



Oakfield Schools

8th May 2026



Dear all

We just wanted to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of the determined effort the children of Year 6 have shown this year. We are excited to have the opportunity next week to support our pupils in showing us all they know during the Year 6 Assessment Week. We know the children will be fantastic - they keep proving that to us!

Please encourage all Year 6 to attend our fabulous breakfast which will run Monday to Thursday as super preparation for our children as they get stuck in with their SATS. Time to shine!

What's happening next week

Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATs Year 6 PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 1/ 2 CR Year 5 PE KS1 Karate Club (after school) KS2 Guitar Club (after school)
Tuesday 12th May	Year 6 SATs Reception PE Year 4 PE KS1 Little Kickers (before school) KS1 Multiskills (after school) KS1 Games Club (after school) KS2 Ukulele (after school)
Wednesday 13th May	Year 6 SATs Year 1/ 2 BG PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 5B PE – 5R Swimming KS1 Happy Feet Dance (after school)
Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs Reception PE Year 4 PE KS2 Guitar Club (after school)
Friday 15th May	Year 1/ 2BG PE Year 1/ 2 CR Year 6 PE KS2 Oakfield Band (after school)

Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
w/b 11/05/26	SATS week	
w/b 18/05/26	Sports week	
22/05/26	Gateshead Saltwell Park fun run	
w/b 01/06/26	Learning plan review week	tbc
04/06/26	Y1 and 2 parents meeting	
w/b 08/06/26	KS1 Phonics check week	
15/06/26	Class photographs day	
19/6/26	Non uniform Day	
01/07/26	Summer Fair	15.30
08/07/26	Reports out to parents	
13/07/26	Year 6 leavers concert	17.30
14/07/26	Reception summer picnic	pm
10/07/26	South shields leavers trip	
15/07/26	Year1/2 summer picnic	pm
17/07/25	Occasional day – School closed	
18/07/26	Start of Summer holidays	

Curricula enrichment activities throughout the year		
Year group	Destination	Date
R	Northern Stage Theatre	11/12/25
	Tynemouth Aquarium	9/07/26
	Trip to the library	tbc
1 / 2	Centre for Life	05/11/25
	Washington Wetlands	2/07/26
	Church and Library	tbc
	Fun run	22/05/26
3	Panto	11/12/25
	Laing Art Gallery – Sketching	21/01/26
	Fun run	22/05/26
	Jewish Community local walk	tbc
	Durham University Oriental Museum– Egypt	03/06/26
4	Sunderland winter Gardens Geography Trip	21/10/25
	Panto	11/12/25
	Jarrow Hall – history trip	20/04/26
	Fun run	22/05/26
5	Panto	11/12/25
	Shipcote Art Gallery – in school workshop	tbc
	Centre for life – Science day	27/01/26
	Shipcote Art Gallery – Art (awaiting booking window to open)	tbc
	Fun run	22/05/26
6	Lockerbie Manor residential	26-28/11/25
	Panto	11/12/25
	Fun run	22/05/26
	Field work enquiry	tbc
	Trip to South Shields – Leaver's celebration	10/07/26

2025 – 2026 Term Dates	
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Autumn 1	02/09/25 – 23/10/25
Autumn 2	03/11/25 – 19/12/25
Spring 1	06/01/26 – 20/02/26
Spring 2	02/03/26 – 02/04/26
Summer 1	20/04/26 – 22/05/26
Summer 2	01/06/26 – 16/07/26
PD days & other non-school days	01/09/25 24/10/25 05/01/26 04/05/26 – bank holiday 17/07/26 – occasional day

Curriculum Overviews

Please find attached to the newsletter, the curriculum overview for the content to be taught in every year group during the Summer Term. We know that many parents find these invaluable for a variety of reasons: So, they feel informed about what their child is learning; to plan their own enrichment activities; as a guide for books to borrow from a local library. We hope they continue to be of great benefit.

Coffee Morning

Thank you to the parents who attended the coffee morning on Tuesday this week. During the coffee morning leaders spoke to parents to ask their opinions and shared a form asking for feedback about what is going well for their child and what they would like to see in the future at school for leaders to consider. We had some lovely comments but are also keen to gain feedback from those unable to attend. Please click on the link to complete by 22nd May. [Parent Voice – Fill in form](#)

Parents Meeting

We have now had the incoming numbers for Reception in September 2026 so would like to invite the parents of the current Reception and Year one children into school to share our plans for September. This will be held in the Infant hall on Thursday 4th June at 5pm. Further information to follow.



