



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

Well done to all the children who participated in Oakfield's Got Talent today. A great show was put together and lots of fun was had. Thank you to all the children for being a supportive audience. Well done to our winners.

In our celebration assembly this week, our golden ticket winners were picked. Well done to our winners, who chose a book from the vending machine.

Reception: Evan F, Tommy A, Marnie O, Emily B

Year 1: Joey S, Emma S, Max C, Audrey D

Year 2: Timo E, William C, Kimberly D, Gabriele A

Year 3: Grace B, Riley E, Brianna SJ, Chase W

Year 4: Izabela T, Ollie E, Noah K, Madison L

Year 5: Pearl T, Lily A, Libby L, Archie H

Year 6: Chloe B, Amelie D, Skyla B, Freya A

Reading is an essential skill, and we encourage all of our children to read at least 5 times a week. Please ensure that comments are in the reading records daily.

We are incredibly proud of our netball team (Ava, Zoe, Chloe B, Meadow, Sophie B, Janaya, Mila, Amelia), who finished top of the Wickford Schools League and have now secured their place in the finals. On Tuesday, the team played against local schools and achieved two outstanding victories, winning 10–0 and 9–0. Throughout each match they showed passion, excellent teamwork, and impressive determination. Well done to the team — you have represented our school brilliantly.

Thank you to everyone who donated for Comic Relief. We raised £220. It's still not too late to make a donation: Oakfield Primary School Essex is fundraising for Comic Relief.

A massive well-done to our Year 5 boys and Year 6 girls who took part in the County Cross-Country Finals this week. All of the children completed the race and showed fantastic determination throughout—we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. A special mention goes to Zoe, who achieved an amazing result, finishing 13th out of 106 runners. What an outstanding performance!

Please could we remind you that we are a 'nut free' school. This means that children cannot have any nut-based products in their lunch box. This includes Nutella and peanut butter. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

As the holidays arrive, this can mean an increase in children's access to technology. We encourage all parents to follow safety recommendations for monitoring and managing their child's internet use. The 2 Johns have some fantastic guidance for parents: <https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/>. You can find other helpful guidance through the NSPCC (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>) and Uk Safer Internet Centre (<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>) Please support your children to be safe online and on any social media by being mindful of age limits and both the behaviour of your child and of others.

Dates for your diary

13/04/26

First day back

15/04/26

YR2 Trip to Langdon

Nature Reserve

16/04/26

Primary school allocations

New Intake 2026

from Essex County Council

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

13/04/2026

Week 1 New Summer

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	Khloe G & Florence S	Class 8	Neriah I & All Class 8
Class 2	Frankie L & Mateo S	Class 9	Roman K & Kitty S
Class 3	Reggie B & Alfie G	Class 10	Hudson H & Madison L
Class 4	Isla N & Finley W	Class 11	Oscar S & Darcey W
Class 5	Richard B & Seth G	Class 12	Lily K & Charlie V
Class 6	Harrison S & Ivy W	Class 13	Sophie B & Amelie D
Class 7	Megan L & Zuzanna W	Class 14	Jonny A & Harry Mo

Attendance

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole school
Class 5 - 96.3%	Class 7 - 97.8% Class 8 - 96.6% Class 9 - 98.3% Class 10 - 97% Class 11 - 96.2% Class 12 - 97.3% Class 13 - 96.6% Class 14 - 96.2%	96.5%

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

House Points

Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
33	35	41	36

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

OGT Winners & Finalists



Winners;

Years 1 and 2: Hallie H

Years 3 and 4: Noah K

Years 5 and 6: Erica A



Finalists;

Year 1: Rosie V, Thea E, Amelia W and Kadesh A

Year 2: Albie G and Hallie H

Year 3: Brie B and Charlotte C

Year 4: Noah K and Daisy O

Year 5: Erica A and Lily K

Year 6: Darcie H and Mila A

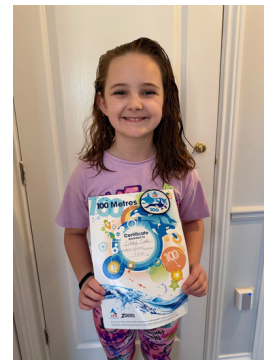


Achievements from home



Nora E (CI 11) and Timo E (CI 5) both had a grading week recently at their swim school. Nora earned her 1000 metre badge and Timo received his 20 metre badge.

