



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

Welcome back to all our children and families

We hope you had a wonderful summer break. It has been fantastic to welcome the children back to school this week. They have returned with lots of smiling faces and a positive attitude, ready to learn and embrace the opportunities of a new school year. This week, we have been focusing on classroom and school routines, expectations, and our school values, alongside introducing learning in their new year groups.

A reminder that our Curriculum Meetings begin next week. Please refer to the school calendar for the date of your child's year group meeting. We look forward to welcoming as many parents as possible. During these sessions, we will share information about our curriculum, discuss year group-specific expectations, and explain how you can support your child's learning at home. The meetings will take place in the Small Hall from 3:20pm to 3:50pm.

During the summer, we found out that for the third consecutive year we have achieved our green flag with a distinction. Well done to the Eco team for their hard work last year as well as to all the children who participated in outdoor learning activities to look after and improve our school environment.



Please ensure that all children have their PE kits in school by Monday. All clothing and footwear should comply with our school uniform policy, and we kindly ask that all items are clearly named.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is always a priority at Oakfield. If anything has changed for your family over the summer or you feel you need any support, please contact Mrs Marsh. Please also be advised that the use of smart glasses or any other audio/photo/video recording device is not to be used on the school site for safety and security purposes. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Medical needs

We hope you had a happy and healthy break but if there are any changes to your child's medical needs, please update the school office as soon as possible so we can ensure we are able to appropriately support your child. Care Plans will be issued via Medical Tracker for parental review for any children who have a relevant medical need. Please ensure you keep an eye out for this email and review the Care Plan carefully as this is the information we will use to support your child's medical needs and therefore it needs to be accurate. You should be able to make amendments directly via Medical Tracker. If you have any queries, please direct these to Miss Lodge

Does your child have an allergy or asthma?

If so, the GP should be providing you with an allergy or asthma Care Plan. If you do not have one, or the one you have is out of date and your child's needs have changed, it is imperative you go to the GP and get a new one issued promptly, as this is the document that we use to create your child's Individual Health Care Plan. Both conditions can obviously have serious consequences if not managed in line with the correct health guidance so please do ensure we have the appropriate information to keep your child safe. If you have any queries, please direct these to Miss Lodge.

Our 3 school rules: Be safe. Be ready. Be respectful.

Dates for your diary

07/09/26

YR6 Curriculum Meeting
Parents
Small Hall 3.20 - 3.50pm

Reception Parents' Lunch
11.20am

08/09/26

YR5 Curriculum Meeting
Parents
Small Hall 3.20 - 3.50pm

09/09/26

YR4 Curriculum Meeting
Parents
Small Hall 3.20 - 3.50pm

11/09/26

Reception first full day

YR3 Curriculum Meeting
Parents
Small Hall 3.20 - 3.50pm

12/09/26

Secondary School Admissions 2027
open - Essex County Council online

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

07/09/2026

**Week 2 Autumn
Menu**

**Please remember to discuss
options with your child and
pre-order meals on the
MCAS App**

Achievement Certificates

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

Class 1		Class 8	Gabriella A & Bella I
Class 2		Class 9	Bluebell B & Fraser L
Class 3	Theodore I & Cillian M	Class 10	Jannat S & Chase W
Class 4	Tommy B & Molly U	Class 11	Teddy H & Daisy O
Class 5	Jamie D & Emma S	Class 12	Callum R & Amy T
Class 6	Xander D & Finley M	Class 13	Amelie L & Bella O
Class 7	Albie G & Lara L	Class 14	Chloe C & Seb M

Achievements from home

Well done everyone on your achievement



During the summer Lily-Aurora A (CI 6) has an excellent 6 weeks of achievements. She completed a swimming course to improve her skills and safety in the water as well as completing her next level in karate and was proud to receive her red belt.



During the summer Tommi A (CI 3) has completed his swimming course.

Both Lily-Aurora and Tommi took part in the Wickford library summer reading challenge.



