Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

This week we welcomed some familiar faces as well as new families into school as part of our new intake 2027 tours. Thank you to our year 6 children who supported with these and who were great ambassadors of the school. We are continuing these tours after half term so if you have any friends or family with children who will be starting school in September 2027, please contact the school office to book in for a tour.

A reminder for year 6 parents - the secondary school application deadline is approaching. If you have not already done so, please ensure you apply for your child's secondary school place by 31st October 2026. This is done via the Essex County Council website:

https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary-school-places

Next week we have our parent consultations on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October. Please enter via the school office and wait outside your child's class. A reminder that there are no staff led clubs next week and no external clubs on Wednesday and Thursday. If your child normally attends a club, please ensure alternative arrangements have been made. Thank you

Next week (Thursday 22nd October) we are holding our next parent information session. This will focus on writing and spelling; what we teach across all year groups, how we teach it and how you could help at home. This will be in the large hall straight after drop off 8.45-9.30am. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

Christmas Support for Families

As Christmas approaches, we understand that this can be a particularly difficult time for some families, especially with the additional costs and pressures that this time of year can bring.
If your family is experiencing financial difficulties and you feel you may benefit from a little extra support this Christmas, please do not hesitate to get in touch.
We may be able to put your family's name forward to receive a Christmas gift from a charity that we work with. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that support will be available for everyone, but we would like to offer the opportunity for families to be considered.
If you would like to be considered, please email Mrs Marsh (marsh@oakfield.essex.sch.uk) privately by 9th November. All requests will be treated with sensitivity, and any gifts received will be distributed confidentially and discreetly.
We understand that asking for help can sometimes be difficult, so please be assured that there is no judgement. We want to do what we can to support our families and help make Christmas a little brighter.
Thank you.

Dates for your diary

NO STAFF LED CLUBS this week.
No external clubs after school on Wednesday or Thursday

19/10/26
Swimming lessons
Class 12 & YR4

Beauchamps School visiting YR6
Year 6 - During the day

21/10/26
Parents Writing Workshop
8.50 - 9.30am - Large Hall

Parents Consultation Meetings
3.30 - 6.00pm

22/10/26
Parent Consultation Meetings
3.30 - 6.30pm

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:
19/10/2026
Week 2 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	Leo B	Class 8	Hallie H
Class 2	River H	Class 9	Sadie G
Class 3	Tommi A	Class 10	Freddie M
Class 4	Mateo S	Class 11	Flora M
Class 5	Leo J	Class 12	Teddy A
Class 6	Ana-Luiza G	Class 13	Mollie B
Class 7	Zachary D	Class 14	Max O

Attendance

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole school
Class 1, 3 & 4 - 98.5% Class 2 - 96.9% Class 3 & 4 - 98.5% Class 6 - 99%	Class 7 - 96.6% Class 9 - 97.2% Class 10 - 97% Class 12 - 97.6% Class 13 - 99.2% Class 14 - 96.2%	97.3%

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

House Points

Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
34	33	33	40

Well done to this week's winning houses - NORMANS Green

Achievements from home

Well done everyone on your achievement

Grayson H (Cl 8) completed his karate test and obtained his 5th red stripe and is now a provisional 10th KYU.

Hudson H (Cl 1) completed his karate test and obtained his 2nd red stripe and is now a 12th KYU.

Noah G (Cl 11) has been working hard in his swimming lessons and has achieved his goldfish 2 award.

Albie G (Cl 7) has been working hard in his swimming lessons and has got his learn to swim 6 award.

Iris G (Cl 3) has been working hard in her swimming lessons and has got her 10-metre distance award.

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

Primary Age Drop In

The School Age team at Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Services will now be providing drops ins for parents/carers at your child's primary school. The drops ins are available for all parents/carers of primary aged children.

The Team can offer support around.

- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Improving sleep
- Nutrition support
- Physical health
- Personal hygiene
- Managing health conditions
- Signposting, advice and support

No need to book just come along.

Primary School Age drop ins, at your child's school.

9am-10am

18th November 2026

Please check with your school when your allocated dates are.

For more information

Tel-0300 247 0013- (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

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Premier Education

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!

PLEASE BRING
A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

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

Excellent
Trustpilot

Premier Education

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!

Community News

Essex ActivAte October Half-Term 2026

Looking for free activities this half-term? Essex ActivAte, delivered by Active Essex and Essex County Council, offers fun physical, creative and enrichment activities, plus healthy meals and snacks for children and young people across Essex.

No voucher code or referral required
Places available for children eligible for benefits-based free school meals, low-income working families, vulnerable young people, and those experiencing social isolation or inactivity
Activities include:
Sports, arts and crafts clubs
SEND provision
Mental wellbeing sessions
Teen Sessions

Find a provider and book your place:

Search for Activities | Active Essex

Wickford Town Carnival Court Applications Now Open! 👑

Would your child like to represent Wickford as a community ambassador in the upcoming Carnival Court? Applications are officially open for children living in the SS11 and SS12 postcode areas:
Princess or Prince: Ages 7+
Queen or King: Ages 12+
It's a fantastic opportunity for local children to get involved, make unforgettable memories, build confidence, wear gorgeous crowns, and represent our town!
Application Deadline: November 30
Apply online : https://form.jotform.com/262742249538364

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: 19.10.		
NO STAFF LED CLUBS this week. No external clubs after school 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
Wednesday 18th November 2026	School Nurse Drop-In for Parents	9.00 – 10.00am Parents - Treehouse
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 9h 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: 8.02.2	**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
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 – 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	

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