **Arts & Crafts, design** and **make Easter paperchains** to decorate for Easter.

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

#### Activities:

Unleash your competitive side during **Bingo**, our **Talent show & Karaoke** and **Boccia**.

Get creative with **Arts & Crafts** and **Lego**.



### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

#### Easter Eggstravaganza

Join us for an Eggcellent day of Easter fun.

**Decorate Eggs**, and enter them into the **egg and spoon relay**. Test your throw during **Easter Basket toss** and take part in **Easter arts and crafts** and an **Egg hunt**.



### Additional information

Booking link:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/6489/?location=ss12&distance=0.1&distance=0.1>



# EASTER

## WEEK 2

# HOLIDAY CAMP ACTIVITIES



Premier  
Education

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

#### Activities:

Work as a team during **Team games, Red light Green light** and **parachute games**.

Get creative with **Arts & Crafts** and **Lego**.

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

#### Activities:

Unleash your competitive side during **Dodgeball, Speed stacking contests** and **more!**

Get creative with **Arts & Crafts**, and **Lego**,



### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

#### Activities:

Test your skills with **Handball, Archery** and **Football**.

Get creative with **Arts & Crafts** and **Lego**, or **performing Arts**.



### Additional information

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# Community News

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**Make & MOVE**  
HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CLUBS

## Easter Half Term

Abacus School, Tresco Way, Wickford, SS12 9GJ  
For children from reception to year 6

### Week 1

**Monday 30th March - Pic n Mix Monday**  
Easter themed crafts and activities, including brick building and a themed movie afternoon with popcorn. Children can bring scooters for some outside fun.

**Tuesday 31st March - Bunny Bounce Day - Gymnastics**  
Lets get bouncing with coach Nina on the gymnastics equipment and then on our fun Easter equipment, lots of bunny themed crafts and activities.

**Wednesday 1st April - Fun on the Farm - Real farm animals**  
Once again we are joined by the brilliant Gemmas Farm who will be bringing a range of spring animals for children to hold and interact with. An amazing themed day with crafts and activities that will book up fast! Hope to see you there.

**Thursday 2nd April - Easter Fun Day - Bunny visit**  
All things Easter! Make chocolate treats, lots of Crafting and a visit from the Easter Bunny to lead our Fun annual Egg Hunt!

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### Week 2

**Tuesday 7th April - Under the Sea**  
Under the Sea - Always a favourite theme with sand art, under water 3D scenes and bubble fun.

**Wednesday 8th April - Inflatable Fun day**  
Join us for a day of inflatable fun. Whatever the weather we will have a fun day jumping around and crafting too, a firm favourite that gets booked up!

**Thursday 9th April - Spring Fairy Gardens and Netball**  
A day long project of creating a beautiful spring fairy garden to take home with gardening tips and outside fun with Netball coach Jo.

**Friday 10th April - Pic n Mix Easter**  
Last session of the Easter Holidays where we will have a great choice of crafts and activities on offer as we wrap up the Easter sessions, Movie afternoon and Children can bring scooters for some outside fun too.

9am to 3pm - £24. 8.30am to 4pm - £30. Hot lunch option available each day for £3.50. Details on the booking form.

To book text or email 07929 044959  
craftykatie10@gmail.com to request a booking link.  
Ofsted registration number 2852869 Payment options include tax free childcare account



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## EASTER SOCCER SCHOOL

BARTLETT PARK, WICKFORD SS11 8RZ  
£20 A DAY  
9AM TILL 3PM  
GIRLS ONLY AND BOYS ONLY SESSIONS

WEEK 1	WEEK 2
<b>MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b> <b>Striker School</b> (9AM till 1PM) Focused finishing, attacking movement & goal-scoring techniques.	<b>TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> <b>Soccer School</b> Skill development, fun drills, matches & confidence building.
<b>TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH</b> <b>Soccer School</b> Skill development, fun drills, matches & confidence building.	<b>WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> <b>Soccer School</b> Skill development, fun drills, matches & confidence building.
<b>WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL</b> <b>Soccer School</b> Skill development, fun drills, matches & confidence building.	<b>THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> <b>Soccer School</b> Skill development, fun drills, matches & confidence building.
<b>THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL</b> <b>Soccer School</b> Skill development, fun drills, matches & confidence building.	<b>FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> <b>World Cup Tournament Day</b> Teams compete in a fun tournament format with match-day excitement!

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## WICKFORD

North Crescent Primary School  
North Crescent, Wickford - SS12 9AP  
9AM - 3PM - £20 PER DAY  
EARLY DROP-OFF AVAILABLE AT 8AM FOR £5 EXTRA

WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO
<b>MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL</b> Mon 30 <sup>TH</sup> - Dodge & Dash Day Dodge Ball, Bench Ball and Team Games Tue 31 <sup>ST</sup> - Easter Fun-Fest Easter crafts/Games - Easter Egg Hunt & Piggy Bank Hunt Wed 1 <sup>ST</sup> - Ready Steady Race & More Go Karts, Relay Games, Nerf & Mini Golf Thur 2 <sup>ND</sup> - K-Pop Dance Explosion Dance workshop, Crafts, Movie & More	<b>TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - FRIDAY APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> Tue 7 <sup>TH</sup> - Olympic Challenge Day Track & Field events earn points for your country Wed 8 <sup>TH</sup> - Adventure Day NERF Battles, Forrest School & Games Thur 9 <sup>TH</sup> - JOAS Bouncy Bonanza & MORE Inflatables, Mini Golf, Archery & Soft Axe Throwing Fri 10 <sup>TH</sup> - Multi-sports & Play A variety of different sports activities and challenges

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### 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)  
 Ages: 5-11yrs  
 Cost: £7 per lesson-paid upfront half-termly 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  
 07958 057406 - 01245 362232  
 info@tokenkai-karate.co.uk  
 For further information please visit our website -  
[www.tokenkai-karate.co.uk](http://www.tokenkai-karate.co.uk)

## 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!



Essex County Council Environment and Climate Action



## 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)



**2025-2026 Diary Dates**

New calendar dates will be added in red

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

Date	Event	Details
W/C: 2.03.26		
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	Comic Relief	Non uniform day
	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  Year 2 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
	Year 2 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall

		Year 2 parents
Friday 15th May 2026	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	Year 1 Teddy Bears Festival	At Abacus 12.30 – 2.30pm
Wednesday 17th June 2026	Year 5 transition project with Abacus	At Oakfield – during the school day
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	
	Year 5 transition project with Abacus	At Abacus during the school day
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
	Year 5 transition project with Abacus	At Oakfield – during the school day
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	