When on holiday up in Scotland, Amelia W (CI 12) managed to climb Ben Nevis, the highest point in the UK. An 11mile technical hike, in all weather elements, this was really a great achievement!

Snowdon and Scafell Pike next!



Dear Parents/Carers,

As Children's Commissioner, I am writing to ask you to ensure all of your children complete my new survey, [The Big Future](#).

Under the Children Act 2004, it is my role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and I have done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children's surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition.

Now, for the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century. Yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That's why I'm launching my final survey, The Big Future.

Your students should complete the survey here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

I want to make sure that I hear from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country. To do that, I need your help.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today.

I would like all pupil responses **before the deadline of Friday 23 October.**

I will be publishing my findings next year, and they will be used to advocate at the highest level for solutions that children want to see, to the problems that they tell me are most important to them.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner

Community News



A promotional poster for Oakfield Primary School Clubs. At the top left is a shield logo with a soccer ball, tennis racket, and basketball, labeled 'JACK OF ALL SPORTS'. The main title 'OAKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL CLUBS' is in large, bold, black and red letters. Below the title, three icons provide details: a clock for '3:15PM UNTIL 4:20PM', a calendar for '7TH SEPTEMBER UNTIL 17TH DECEMBER', and a group of people for 'ALL CLUBS OPEN TO KS1 & KS2'. The poster lists three clubs: Monday Dodgeball Club (activities: Dodge, Duck, Dip, Dive and Fun!), Tuesday Football Club (activities: Social Kick About, Developing Skills and Playing Matches!), and Thursday Tennis Club (activities: Rallies, Games and Skills - Serve up some Fun!). A red banner at the bottom states '£4 PER SESSION' and 'FUN • FRIENDS • FITNESS EVERY SESSION!'. Below this, it says 'SPACES ARE LIMITED - BOOK NOW TO AVOID MISSING OUT!'. At the very bottom, it provides contact information: 'TO BOOK OR FIND OUT MORE PLEASE CONTACT: INFO@JACKOFALLSPORTS.CO.UK | 07919 888093' along with social media icons for Facebook and Instagram, and a QR code.

☀️ Summer of Sport Continues Across Basildon

The summer fun isn't over yet! If you're looking for fun, low-cost and FREE activities to keep active and entertained, there's still plenty to get involved in across Basildon.

🎉 End of Summer Fun Day

Not ready for summer to end? Join us for the End of Summer Fun Day and celebrate the season in style.

 **17** Saturday 19 September 2026

 Basildon Sporting Village

Enjoy a range of activities, meet local organisations and community groups, and make the most of the final weeks of summer with friends and family.

⚽ Sports activities

 Have-a-go sessions

 Family fun

 Community stalls and information

Whether you're looking to try something new, get active, or find out what's happening in your local area, this promises to be a fantastic day for the whole community.

👉 Come along and help us round off the summer with a fun-filled day of activity and community spirit. ☀️👏

2026-2027 Diary Dates

New calendar dates will be added in red

Autumn Term (1st September – 18th December 2026)

Date	Event	Details
W/C: 7.09.26		
Monday 7th September 2026	Year 6 Curriculum meeting	Year 6 parents. Small Hall 3.20-3.50pm
	Reception parents' lunch 11.20am	
Tuesday 8th September 2026	Year 5 Curriculum meeting	Year 5 parents. Small Hall 3.20-3.50pm
Wednesday 9th September 2026	Year 4 Curriculum meeting	Year 4 parents. Small Hall 3.20-3.50pm
Friday 11th September 2026	Reception first full day	
	Year 3 Curriculum meeting	Year 3 parents. Small Hall 3.20-3.50pm
Saturday 12th September 2026	Secondary school admissions 2027 applications open	Year 6 parents Via Essex County Council online
W/C : 14.09.26		
Monday 14th September 2026	Year 1 Curriculum meeting	Year 1 parents. Small Hall 3.20-3.50pm
Wednesday 16th September 2026	Reception Curriculum meeting	Reception parents. Small Hall 3.20-3.50pm