Isla G (CI 6) has received her Level 4 in Gymnastics. She's been working very hard
Isaac G (CI 2) has received his Level 2 in Gymnastics after starting in September. They are proud of their achievement.



Chase W (CI 8) and Finley W (CI 4) both achieved their next swimming badges over the weekend!

Isaac O (CI 6) has worked so hard to achieve his 10m badge and he is really proud.

Libby L (CI 12) has recently achieved her 100 metres swimming certificate - a fantastic milestone she is very proud of after all her hard work.



Annabelle H (CI 8) took part in the Dance Trix annual show. She performed in 3 shows over 2 weekends. She did amazing and loved every minute of it.

Ernie M (CI 3) won player of the match at his football game on Saturday when his team won 14-2.





Eco-Council News

Spring Pickers Challenge Completed!

Last week and at the beginning of this week Oakfield Primary took part in the 'SPRING PICKERS CHALLENGE' run by Essex Wildlife Trust. The challenge was to collect 5 pieces of litter every day between the 10th-19th March to help clean up the county before the spring. We decided that we should concentrate on litter picking in the school grounds and collected over 5 bags of litter including glass bottles, part of a traffic cone and a sweet wrapper from 2004!

Once again, the Wickford Wombles supported us through this campaign, and we are always grateful to them for their hard work and dedication in not only helping us but continually making Wickford as litter free as possible. They have even managed to source us some free food quality litter picking equipment for future litter picks!

Well done to everyone who took part, our school is looking litter-free after all that hard work! We will continue to do our usual litter picking every week and kindly ask that you take home or use the playground bins provided for your litter.



MINI ECO ALLOTMENT NEWS



The Eco Council have been busy planting carrots and broad beans this week in our new little allotment area. The children were very careful handling the carrot seedlings and could not believe how big the broad beans were compared to a carrot seed! They learnt to not damage the leaves or seedling roots and why they needed to be watered regularly.

We hope to grow some lettuce, tomato and radish after the Easter holidays too.

Our potatoes are currently getting acclimatised to the outdoors in their potato bags; there isn't any sign of much happening at the moment but after Easter we should see some leaves appearing!

The Eco Team and Mrs Pinchback





The British Hedgehog Preservation Society Design a t-shirt competition for Hedgehog Awareness Week '26

It's time to spread the word about Hedgehog Awareness Week – the most important week of the year for hedgehogs!

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society want you to design a t-shirt to wear during Hedgehog Awareness Week – happening 3rd to 9th May 2026 this year.

This year the theme is 'Take the Hedgehog Pledge' – so think about all the actions we can take to help protect our precious wild hedgehogs. This includes things like pledging to add more hedgehog highways to your neighbourhood, to sign up to be an NHMP spotter or to leave wild edges, long grass and log piles in the garden.

Whether it's minimalistic or bursting with vibrant colours, let your imagination run wild and show BHPS what hedgehogs mean to you.

How to enter

Whether drawn, painted, collage, or designed digitally your original design must include #HEDGEHOGWEEK somewhere.

There are three age categories:

- Age 7 years & under
- Age 8-15 years
- Age 16 and over

Designs will be judged on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Creative use of materials and mediums
- Captures the spirit of the theme of Hedgehog Week
- Can be suitably printed on a light-coloured T-Shirt

Deadline: Send the British Hedgehog Preservation Society your designs by 6th April 2026

Please note – these should be original creations and not AI-generated designs. They will feature winners and some of our favourite designs as part of our Hedgehog Week celebrations (with full credits to the designer) – plus some designs might be made available in our online Teemill shop for others to buy! The winners will receive a t-shirt or tote bag featuring their design

You can email your design to info@britishhedgehogs.org.uk. These designs may be submitted as a JPG or PNG and must be a minimum 1MB – maximum 5MB file.

