Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

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Weekly News

On Monday all the children took part in outdoor learning activities. It was lovely to see a variety of different activities across the school. EYFS took part in a sound walk and teddy bear breathing; year 1 learnt to tie knots, year 2 used leaves to make a self-portrait; year 3 made rafts; year 4 used the fire pit; year 5 went on a minibeast hunt and year 6 did den building. A great afternoon spent outside!

Well done to our Netball team who took part in a rally with other local school on Tuesday and came 2nd. They showed great teamwork and understanding of the game as well as representing our school.

On Wednesday the children attended our school assembly to learn about Remembrance Day. They took part in a 2-minute silence to show their respect.

On Thursday we hosted our EYFS new intake tours and welcomed lots of families who came to look at our school. Well done to the year 6 children who took the parents on a tour of the school. We had lots of positive feedback about how well they did and how helpful and informative they were.

Admissions for Reception school places 2027 opened this week and close on Friday 15th January 2027. If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 you need to apply for a school place via the Essex County Council website.
Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.
Even if there is a sibling at the school, you will need to apply if you have a child due to start Reception next September.

Next week is the Wickford Christmas light switch on, and our school choir will be singing at the event. We hope to see lots of parents and children supporting them. We also have Antibullying week next week and the children are invited to wear odd socks with their school uniform.

The school council organised our Children in Need day on Friday. It was great to see lots of Pudsey outfits, spotty clothing or non-uniform. The children enjoyed their themed school dinner decided by the school council.

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation. Donations can still be made here:
Children in Need 2026 - Oakfield Primary School is taking on Challenge Yourself for BBC Children in Need

Dates for your diary

16 – 20th November 2026
Anti-bullying Week
Theme : Break the Silence

16/11/26
Odd Sock Day
(Children to wear odd socks)

18/11/26
YR3 Trip to the Museum of Power

18/11/26
School Nurse Drop-In for Parents
9.00 – 10.00am
Parents - Treehouse

19/11/26
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

Lunch Menu

Week commencing:
16/11/2026
Week 3 New Aut/Spring Menu

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

Key Stage 2 School Dinner Price Increase of 20p per meal – From 1st April 2027

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	Elyon I	Class 8	Harley P
Class 2	Mohammed A	Class 9	Riley E
Class 3	Oliver H	Class 10	Charlotte C
Class 4	Micah C	Class 11	Kieran M
Class 5	Kadesh A	Class 12	Myla R
Class 6	Melody M	Class 13	Abigail M
Class 7	Timo E	Class 14	Charlie V

Attendance

EYFS & KS1	KS2	Whole school
Class 2 - 98.4% Class 3 - 99.3% Class 4 - 98.9% Class 5 - 98.9%	Class 8 - 96% Class 10 - 100%	96.3%

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

House Points

Romans	Saxons	Vikings	Normans
33	35	36	39

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

Achievements from home

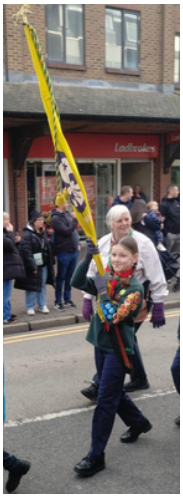
Well done everyone on your achievement



Isla B (Cl 7) took part in remembrance Sunday for the first time with Beavers and was honoured to carry the flag for the troupe. She took an interest in the purpose of Remembrance Day and did her troupe proud with her friends.



Casper B (Cl 2) took part in his first Remembrance parade with his Squirrels Drey. They are the only Squirrel Drey in Wickford only starting in April. He marched with the rest of the scout groups in Wickford and stood by the memorial while the service took place.



Sophie P (Cl 13) was the flag bearer for her cub group (1st Wickford Unicorns) at Sunday's Service of Remembrance in Wickford. She also led her cub pack with the laying of the poppy crosses.



Charlie G (Cl 7) was very happy that he received the trophy for player of the week at Wickford Town the new club he has recently joined.



Elijah H (Cl played amazing at the weekend and received man of the match. He scored 5 goals, showed fantastic teamwork and made lots of brilliant passes.

Eco-Council News

Oakfield Primary School Named Eco-School of the Year 2026!

We are celebrating after being selected as one of England's Eco-School of the Year 2026 winners. The prestigious awards were announced last week, recognising outstanding schools across the country for their commitment to protecting the environment and inspiring positive change and Oakfield Primary was chosen out of thousands of schools across England!

Francis Hyland, Eco-Schools Coordinator at Keep Britain Tidy, commented:

"We were so impressed with your application and really inspired by it. The sheer variety and amount of activities delivered was amazing, as was the level of engagement from pupils. What was once a dead space is now supplying food for your school, we loved that you were sharing advice with families on zero waste lunchboxes, and we loved the renovation of your pond. Honestly, it's such a delight to see you've thought about what you already have and decided to improve it! Your application was so inspirational and we can't wait to see what you get up to next!"

We have already planted trees from the Woodland Trust and taken part in an outdoor classroom afternoon as part of our school grounds, biodiversity and healthy living Eco topics. Our Eco team have started their energy checks around the school, we have continued to recycle our pens, glue lids and batteries and we have a lot more planned for throughout the year.

A full Eco update will be on the website at the end of the Autumn term.

Heidi Pinchback

ECO HERO – A Wildlife Rescue

Theo R (Cl 3) recently rescued a tiny baby hoglet and took it safely to the Essex Wildlife Hospital. Upon their arrival, a staff member showed Theo that the hoglet had a small injury on its tummy, so Theo was very glad that he took it in to get proper care. Theo was a huge help throughout the rescue, carefully wearing gloves to help look after the hoglet.





Community News



Key Dates for Winter 2026
Date Activity
16 November, 12 noon Winter bookings open and voucher codes are released to eligible families
21 December - 1 January Winter programme delivery





* Sunday 22nd November 2026
* Sunday 13th December 2026 (Christmas open day – with Santa's grotto).
Tickets for the grotto can be purchased on site.

The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only as they are on the site of an operational fire station).
If families are interested, could they please make a booking via Eventbrite:

Sunday 22nd November: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/essex-fire-museum-open-day-tickets-1974859474851?aff=erelpanelorg
Sunday 13th December: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/essex-fire-museum-open-day-tickets-1974859474851?aff=erelpanelorg

Suggested last admissions are 2.30pm. This is just so that people have enough time to experience everything on site.

2026-2027 Diary Dates

New calendar dates will be added in red

Autumn Term (1st September – 18th December 2026)		
Date	**Event**	**Details**
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
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		
Mon	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		

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
	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
	Whole school outdoor learning	More information to follow
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