Wednesday 16th September 2026	National Fitness Day	Children to wear sports clothing
Thursday 17th September 2026	Year 2 Curriculum meeting	Year 2 parents. Small Hall 3.20-3.50pm
Thursday 17th September 2026	Year 6 PGL money and medication drop off	Year 6 parents in Treehouse 2.45-3.30pm
W/C: 21.09.26		
Monday 21st to Friday 25th September 2026	Year 6 PGL – Little Canada	
Monday 21st Wednesday 23rd and Friday 25th September 2026	Book Fair	3.15-3.45pm Small Hall
W/C: 28.09.26		
Swimming lessons – class 11 and year 6 (see swimming letter for timetable and more information)		
W/C: 5.10.2		
TBC	Black History Month	
Swimming lessons – class 11 and year 6 (see swimming letter for timetable and more information)		
Thursday 8th October 2026	Phonics and Reading Parent workshop	8.50-9.30am Large Hall
Friday 9th October 2026	Autumn 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: 12.10.26		
Swimming lessons – classes 9, 10 and 12 (see swimming letter for timetable and more information)		

Tuesday 13th October 2026	Prospective Reception Intake 2027 Parent Tours	9.30am and 4.00pm (Pre book spaces with school office)
Wednesday 14th October 2026	PGL 2027 information meeting	Year 5 parents 3.20-4.00pm Large Hall
Friday 16th October 2026	Flu immunisation	
W/C: 19.10.26		
NO STAFF LED CLUBS this week. No external clubs <u>after school</u> on Wednesday or Thursday		
Swimming lessons – classes 9, 10 and 12 (see swimming letter for timetable and more information)		
Wednesday 21st October 2026	Parents consultation meetings	3.30-6.00pm
Thursday 22nd October 2026	Parent workshop: writing	8.50-9.30am Large hall
	Parents consultation meetings	3.30-6.30pm
26th – 30th October 2026: Half Term		
Saturday 31st October 2026	Secondary school admissions 2027 application closes	Year 6 parents Via Essex County Council online
W/C: 2.11.26		
Monday 2nd November 2026	INSET day	Children not in school
Tuesday 3rd November 2026	Laser show	FOO event Time TBC
Thursday 5th November	Individual photographs	
Friday 6th November 2026	Break the Rules day	FOO event

W/C: 9.11.26		
Monday 9th November 2026	Primary school admissions 2027 application opens	New intake reception 2027 parents via Essex County Council online
Wednesday 11th November 2026	Remembrance Day	
Thursday 12th November 2026	Prospective Reception Intake 2027 Parent Tours	9.30am and 4.00pm (Prebook spaces with school office)
Friday 13th November 2026	Pre-loved Christmas Jumper sale	FOO - Treehouse 3pm
W/C: 16.11.2		
Monday 16th – Friday 20th November 2026	Anti-bullying week	Theme: Break the silence
Monday 16th November 2026	Odd Sock Day	Children to wear odd socks to school
Wednesday 18th November 2026	Year 3 trip to Museum of Power	During the school day
Thursday 19th November 2026	Prospective Reception Intake 2027 Parent Tours	9.30am (Prebook spaces with school office)
Friday 20th November 2026	Children in Need	More information to follow School council to organise
W/C: 23.11.25		
Tuesday 24th November 2026	Whole school book look	3.20-3.50pm Enter classrooms through pod door
Thursday 26th November 2026	Parent workshop: Maths	8.50-9.30am Large Hall
	Non uniform day for Christmas Bazaar donations	FOO event

