



Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

This week most of our year 6 children have been on their PGL Little Canada trip. We hope they have all had an amazing time and look forward to hearing about it on their return to school. Our year 6 children who have stayed in school have also had a busy week.

Here is a note from Charlie V and Fern; "We had a visit from a beekeeper. He told us facts about bees including how they lay their eggs in the honeycomb and then cover them up. He bought in some things to show us including goggles that show us what the bees can see." They have also taken part in scavenger hunts, looked at Vincent Van Gough art including using oil pastels to draw their own sunflower, gardening and working with the Wickford Wombles to look after the school grounds.

For year 6 parents, secondary school admissions is now open for September 2027. All school applications need to be completed by Saturday 31st October 2026. All information can be found on the Essex County Council website

Secondary school places | Essex County Council and you must apply via the Essex Education Portal (the link is on the website) [Secondary school places](#) | [Essex County Council](#).

It has been lovely to see lots of parents and children purchasing books from our book fair this week. Our school expectation is children read at least 5 times a week.

Swimming lessons start next week, and we now have the pool on our top playground. Please could we ask you to keep children away from the pool before and after school.

Our new intake photograph will be in the Echo on Tuesday 6th October.

Harvest Festival - 6th October 2026

We will be supporting the Wickford Food Bank this year. On Tuesday 6th October, please could the children come in to school with donations. They would be very grateful for donations in the following categories:

Packet rice, Packet cereal or porridge
Tinned meat, Tinned fish
Tinned fruit, Long-life milk
Tea, Coffee
Tinned vegetables, Tinned potatoes
Tinned tomatoes, Pasta sauce
Jam, Marmalade

We are also grateful to receive donations of toiletry items - shower gel, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and feminine hygiene products.

FOO Uniform sale dates:

Friday 2nd October 2026, Friday 16th October 2026 & Friday 19th March 2027
From 3pm in the Treehouse

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

Dates for your diary

28/09/26

Swimming lessons
Class 11 & YR6

02/10/26

FOO Uniform Sale
Treehouse from 3pm

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:

28/09/2026

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	Hudson H	Class 8	Kimberly D
Class 2	Leo M	Class 9	Zuzanna W
Class 3	Evan F	Class 10	Arthur D
Class 4	Theodore M	Class 11	Ayda A
Class 5	Daniel C	Class 12	Isla F
Class 6	Connie G	Class 13	Lily A, Reina D, Charlotte H, Bella O & Charlie K
Class 7	Albie G	Class 14	Fearne A, Lilly-Ann J & Charlie V

Attendance

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole school
CI 1 - 98.1% CI 3 - 96.7% CI 5 & 6 - 100%	CI 7 - 100% CI 9 - 98% CI 11 - 98.8% CI 12 - 98.5%	96.7%

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

Achievements from home

Well done everyone on your achievement



Hudson H (Cl 1) achieved player of the week at football this week and got a medal for the most sit-ups in 20 secs in his age category 4-6 years old with 12 sit-ups at karate.



Grace B (Cl 9) was very pleased to receive her Silver Endeavour Trophy in Karate! This is an achievement recognition to honor hard work, persistence and dedication.

Premier Education



OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUBS

Loads of activities. Tonnes of fun.
For children aged 4-11.



BOOK TODAY!

Happy Kids. Healthy Futures. | Holiday clubs | Wraparound care | Before and After-school clubs



School's out!

Our 5-star kids' Autumn Holiday Camps are in!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Premier Education are very excited to announce that we will be offering a Multi-Activity camp during the October Half-term at Oakfield Primary School. We aim to offer parents a convenient and affordable service where children can have fun and feel safe in familiar surroundings. We hope our experience and extensive offering of activities will ensure there is something for every child to enjoy.

Please see further details below:

Option 1

Multi-Activity

Venue: Oakfield Primary School, SS12 9PW

Dates: **Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th October 2026**

Time: 9 am – 4:00 pm

Ages: 4 - 11 - (4-year-olds must be in Reception Year Group)

Price: **£19.95 per day**

Option 2

Multi-Activity

Venue: Oakfield Primary School, SS12 9PW

Dates: **Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th October 2026**

Time: 8:30 am – 5:30pm

Ages: 4-11- (4-year-olds must be in Reception Year Group)

Price: **£24.95 per day**

Our Autumn Holiday camps are designed to help your children get active, introduce them to new and exciting activities, and create a fun-filled experience they will remember forever.

Offers

Save 10% when you book all available days in a week!

Save 10% on your 2nd child with our sibling discount!

How to book: <https://www.premier-education.com/holiday-camps/>. Book a Course and use the postcode SS12

Spaces are limited to 32 per day, so book quickly to avoid disappointment!