A huge congratulations to all of our pupils who took part in the Gymnastics Key Steps competition last week. All of the children represented Oakfield brilliantly. We are extremely proud of each and every one of them.

Special congratulations go to:

- ★ our Year 5/6 team, who were awarded bronze medals
- ★ our Year 2 team, who were awarded gold medals
- ★ one of our Year 4 pupils, who finished 5th in the open category

We are delighted that both our Year 2 team and our Year 4 pupil have qualified for the county finals next month.

School Football – Girls Under 11's



After reporting recently on the boys' football team, the last couple of weeks, the last two weeks have been the turn of the older girls' team. They were competing in the Gateshead Felling Schools FA Under 11 Cup.

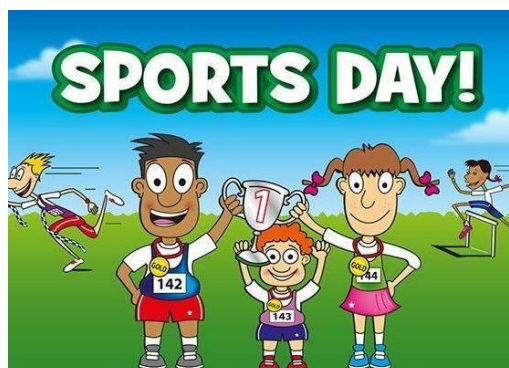
Last week was a closely fought game; finally ending in a 7-4 defeat. However, this showed a lot of battling promise, with for many of the players, this being a first time in a competitive match. Last night, two more games followed. While both ended in defeat, all 11 members showed great resilience, determination, and

enjoyment in the opportunity they had. Everyone left the pitch still grinning and the competitive, yet friendly spirit was evident across all three teams. Well done girls!

School Sport Arrangements – WB 18th

May

We have made the week beginning 18th May our annual sports week this year (here is hoping the weather gods cannot hear us!). Over the week there are a range of competitive and non-competitive events, some as a whole school, some as an individual.



Monday 18th May (Year 2-6)

Children will participate in a carousel of 10 different sporting events in their class while representing their house. Every child has the opportunity to participate within their house team in events as diverse as Wang the Welly, Shuttle Relay, Bean Bag Shoot. On this day children need to attend school in their house colours.

Alnwick – Green

Lindisfarne–White

Bamburgh – Blue

Warkworth –Red

Please could you ensure the children bring a water bottle to school. In the event of hot weather please apply sun cream before school and provide the children with a cap. Parents are welcome to attend for a 1.15pm start with access available from 12.45pm via the Junior drive gate. Could parents please enter school by the Junior school driveway and then be seated on/next to the bank overlooking the field.

Tuesday 19th May

On this afternoon, the competitive athletics sports day for years 3 – 6 will take place, again between 1.15pm and 3.15pm. In a change to previous years, pupils will compete in all the running, jumping, and throwing events in a round robin way. Again, the Junior drive gate will be open from 12.45pm for parents who wish to come and view. As with Tuesday, would children please come to school in their PE kits, wearing trainers and a t-shirt in the colour of their house team:

Alnwick – Green

Lindisfarne – White

Bamburgh – Blue

Warkworth – Red

Year 2 lists for parents will follow. Please could you ensure the children bring a water bottle to school. In the event of hot weather please apply sun cream before school and provide the children with a cap. Could parents who wish to attend, please enter school by the junior school driveway from 12.45pm and be seated on the bank below the infant yard. Finally, should the weather prohibit any event taking place, we will contact parents at the earliest opportunity.

Wednesday 20th May (Key Stage 1 Pupils)

This is the day of the Key Stage 1 fun afternoon. The children will be participating in lots of fun sports activities. This is for the children only as parents have been invited into school for the picnics in the last school week of July.