Friday 27th November 2026	INSET day	Children not in school
W/C: 30.11.26		
Wednesday 2nd December 2026	Name the Candy Cane	FOO – more details to follow
Friday 4th December 2026	Christmas Bazaar	FOO event 3:30-5:30pm
	Year 6 coffee and Christmas Carols assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 6 parents
W/C: 7.12.26		
Monday 7th December 2026	Years 4 and 5 Christmas performances	9.00am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 8th December 2026	Years 2 and 3 Christmas performances	9.00am and 2.00pm
Wednesday 9th December 2026	Years R and 1 Christmas performances	9.00am and 2.00pm
Friday 11th December 2026	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas lunch Christmas Wishroom (FOO)	
W/C: 14.12.26		
Tuesday 15th December 2026	Whole school Panto trip to the Towngate Theatre	During the morning, in school time
Thursday 17th December 2026	Christmas class parties	More details to follow
Friday 18th December 2026	Last day of term	
W/C: 21.12.26	Christmas Holiday	

W/C: 28.12.26	

Spring Term (4th January – 26th March 2027)		
Date	Event	Details
W/C: 4.01.27		
Monday 4th January 2027	First day back	
Thursday 7th January 2027	Prospective Reception Intake 2027 Parent Tours	9.30am (Pre book spaces with school office)
W/C: 11.01.27		
Thursday 15th January 2027	Primary school admission 2027 application closes	New intake reception 2027 parents via Essex County Council online
W/C: 18.01.27		
Wednesday 20th January 2027	Year 6 trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum	Children in school for 8am and returning at 3.30pm
W/C: 25.01.27		
Wednesday 27th January 2027	Year 1 workshop: History through Toys	In school workshop
W/C: 1.02.27		
Thursday 4th February 2027	Year 2 workshop: History of Flight	In school workshop
	Reception workshop: Storytelling through Lego	In school workshop
W/C: 8.02.2	Children's Mental Health week	
Tuesday 9th February 2027	Whole school book look	3.20-3.50pm Enter classrooms through pod door
	Safer Internet Day	Theme: Too good to be true?
Thursday 11th February 2027	Break the rules day	FOO event
Friday 12th February 2027	INSET day	Children not in school

15th – 19th February 2027: Half Term		
W/C: 22.02.27		
Thursday 25th February 2027	Year 5 Ancient Greek workshop	In school event
W/C: 1.03.27		
Monday 1st March 2027	Secondary school places offered	Year 6 parents From Essex County Council
Thursday 4th March 2027	World Book Day	Dress up and Spud-tacular More details to follow
	FOO: Pre-loved book sale	In school
Friday 5th March 2027	Mother's Day Wishroom	In school event organised by FOO
W/C: 8.03.27		
Science week		
W/C: 15.03.27		
Friday 19th March 2027	Comic Relief/ Sports relief	TBC
W/C: 22.03.27		
Wednesday 24th March 2027	Parents consultation meetings	3.30-6pm
	FOO: Easter Egg hunt	More details to follow
Thursday 25th March 2027	Parents consultation meetings	3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 25th March 2027	Oakfield's Got Talent	In school event

	Last day of term	
Friday 26th March 2027	Good Friday	Children not in school
W/C: 29.03.27	Easter Holiday	
W/C: 5.04.27		

Summer Term (12th April – 21st July 2027)

Date	Event	Details
W/C: 12.04.27		
Monday 12th April 2027	First day back	
Friday 16th April 2027	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
	Primary school allocations 2027	New intake 2027 parents From Essex County Council
W/C: 19.04.27		
Thursday 22nd April 2027	Earth Day	Organised by the Eco-Council. More information to follow
W/C: 26.04.27		
Tuesday 27th April 2027	Year 4 trip to Layer Marney Tower	During the school day
W/C: 3.05.27		
Monday 3rd May 2027	Bank Holiday	
Thursday 6th May 2027	Reception trip to Barleylands	During the school day
W/C: 10.05.27		
Monday 10th - Thursday 13th May 2027	Year 6 SATs week	Year 6 children
Wednesday 12th May 2027	Year 2 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 2 parents

