



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

It was lovely to welcome back all the children after the Easter holiday. Our summer term is very busy with lots of events happening. Please use the newsletter and calendar to keep up to date with these.

Year 2 went to Langdon Nature Reserve on Wednesday. Both classes took part in different activities throughout the day. During lake dipping, the children found lots of interesting minibeasts, including a tadpole! When bird watching, the children saw male and female ducks, a swan, robins and lots of coots.

They took part in woodland activities where they had to work together to build their own dens out of branches, rope and tarpaulin. The adults checked if the children's dens were waterproof by pouring water over their shelters. They took part in a fire pit activity. They tried to make a spark to set alight some cotton wool. When the fire was ready, the children were invited into the middle to toast their marshmallows. The children had a fantastic day extending their learning within science, geography and outdoor learning.

This week reception 2026 school places were allocated, and we look forward to welcoming new children and families to Oakfield as part of their transition within the summer term.

As the sunshine starts to appear, please could we remind you that children will need to have suncream on (ideally applied before school and one that lasts all day). They will also need hats and water bottles in school. Please could you name jumpers as these are more likely to be taken off and easily misplaced if they do not have a name in.

A polite reminder that children should not be bringing toys in from home. Any fidgets and resources are provided by school. We would appreciate if you can keep a check on what children are putting into their bags before they leave the house to avoid any of these coming in to school. Thank you

Dates for your diary

22/04/26

Earth Day

24/04/26

FOO Spring Disco

EYFS & Year 1 – 2.00-3.00pm

Years 2, 3 & 4 – 3.15 - 4.15pm

Years 5 & 6 – 4.30 - 5.30pm

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

20/04/2026

**Week 2 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	Isabelle A-K & Rosie M	Class 8	Millie D & Alfie T
Class 2	Emily B & Leah W	Class 9	Iyla C & Ollie E
Class 3	Thea E & Charlotte K	Class 10	Danielius A & Harrison S
Class 4	Rayaan A & Ella C	Class 11	Mollie B & Amelie L
Class 5	Katie N & all of Class 5	Class 12	Ava Chi & Sydney D
Class 6	Eli E & all of Class 6	Class 13	Amelia A & Ollie R
Class 7	Alivia L & Daisy S	Class 14	Isabel F & Albie H

Attendance

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole school
Class 2 - 96.7% Class 3 - 98.9% Class 4 - 96.8% Class 5 - 99.2%	Class 7 - 99.2% Class 8 & 9 - 100% Class 10 - 98% Class 11 - 96.9% Class 12 - 96.2% Class 13 - 96.3% Class 14 - 97.8%	97.2%

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

House Points

Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
39	31	45	40

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

Achievements from home



Albie G (CI 5) got player of the game for his team Hashtag United after an outstanding game. Albie was praised for making some phenomenal saves in goal, and his calm demeanour in defence when making tackles and dribbling past the other team. He made a key contribution to his team winning, all with a massive smile on his face.



Daisy O'S (CI 9) has achieved her stage 4 certificate & badge after successfully swimming 20 metres front crawl and backstroke.



Daisy also has been appointed seconder at her Brownies unit (1st Warley unit). The seconder badge is awarded to a Brownie who acts as the assistant leader to a Sixer, helping lead their small group.



Ollie E (CI 9) has received his 75 metre swimming certificate.

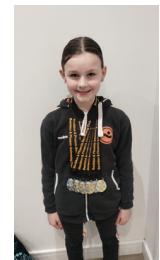
Harry E (CI 4) has received his 15 metre swimming certificate, player of the week and man of the match at his local football club (Runwell sports FC).



Callum R (CI 10) got 3rd place in his first race at Whilton Mill Kart Club and Top Novice for his class of Honda Cadets earning his first trophies in his own kart.



Lily K (CI 12) attended the Supreme dance competition in Cambridge at the weekend and not only had the most wonderful time with her dance friends but also placed in all her dances.



Sophie P (CI 11) took part in the Basildon and Phoenix Easter meet and had a full weekend of racing. Sophie swam in 6 events in the female age 9 category, achieving new PB times and winning medals in all. Her results were as follows:
50m butterfly - gold
50m breaststroke - gold
100m breaststroke - gold
50m backstroke - silver
50m freestyle - silver
100m freestyle - silver



Darcie H (CI 13) travelled to Gloucestershire to compete in the kickboxing national championships. It was a very tough competition, Darcie entered 5 mixed boys and girls divisions and won 4 Golds and 1 Silver. This qualifies her for team GB for the 4th year in a row.

Lyrical solo – 2nd place
Jazz solo – 1st place
Lyrical duet – 2nd place
Lyrical eclipse comp group – 1st place
Jazz group whipped into shape – 1st place
CYD electric avenue group – 1st place



Max C (CI 4) has passed his stage two swimming and got his medal and certificate.



Tommi A (CI 1) recently had his karate grading and achieved his orange belt!

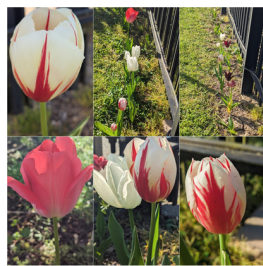
Eco-Council News

ALLOTMENT UPDATE

The beautiful tulips that the Eco Council and Year 5 planted in November are blooming and brightening up the school grounds- we have some purple, red and white tulips which definitely add a pop of colour to the front of the school- we kindly ask these are left untouched for the incoming bees and ladybirds.