Please email - Rclark@premier-education.com or epollard@premier-education.com with any questions or requests.

Kind regards,

Premier Team!

YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CLUB...

Venue: Oakfield Primary School, SS12 9PW

Dates: Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th October 2026.

Times: Standard option: 9 am – 4:00pm Extended - 8:30 am – 5.30pm

Price: Standard option £19.95. Extended option £24.95

Ages: 4 - 11 - (4-year-olds must be in Reception Year Group)

Additional info: Save 10% when you book all available days in a week!

Looking for something exciting this October half-term? Our multi-activity holiday clubs are packed with fun, energy, and variety for children of all ages!

Each day brings something new – from archery and fencing to dodgeball, cricket, and loads more. With a mix of sports, team games, and seasonal crafts, there's never a dull moment.

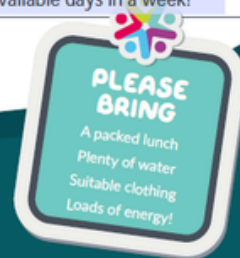
Book now for a half-term full of fun!

CLUBS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!



TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!

*T&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.



Excellent



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Community News



South Autumn Term The Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshow

Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows.

You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.

The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!

Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm

Wednesday 21 October 2026

Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, South Benfleet, SS7 5HA



Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:
<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>

In Partnership with



Asthma Newsletter Winter 2026

Mid and South Essex
Community Collaborative

Did you know flu is a major trigger for asthma attacks?

Want to know how to protect your child this winter?
Follow the Community Children's Asthma Nurses top tips:

- Take your **preventer** inhaler everyday.
- Always use a **spacer** unless you have a dry powder inhaler.
- Make sure you get your **flu vaccine**.



We need a spacer to ensure the medicine gets to our lungs.



What does a "preventer" inhaler do?

- It reduces the swelling and inflammation within the airway in the lungs.
- This makes the airways less sensitive to asthma triggers.
- Using it every day as prescribed, will mean you need to take your rescue (blue) inhaler less.

According to UKHSA data the flu vaccine is up to 75% effective at preventing hospital attendances due to flu.



What is good asthma control?

- No symptoms during the day.
- No symptoms waking them at night.
- Able to complete all normal activities including PE.
- Little/no need for the rescue (blue) inhaler.

If you are worried that your child's asthma is not controlled despite preventer treatment, please visit your GP for an asthma review and why not discuss referral to the Children's Community Asthma Service.





KARATE

**NOW ENROLLING BEGINNERS
CONTACT US TO BOOK A FREE TRIAL**

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES AT THIS SCHOOL

SENSEI JO - 07958 057406 or 01621 335899
www.tokonkai-karate.co.uk



AFTER SCHOOL KARATE AT OAKFIELD SCHOOL Now enrolling beginners



Tokon Kai Karate has been established and run by full time professionally qualified instructors for over 25 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-termly 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
info@tokonkai-karate.co.uk
For further information please visit our website -
www.tokonkai-karate.co.uk



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

2026-2027 Diary Dates

New calendar dates will be added in red

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

Date	Event	Details
W/C: 28.09.26		
Swimming lessons – class 11 and year 6 (see swimming letter for timetable and more information)		
Friday 2nd October 2026	FOO Uniform Sale	Treehouse from 3pm
W/C: 5.10.26		
TBC	Black History Month	
Swimming lessons – class 11 and year 6 (see swimming letter for timetable and more information)		
Tuesday 6th October 2026	Harvest Festival	Food bank donations appreciated
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	

Friday 16th October 2026	FOO Uniform Sale	Treehouse from 3.00pm
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)		
Monday 19th October 2026	Beauchamps visiting Year 6	Year 6 Pupils During the school day
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: 16.11.26		
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)
	Light up Wickford Christmas Lights switch on 4-5pm – Key Stage 2 choir	More details to follow
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
	Rocksteady concert	9am large hall - For parents of children who attend the music lessons
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		
Wednesday 3rd February 2027	Young Voices – O2	Key stage 2 choir – more details to follow
Thursday 4th February 2027	Year 2 workshop: History of Flight	In school workshop
	Reception workshop: Storytelling through Lego	In school workshop
W/C: 8.02.27	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
Wednesday 3rd March 2027	Rocksteady concert	9am large hall - For parents of children who attend the music lessons
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
Friday 19th March 2027	FOO Uniform Sale	Treehouse from 3pm
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
Friday 30th April 2027	Year 1 trip to Hyde Hall	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	Rocksteady concert	9am large hall - For parents of children who attend the music lessons
	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 –	Year 5 children, during the

	Beauchamps	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	

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