Thursday 13th May 2027	Year 1 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 1 parents
Friday 14th May 2027	Reception Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Reception parents
	Year 6 park visit	(Weather dependent)
	FOO: Wonderlicious Sale	After school
W/C: 17.05.27		
Monday 17th, Wednesday 19th and Friday 21st May 2027	Book Fair	3.15-3.45pm Small Hall
Monday 17th May 2027	Year 4 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 4 parents
Tuesday 18th May 2027	Year 3 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 3 parents
	Year 4 workshop: Science of sound	In school workshop
Wednesday 19th May 2027	Year 5 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 5 parents
Thursday 20th May 2027	Year 6 Journey around the Curriculum	2.30pm Large Hall Year 6 parents
Friday 21st May 2027	Sports day	9.00-11.30am Key Stage 2 11.45am-12.45pm Picnic lunch

		1.00-3.00pm EYFS/ Key Stage 1
W/C: 24.05.27		
Wednesday 26th May 2027	Stay and play coffee morning – new reception intake 2027	9.00-10.00am Reception new intake parents 2027
Friday 28th May 2027	Reserve day for sports day	9.00-11.30am Key Stage 2 11.45am-12.45pm Picnic lunch 1.00-3.00pm EYFS/ Key Stage 1
31st May – 4th June 2027: Half Term		
W/C: 7.06.27		
Monday 7th June 2027	INSET day	Children not in school
Tuesday 8th – Friday 11th June 2027	Year 4 Multiplication Check week 1	Year 4 children
Tuesday 8th June 2027	Non uniform day for summer fete donations	FOO event
Friday 11th June 2027	Summer fete	FOO event- 3.30-5.30pm more details to follow
W/C: 14.06.27		
Monday 14th – Friday 18th June 2027	Year 4 Multiplication Check week 2	Year 4 children
Monday 14th – Friday 18th June 2027	Year 1 Phonics Screening	Year 1 children
Monday 14th June 2027	Class photographs	
Thursday 17th June 2027	Year 3 workshop: Ancient Egyptians	
Friday 18th June 2027	Father's Day Wishroom	In school event organised by FOO

W/C: 21.06.27		
Wednesday 23rd June 2027	2nd Reserve day for sports day	
Thursday 24th June 2027	Year 6 Transition Day	
	New Reception intake stay, play and storytime session	9.30-11.00am Reception intake 2027 children and parents
	Book look and meet the new teacher	3.20-4.00pm – parents to enter classrooms through pod door
Friday 25th June 2027	Year 6 Transition Day	
	New Reception intake stay, play and storytime session	9.30-11.00am Reception intake 2027 children and parents
W/C: 28.06.27		
Wednesday 30th June 2027	Year 6 PGL meeting	Year 5 parents 3.20-4pm Large hall
Friday 2nd July 2027	Reception intake 2027 meeting and Teddy Bear's Picnic	9.30-11.15am – Large Hall
	Year 5 taster day - Bromfords	Year 5 children, during the school day
W/C: 5.07.27		
Wednesday 7th July 2027	Year 5 taster day – Beauchamps	Year 5 children, during the school day
	Year 6 play	5.00pm Large Hall Year 6 parents

Friday 9th July 2027	Reports out to parents	
	Rainbow Run	FOO event
W/C: 12.07.27		
Monday 12th July 2027	Year R end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Reception parents
Tuesday 13th July 2027	Year 1 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 1 parents
Wednesday 14th July 2027	Year 2 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 2 parents
Thursday 15th July 2027	Year 3 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 3 parents
Friday 16th July 2027	Year 4 end of year celebration assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 4 parents
	Rainbow Run contingency	FOO event
W/C: 19.07.27		
Monday 19th July 2027	Year 5 end of year celebration assembly	9am Large Hall Year 5 parents
Wednesday 21st July 2027	Year 6 leavers assembly	9.00am Large Hall Year 6 parents
	Last day of term	

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*Year 1 and 5 class trips – awaiting confirmation of date/ TBC