



Oakfield Schools

14th November 2025



Although this week has been challenging in many respects, there has of course been many highlights involving children from across the schools for a range of reasons. One of these occasions was on Tuesday 11th November, Remembrance Day, when we all stopped to think about the sacrifices men and women through the decades have made for our continued freedoms. Pupils held assemblies in school during the morning, while the Head Pupils and School Council joined the Mayor, other local schools and community leaders at the Boer War Cenataph on Low Fell to lay a wreath of Remembrance from all those at school.

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Laurence Binyon

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
	South shields leavers trip	10/07/26

Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
13/11/25-20/11/25	Scholastic Book Fair	
14/11/25	Children in Need	
17/11/25	Prospective Reception parents tour	4.30
21/11/25	Non uniform Day	
24/11/25	Reception handwashing workshops	
26/11/25 – 28/11/25	Year 6 residential	
29/11/25	Christmas Fun Morning for prospective reception starters	
1/12/25	Rearranged Y1/2 parents update session	
03/12/25	School Christmas Fayre	15.30
8/12/25	Year 1/2 Christmas sing – Year 1 parents viewing	2pm
9/12/25	Year 1/2 Christmas sing - Year 2 parents viewing	2pm
10/12/25	Reception Nativity	2pm
11/12/25	Reception trip to Northern Stage	
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
15/07/26	Year1/2 summer picnic	pm
17/07/25	Occasional day – School closed	
18/07/26	Start of Summer holidays	

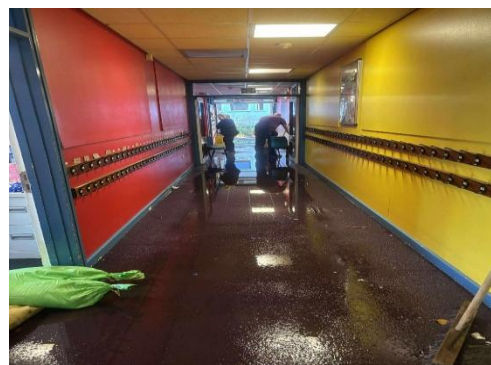
2025 – 2026 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
Autumn 1	02/09/25 – 23/10/25
Autumn 2	03/11/25 – 19/12/25
Spring 1	06/01/26 – 20/02/26
Spring 2	02/03/26 – 02/04/26
Summer 1	20/04/26 – 22/05/26
Summer 2	01/06/26 – 16/07/26
PD days & other non-school days	01/09/25 24/10/25 05/01/26 04/05/26 – bank holiday 17/07/26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

Water, Water Everywhere!!

On entering school on Monday, we were greeted with a sight that brings dread to the eyes; a school full of water, all of it in the wrong place! (I am not sure the photographs below do the scale of the problem justice). However, out of the adversity, we again saw a level of togetherness and teamwork within the whole school community that we all should be proud of – a togetherness that enabled us to open the school more quickly than could ever be imaginable. A huge thank you must go out to:

- **The staff**, for just wading straight in and somehow getting all the water out of the building on Monday, followed by the adaptations to the week to allow learning to continue.
- **Parents and their families**, for changing arrangements quickly and making sure all pupils had a place to be at short notice on a working day.
- All the **pupils** across both schools, for adapting their routines this week and taking the changes in a resilient way.
- **Smart Academy Estates**, for the provision of heaters and dehumidifiers (as well as the use of other site managers) to get us on the way to recovery.
- **Gateshead Cleaning Services**, for extending their work and use of carpet cleaning equipment.



Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics Competition – Gateshead Finals



We're incredibly proud to announce that our Year 5/6 athletics team achieved an outstanding 2nd place at the Gateshead Finals, earning a spot at the County Finals in January! Their hard work, determination, and team spirit have truly paid off — what a fantastic achievement! Well done to all our athletes for representing Oakfield so brilliantly! 🌟

A huge thank you to Gateshead School Sports Partnership for organising this event.



Children In Need

Thank you to all for supporting Children in Need today. We are very grateful for your support. Donations can be made via the school payment systems.

Christmas Fayre

Behind the scenes at school, staff are already planning and preparing for our Christmas fayre. We are also looking for donations from businesses for the raffle. (Please see the attached letter) If you can help

with this please contact either of the school office. We will be selling Raffle tickets at a cost of £1.00 a ticket. Payment systems for this will be open from Monday 24th November to Thursday 4th December. You can buy as many tickets as you like, and your ticket numbers will be emailed to you. On the night of the Christmas fayre, you will also be able to purchase tickets.

School Clothing and Bags



Please, please, please, can we ask that all pupils belongings – clothes, bags, coats – be named. We are getting increased amounts of lost items which I am sure is annoying to you as parents. Named items are far easier to reunite with their owners. Thank you.

Rearranged Y1/2 parents meeting

Thank you for your patience as we had to postpone the previous meeting due to staff illness. The new date for this is Monday 1st December at 5pm in the Infant School hall.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are looking forward to holding our book fairs in both KS1 and 2 next week. Please see the timetables below for the opening times. Payments can be made by cash or parents can pay with a QR code whilst visiting the fair. Please come along and support us by purchasing some early Christmas presents. We do earn commission through the book sales which are then used to purchase new books for classrooms and libraries.

KS1

	AM 8.30am- 8.45am	PM 3.00pm-4.00pm
Friday 14 th November	Open	Open
Monday 17 th November	Open	Open
Tuesday 18 th November	Open	Open
Wednesday 19 th November	Open	Open

KS2

	AM 8.30am- 8.45am	Lunchtime 12.45pm-1.00pm	PM 3.30pm-4.00pm
Friday 14 th November	Open	Open	Open
Monday 17 th November	Closed	Open	Open
Tuesday 18 th November	Open	Open	Open
Wednesday 19 th November	Open	Open	Open

School Council Snack Shop - Key Stage 2

As promised last week the council has now sourced and costed the items that will be sold at their Snack Shop that will start on Fridays from November 21st – next week!

There will be:

- A range of lower fat and sugar cereal bars
- Small packs of dried fruit
- Small packs of pop corn
- Rice cakes
- Fresh fruit

All items will be nut free, and there will be items that are suitable for a gluten free diet. Items will range between 30p and 50p and we ask that children bring coins to total these amounts as small change is at a premium.

Sharing success

Star points total per week		
	3/11/25	10/11/25
R	223	455
1	319	284
2	461	225
3	140	60
4	20	93
5	316	57
6	97	488

Safeguarding



The latest update to 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' includes clarification that misinformation, disinformation and conspiracy theories are recognised safeguarding harms. Although they might seem far-fetched, for many people they are very convincing – especially when presented by persuasive influencers or sensationalist videos online. This guide unpacks the risks, including isolation, anxiety, and exposure to extremist content, that can arise when conspiracies go unchecked.

It also highlights how conspiracy theories can erode critical thinking and trust in reliable sources – including schools, families, and the media. With practical advice for nurturing curiosity, encouraging scepticism, and safeguarding children's digital experiences, this edition of Wake Up Wednesday helps adults to tackle tricky topics in a calm and confident manner.

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance			
	Autumn 2			
	Week 1		Week 2	
	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	96.5	0.78	96.3	0.97
Infant Overall	94.6	0.44	97.0	1.0
6	97.9	0.25	96.2	0.66
5	95.9	2.0	95.1	2.0
4	96.8	0.0	96.3	0.69
3	95.4	0.97	97.4	0.64
2	94.6	0.56	98.4	1.3
1	94.0	0.79	95.0	0.28
R	95.2	0.0	96.6	1.43

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head

