



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

This week, we have participated in National Science week. This year's theme is "Curiosity: What's your question?" which focuses on encouraging people to be curious scientists and to get involved with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Each year group focused on a different scientist- EYFS Jane Goodall, year 1 Mary Anning, year 2 Katherine Johnson, year 3 Marie Curie, year 4 Gladys West, year 5 Sylvia Earle and year 6 Fei-Fei Li

We have participated in lots of sports events this week. The year 6 netball team played this week - within their games, they showed fantastic improvement, skills and confidence; winning one of the games 3-0 and scoring 5 goals across all the games played. The year 6 girls football team played brilliantly in their game this week: unfortunately losing 0-1.

On Thursday, some of our children went to Beauchamps High School for the year 4 sports hall event. This was a great opportunity to participate in track events including speed bounce, javelin throwing and vertical jumping. They also completed relay and obstacle races. Some fantastic determination and teamwork was demonstrated. Well done to all the children who have represented Oakfield in these events this week.

On Wednesday, Year 1 went to Call of the Wild Zoo to support their learning about animals linked to science. The children had a workshop led by the Call of the Wild staff about predator and prey animals and met 2 different animals. The stick insect was a prey animal, and the owl was a predator. They learnt facts about how we know if an animal is a predator or prey linked to their body features, including eyes, teeth and paws/feet. They talked about animals that were carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. The children explored the zoo, visited all the animals and read facts about each of them as they walked around. They also watched the bird display and enjoyed a picnic lunch.

My Future My Basildon: This week's theme was Bright Sparks. Children in key stage 1 and 2 joined the online webinars with other local schools to learn about the superheroes within the NHS, how they look at blood cells to help make people better and how our bodies fight germs.

Thank you to FOO for organising our Mothers' Day Wish room this week. It was lovely to see the children getting excited about buying a gift for someone special to help celebrate Mothers' Day this weekend.

Dates for your diary

18/03/26

YR5 Visit to First Site
Art Gallery

20/03/26

Comic Relief
Non-Uniform day

FOO Uniform Sale
After school in the Treehouse

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

16/03/2026

**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

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

Class 1	Tommi A & Ruben R	Class 8	Millie D & Indiana T
Class 2	Molly U & Theodore M	Class 9	Aiden C & Elijah M
Class 3	Malek A & Lucas H	Class 10	Harry C & Oscar D
Class 4	Lily-Aurora A Melody M	Class 11	Amelie L & Mason P
Class 5	William C & Arthur R	Class 12	Archie H & Jack W
Class 6	Gabriele A & Lucy S	Class 13	Eliza A & Elsie W
Class 7	Rowan A & William D	Class 14	Freya A & Levi T

Attendance

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole school
Class 1 - 96.7% Class 2 - 97.4% Class 3 - 97% Class 5 - 98% Class 6 - 98.5%	Class 7 - 98.5% Class 9 - 100% Class 10 - 99.6% Class 11 - 96.4% Class 12 - 99.2% Class 13 & 14 - 97.8%	96.5%

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

House Points

Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
40	38	45	35

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

Achievements from home



Ellie B (CI 14) had a fantastic gymnastics pre grading competition at the Pipers Vale taking 5th place in both bars and floor and scoring 11th place out of 44 girls aged 9-14 years. She also won a chocolate prize for the best number made.

Hayley's School of Dance recently held their annual awards ceremony and Iris G (CI 1) won the trophy for 'Most improved performer' in her musical theatre group. Her dance teacher said she has come on leaps and bounds over the past year.



Isla N (CI 4) attended her first kickboxing grading and achieved her first belt - white/yellow stripe. Also this week, Isla has achieved her Level 4 in her Advanced Gymnastics Class.

On Sunday 1st March, Isabella S (CI 14) entered a singing competition at Brentwood Theatre. She came 2nd in the pop category, singing "Easy On Me" by Adele.

She is now through to the grand final in July!



Eco-Council News

WE HAVE PLANTED OUR POTATOES!

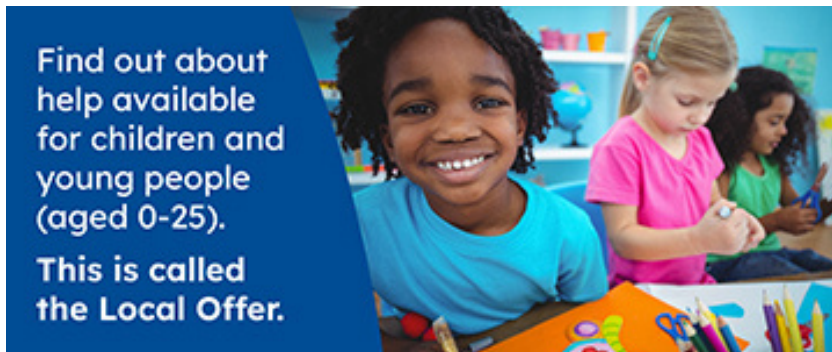
The Eco Council have planted their potatoes this week. The first job was to chit the potatoes for a few weeks on a windowsill in the school kitchen then the children have half-filled our potato bags and evenly spaced out our seed potatoes with the chits facing upwards. They have carefully covered with a compost and topsoil mix and watered lightly. Our potatoes are in a nice sunny spot by the treehouse and now we need to wait 14 weeks before we can harvest them (around the 16th June).

Once we have harvested the potatoes in the middle of June, we have to weigh them to enter the Grow Your Own Potatoes competition. Last year we managed to grow enough to have a chip party. The Eco Council will definitely make sure they look after them by making sure they are in a warm sunny spot and are watered so we have enough to make into chips again!

Mrs Pinchback



Community News



Join Essex Local Offer at the SEND Roadshow in Basildon

Date: Tuesday 17th March 2026

Time: Drop in anytime

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM (all ages)

Quieter times: Prefer a quieter visit? Pop in after 11:30 AM.

Location: Wat Tyler, Pitsea Hall Lane, Pitsea, Basildon, SS16 4UH

Cost: FREE

What to Expect:

Have questions about your child's needs and the best support available? The SEND Roadshow brings together a variety of professionals under one roof, including local support groups, education professionals, health teams, and social care teams.

You can:

access support and information

understand the different services available

discover local support, such as parent groups and inclusive activities

attend free talks

Local Offer Roadshow, South Essex | Essex Local Offer

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

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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: 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
	Cross Country County Finals	Garons - during the school day
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
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
W/C: 27.04.26		
Thursday 30th April 2026	Year 4 trip to Layer Marney Tower	During the school day
W/C: 4.05.26		
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday	
Wednesday 6th May 2026	Year 6 visit from Beauchamps	During the school day
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
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
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
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	
Thursday 4th June 2026	Year 6 trip to Chessington	TBC
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	