



Oakfield Schools

12th December 2025



Christmas Week Festivities

Next week is the last week of our festive term and we thought it would be useful to remind you all of what events are happening across the week. The week is mostly dedicated to our Christmas parties. We've reattached the list below as an aide memoire.

On the day of your child's party please send your child to school in their party clothes. This saves losing bits of uniform and the children won't need to get changed half way through the day.

We also have our very festive annual 'carols under the veranda' outside of the Junior school on Friday
19th December at 13.45.

We look forward to seeing you there to **bring in Christmas 2025.**

15/12/25	Year 4 Christmas party
16/12/25	Year 5 Christmas party
17/12/25	Year 3 Christmas party
17/12/25	Reception Christmas party
18/12/25	Year 1/2 Christmas party
18/12/25	Year 6 Christmas party
19/12/25	Carols under the veranda (KS2)

On the last day of term KS2 will be singing Christmas songs under the veranda and KS1 children will be singing Christmas songs around the Christmas tree. After the Christmas songs have finished at approximately 2.30 pm the KS2 children can be collected to go home. KS1 children can also be collected at the same time if parents wish to do so. If you do not wish to collect your child at this time they will be kept in school until their normal collection times and handed over to parents/guardians or wrap around care.

We are delighted to invite all parents Carols under the Veranda. It starts at 13.45pm in the main Junior school car park.

Infant parents

Please can all infant parents complete the attached form, so we know the pick-up arrangements for all children.

Friday 19th December 2025- Early collection Infant school – Fill in form

Year 5 and 6 Parents – Please can you all complete the form on Arbor Parent Portal under notices to state how your child is getting home after Carols Under the Veranda. Please state if they can walk or, if they are being collected, the name of the person collecting. We must have this information with it being a different finishing time to the normal school day. Thank you!

EYFS and KS1 performances

The children were exceptional in their performances this week and we were very proud of them. Reception produced some amazing singing, acting, and dancing and absolutely brought the party to Oakfield! Year 1 and 2 were fabulous at telling jokes, singing, and reciting poetry. We hope that you enjoyed them and thank you once again for your support.

Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
15/12/25	Year 4 Christmas party	
16/12/25	Year 5 Christmas party	
17/12/25	Year 3 Christmas party	
17/12/25	Reception Christmas party	
18/12/25	Year 1/2 Christmas party	
18/12/25	Year 6 Christmas party	
19/12/25	Carols under the veranda (KS2)	13.45
20/12/25	Christmas Holidays	
05/01/26	PD day – school closed for children	
06/01/26	Start of Spring Term	
13/01/26	Family learning – year 6	am
14/01/26	Family learning – year 5	am
15/01/26	Family learning – year 4	am
16/01/26	Family learning – year 3	am
19/01/26	Family learning – year 1	am
20/01/26	Family learning- year 2	am
21/01/26	Family learning – reception	am
w/b 9/02/26	Science week	
w/b 16/02/26	Parents evenings – learning plan reviews	tbc
w/b 23/02/26	Half term	
02/03/26	Spring 2 term begins	
05/03/26	World book day	
03/04/26	Easter Holidays (<i>note: Good Friday at start of holidays</i>)	
20/04/26	Summer 1 term begins	
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
15/06/26	Class photographs 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
	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	tbc

2025 – 2026 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
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

PE Days	
Reception	Tuesdays and Thursdays
Year One / Two KM	Mondays and Wednesdays
Year One / Two CR	Mondays and Fridays
Year One / Two BG	Wednesdays and Fridays
Year Three	Wednesday (Outdoors) Friday (indoor)
Year Four	Tuesday (Outdoors) Thursday (indoor)
Year Five	Monday (Outdoors) Wednesday, 5B Swimming / 5R (indoor) (This will swap during the Spring term)
Year Six	Monday (indoor / outdoors mix) - Friday (outdoors)

Sharing Success

Star points total per week						
	3/11/25	10/11/25	17/11/25	24/11/25	1/12/25	8/12/25
R	223	455	476	476	321	297
1	319	284	407	413	265	201
2	461	225	528	534	321	159
3	140	60	540	771	409	466
4	20	93	309	309	192	254
5	316	57	259	358	627	263
6	97	488	159	180	151	428

Safeguarding



At Christmas, millions of lucky children will be excitedly ripping the wrapping off new phones, tablets, computers, or consoles.

However, in the rush to let young ones enjoy their shiny gadgets, many parents neglect to set these devices up safely – increasing the chances of children going online and stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads, or installing unsuitable apps. A little time configuring the device properly can save a lot of anguish later. Here are our top tips to ensure that a dream gift on Christmas morning does not turn into a nightmare by New Year.

In this guide, you will find tips on things like adjusting the screen time settings, setting Windows limits, and installing Xbox family settings.

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance											
	Autumn 2											
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4		Week 5		Week 6	
	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	96.5	0.78	96.3	0.97	95.2	2.0	97.1	1.8	95.4	0.69	96.1	0.58
Infant Overall	94.6	0.44	97.0	1.0	95.6	1.98	94.2	1.98	97.5	1.09	97.1	0.69
6	97.9	0.25	96.2	0.66	95.5	1.3	98.0	1.58	95.7	0.68	94.7	0.7
5	95.9	2.0	95.1	2.0	92.5	2.6	94.9	2.24	90.4	0.41	94.5	0.45
4	96.8	0.0	96.3	0.69	95.4	2.0	98.6	1.35	96.1	1.54	97.3	0.77
3	95.4	0.97	97.4	0.64	96.9	1.3	96.6	2.0	98.6	0.68	97.9	0.38
2	94.6	0.56	98.4	1.3	96.7	1.53	94.3	0.98	95.5	0.39	96.5	0.44
1	94.0	0.79	95.0	0.28	94.7	2.78	95.6	2.78	98.0	1.6	96.9	0.31
R	95.2	0.0	96.6	1.43	95.2	1.85	93.5	1.43	98.1	1.4	98.1	1.32

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher
Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head
Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head