On our return to school on after the Easter holidays the Eco Council discovered the Casablanca and Cristina potatoes had grown and had leaves! The children have now added more compost to the containers, this is called 'banking up' and helps stop the potatoes going green and protects them from any late spring frosts. The broad beans the Eco Council planted have now germinated and are growing quickly and we are relieved to see that the carrots survived the Easter holidays.

Some of the Eco Council have planted some onions this week and we hope to sow some lettuce very soon too!



EARTH DAY INFORMATION

As part of our Earth Day celebrations, we will be holding a Plant Power Lunch on Monday 20th April. We would love your support in encouraging the children to make a positive environmental impact by enjoying a plant-powered (plant-based) lunch on this day whether this is from our school dinner menu or a packed lunch from home.

Our chosen charity this year is the British Hedgehog Preservation Society; this encompasses the work we are doing for hedgehogs this year for our Hedgehog Friendly Schools award using this link to the just giving page- https://www.justgiving.com/page/oakfield-primary-6?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_launched

We also ask that, if you wish to donate to a charity, please consider our local South Essex Wildlife hospital who have an Amazon wish list and rely on public donations to help treat their orphaned and injured animals- please use this link to go to their wish list page- [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)

Next week the classes across the school will participate in some activities related to 'Planet versus Plastics' and learning about plastic pollution and how it affects our planet.

We look forward to updating you on our allotment news next week.

Warmest regards,
The Eco Council and Mrs Pinchback.



Community News

**Essex Fire Museum
Open Days 2026**



Sunday 26th Of April
10:30AM To 4:00PM
Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

Book Now 

Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

23 - 26 JULY 2026 Klarna HENHAM PARK, SUFFOLK

LATITUDE
the festival of education
BBC

Children's Poetry Competition

NOW OPEN FOR ENTRIES ON THE THEME OF GENERATIONS

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 7-11 *in*

SUFFOLK NORFOLK CAMBRIDGESHIRE
BEDFORDSHIRE HERTFORDSHIRE
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ESSEX
NORTHAMPTON

Submit your poems by
MIDDAY ON FRIDAY 24TH APRIL

FIND OUT MORE AT LATITUDEFESTIVAL.COM

The BBC and Latitude Festival are giving children between the ages of 7 & 11, the chance to perform as the opening act at this year's Latitude Festival.

We're looking for 6 young people to write an original poem on the theme of 'generations' to open the festival on the Waterfront Stage and LIVE on the radio, across the East of England, on Thursday 23rd July.

Here are the important bits:

- Entries must be submitted by midday on Friday 24th April.
- The competition is open to children aged 7-11 years who live or go to school in Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, or Suffolk.
- It must be an original poem of any length, up to 200 words, on the theme of 'generations'.
- One child will be chosen from each of the 6 BBC Local Radio stations in the east of England (Three Counties Radio, Essex, Radio Cambridgeshire, Radio Northamptonshire, Radio Norfolk & Radio Suffolk) and all 6 will get to perform their poem on stage with one over-all winner chosen from the six finalists.
- The six finalists will also receive a weekend family ticket to the festival.

Full terms, privacy notice and 'how to enter'

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4YJfvYJRDts8LL1jSPpRmp/childrens-poetry-competition-2026-for-bbc-east-and-the-latitude-festival>

MONDAY 25TH MAY TUESDAY 26TH MAY WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY THURSDAY 28TH MAY FRIDAY 29TH MAY

MEADOW CROFT
WE EXPLORE TO WELCOME BACK THE

TEQUILA CIRCUS

The magic of **México** in a circus!

3 SHOWS EACH DAY AT: 10:30AM, 1:30PM & 3:15PM

Five days of family fun with three shows a day!

All tickets just £7 (plus booking fee)

Tickets available instore or on our eventbrite page: [Scan the QR code with your smartphone](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meadow-croft-tequila-circus-tickets-1222048212099?aff=oddttdtcreator)



Please enter the promo code Meadowcircus26 to receive 20% ticket sales.

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A weekend of wildlife discovery!

WILDERNESS FOUNDATION UK

BioBlitz

May Bank Holiday weekend | Family Activities | Mann Wood, CM3 1PP (just off the A131 at Great Leighs, look for the sign!)

SATURDAY 2ND MAY
FROM 10AM

Join our friendly experts for hands-on adventures all day long:

- Butterfly Walk
- Fungi identification
- Plant and Wildflower Hunt
- Reptile Monitoring
- Bat Survey (from 7pm)

Family Forest Fun! Enjoy drop-in family activities.

SUNDAY 3RD MAY
7:30AM - 10AM

See wildlife up close with Bird Ringing & Small Mammal Surveying.

UNDER 13s GO FREE!

Book here 



Tel: 0300 123 3073 | www.wildernessfoundation.org.uk

2025-2026 Diary Dates

New calendar dates will be added in red

Summer Term (13th April – 20th July 2026)

Date	Event	Details
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	