Alternatively, you can post it to the British Hedgehog Preservation Society at: Hedgehog House, Dhustone, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 3PL

Good luck!

Community News

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM A DYNAMOS SESSION



LEARNING LIFE SKILLS

ENGAGING GAMES

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

FRIENDLY COACHES

Fun Comes First!



Fun-focused sessions

Confidence-building coaches

Inclusive environment

ACL Community & Family Learning Courses

Learning

COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL A GUIDE TO SIBLING HARMONY	ONLINE LIVE	16/04/2026 (2 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL PARENTAL GUILT UNPACKED	ONLINE LIVE	16/04/2026 (2 WEEKS)	09:30	11:30
FL RAISING GIRLS	ONLINE LIVE	16/04/2026 (2 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL GROWING INDEPENDENCE	ONLINE LIVE	20/04/2026 (1 WEEK)	12:30	14:30
FL SEND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES	ONLINE LIVE	21/04/2026 (5 WEEKS)	09:45	11:45
FL PLAY, CREATIVITY AND CURIOSITY	ONLINE LIVE	21/04/2026 (1 WEEK)	12:30	14:30
FL COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE	ONLINE LIVE	21/04/2026 (1 WEEK)	18:00	20:00

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FL POSITIVE PARENTING	ONLINE LIVE	15/04/2026 (6 WEEKS)	12:30	14:30
FL ZONES OF REGULATION	ONLINE LIVE	15/04/2026 (2 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL SUPPORT YOUR CHILD ATTEND/ENJOY SCHOOL	ONLINE LIVE	16/04/2026 (6 WEEKS)	09:30	11:30
FL ABOUT BOYS COURSE	ONLINE LIVE	16/04/2026 (4 WEEKS)	09:45	11:45
FL UNDERSTANDING ADHD AND AUTISM IN CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	16/04/2026 (6 WEEKS)	09:30	11:30
FL POSITIVE PARENTING	ONLINE LIVE	16/04/2026 (6 WEEKS)	18:00	20:00
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Learning

COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL ZONES OF REGULATION	ONLINE LIVE	10/04/2026 (1 WEEK)	09:00	11:30
FL SUPPORT YOUR CHILD ATTEND/ENJOY SCHOOL	ONLINE LIVE	14/04/2026 (6 WEEKS)	18:00	20:00
FL RAISING GIRLS	ONLINE LIVE	14/04/2026 (2 WEEKS)	18:00	20:00
FL UNDERSTANDING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	14/04/2026 (6 WEEKS)	12:30	14:30
FL UNDERSTANDING NEURODIVERSE CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	15/04/2026 (6 WEEKS)	18:00	20:00
FL SUPPORT YOUR CHILD ATTEND/ENJOY SCHOOL	ONLINE LIVE	15/04/2026 (6 WEEKS)	13:00	15:00

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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 4th 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
1st 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@tokonkai-karate.co.uk
For further information please visit our website - www.tokonkai-karate.co.uk



Try a 'hole new ball game'

Junior Taster Day!

Stock Brook Manor Golf Club
CM12 0SP

Sunday 31st May 2026 • 2pm - 4pm

IT'S FREE!

- Boys & Girls 9-14
- No Experience Needed
- Fully Supervised PGA Led Sessions
- Putting • Chipping • Trackman Challenges
- Clubs Provided or Bring Your Own
- Wear Trainers • Bring Water Bottle
- 50 Places First Come First Served Basis



2025-2026 Diary Dates

New calendar dates will be added in red

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		
		9.00am Large Hall

Monday 13th July 2026	Year 1 end of year celebration assembly	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	