Saltwell Park Fun Run - Friday 22nd May (Years 1-6)

The children will be taking part in a Fun Run at Saltwell Park on Friday 22nd May; you have already been contacted for permissions and school lunch arrangements. Can all children attending in these year groups, please be in school by 8.30am so they can be registered promptly and then start their walk to the park. Year One will be going by bus. The children will need to bring a packed lunch to eat at the park - weather permitting. As with sports day, could sun cream be applied before school and children attend school with hat, water bottle and waterproof (just in case!).

There is also an opportunity to sponsor your child while participating, to raise funds for the Bobby Robson Foundation. If you wish to do this, please see below how to donate using the QR code. Thank you.



The #INSPIRE Gateshead Primary Schools Fun Run 2026

This year The #INSPIRE Gateshead Primary Schools Fun Run will once again be supporting The Sir Bobby Robson Foundation.

Sir Bobby Robson launched his Foundation to help find more effective ways to detect and treat cancer, after a request for help from his oncologist Professor Ruth Plummer. She was treating Sir Bobby as he faced cancer for the fifth and what he knew would be the final time.

She needed to raise £500,000 to equip a new cancer drug trials centre at the Northern Centre for Cancer Care in Newcastle upon Tyne and asked him if he knew anyone who might like to donate.

Sir Bobby responded by launching a charity to get the money she needed. He described it as like being at the helm of a team again. What he called his last and greatest team.

How to support The Sir Bobby Robson Foundation:

Pupils taking part in The #INSPIRE Gateshead Schools Fun Run can fundraise for The Sir Bobby Robson Foundation in 2 ways:

1. **ONLINE** - Please scan the QR code below or click '[GIVE NOW](#)'
THIS WOULD BE OUR PREFERRED METHOD OF FUNDRAISING.



**SCAN HERE TO
DONATE!**

In partnership with



Want to contact us?

Phone: 0191 213 7235

Email: nuth.nhcfundraising@nhs.net

Website: <https://charity.newcastle-hospitals.nhs.uk/get-involved/>

Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week is National Mental Health Awareness Week. One of the partners we work with: Rise – Mental Health Support, currently an arm of The children's Society, would like us to make you aware of the following parents and carers webinar on Wednesday 13th May @ 9.30am. Please see the attached information.

Talking About Mental Health

Two free webinars for Mental Health Awareness Week: Wednesday for parents and carers, Thursday for schools.

Aims:

- ✓ To understand what mental health difficulties are
- ✓ To learn about the benefits of talking about mental health
- ✓ To learn strategies for having successful conversations about mental health

If there are any questions before the webinar, or any issues logging on please contact:

RISEnortheast@childrensociety.org.uk

RISE The Children's Society

Talking about MH: Parents and Carers

Scan the QR Code to join the Webinar

Wednesday
13 May 2026

9.30am-10.30am

Or join with this link: bit.ly/TalkingaboutMH

Star points total per week

	20/04/26	27/04/26	4/05/26
R	152	96	207
1	564	397	78
2	891	519	101
3	54	190	108
4	157	342	218
5	216	360	144
6	174	153	150

Safeguarding



Staying safe on our roads is not just a skill — it is a lifelong habit. It is crucial to learn key strategies for helping children navigate streets safely and confidently, from practising journeys together to teaching them how to choose the safest crossing points.

We have collaborated with THINK! to offer real-world advice on issues like the dangers of parked vehicles, reversing cars and mobile phone distractions — it is an invaluable tool for parents and educators who want to help young people travel independently without compromising their safety.

School attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance					
	Summer 1					
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3	
	Attendance	% marks late	Attendance	% marks late	Attendance	% marks late
Junior Overall	96.0	0.63	95.2	0.55	96.7	0.28
Infant Overall	97.8	1.06	96.0	0.26	96.0	0.79
6	99.7	0.58	97.6	0.8	99.0	0.35
5	94.4	0.37	94.4	0.3	93.7	0.0
4	93.7	0.65	94.4	0.3	97.6	0.78
3	95.4	0.85	94.3	0.5	96.2	0.0
2	98.8	1.02	96.6	0.0	96.3	0.82
1	94.4	1.39	93.9	0.46	97.7	0.56
R	99.5	0.81	96.7	0.41	94.1	0.98

Thank you all for a fantastic week and well done on really strong attendance. We appreciate your support.

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

