



Oakfield Schools

19th December 2025

As we come to the end of another successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a joyful festive season and a restful holiday, however you choose to celebrate.

I must extend my heartfelt thanks to the wonderful staff of both Oakfield Infant and Junior Schools. They work tirelessly every day to ensure that every child receives an excellent education. The educational landscape is not always an easy one to navigate, yet the staff at Oakfield approach it with remarkable positivity, resilience and optimism. This creates a learning environment where children feel happy, inspired and excited to learn. Such an experience does not happen by chance — it is the result of the dedication, care and commitment shown by our staff, alongside the enthusiasm, curiosity and determination our children bring with them each day.

Thank you also to you, our families, for your continued support. Your engagement with school life, events and opportunities plays a vital role in ensuring that our children enjoy such a rich and rewarding experience during their time at Oakfield. We truly value the strong partnership we share with you.

We hope you all have a very merry Christmas and a relaxing holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Merry Christmas,
Miss Chisholm



Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
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	

Change to school lunch menu.

On Tuesday 6th January the meal choice will be:

- Hot – Tomato Pasta
- Veg – Vegetarian curry
- Jacket - with beans
- Sandwich – Tuna

The rest of the week will be as per menu.



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						
	Autumn Term					
Class	Star points	Children receiving bronze award (100 stars!)				
R	4'885	Vinnie Isla Hannah Arthur Zachary Oliver Oscar Mabel Ellie Matilda	Alex Benjamin Robina Sebastian Fearne Olivia Gabriel Jake Joren	Mila Sienna Owen Charlie George Isla Tiernan Lila Erin	Esther Jack Reuben Astrid Zayne Arlo Marla Roman Charlotte	
1	4'158	Isobel Harry Ariana Edie Miylah Ellie Thea Amber			Max Esmae Charlotte Theo Lizzie Harris Lucy	
2	5'332	Autumn Isabella Jasper Olivia Tristan Mario		Margot Lucia Emmi Jack Landon Willow		Isaiah Orla Miles Penny Liberty Caiden
3	4'872	Oscar Oliver Freddie Ollie Rose			Nell Layla Bella Alfie Raffy	
4	3'975	Ava Kate Ella Mia		Henry Danie Harry Arthur		Amelie Chloe Isla-mae Holly

		Findlay Thea Millie Beatrice	Freya Abigail Iris Evelyn	Ella Nellie Florrie	
5	6'110	Harriet Ella Harry William Jamie Niall Esme David Meredith Daisy Sophie	Jack Archie Alice Aiden Annabelle Emily Maya Samaira Emilia Thomas Jack	Lyra Matilda Beatrice Tabby Oliwia Ella Jet Freddie Aurelia Emmett James	Poppy Ffion Jamie Arlo Annabelle Lillie William Alana Toby Esmae Dotty
6	5'340	Leo Aoife Oliver Emily Layla Donni Marla Ada	Nico Amber-Rose Eilidh Logan Callum Olly Jack		

Pupil admission number consultation

As you will have seen in recent communications from the school, we are currently consulting with all stakeholders regarding the possible reduction of our pupil admission number from 60 to 30. We would greatly appreciate your engagement with this consultation, as your views are extremely important to us and will help inform any decisions that are made.

Christmas celebrations

The children in all our classes have some fabulous parties this week and enjoyed their party food and danced their socks off! KS1 also had a special visitor on Thursday and were very excited to meet him as well. A super way to finish the term.

We have also had 2 fantastic pop-up Christmas concerts in the last 7 days. Last Friday, the school band performed a short preview of the songs they are performing at carols Under the Veranda. On Tuesday it was the turn of the Ukelele group. Both were incredibly well received as they showed off their undoubted skills. We do look forward to seeing all the pieces performed at this afternoon's traditional end to the Autumn term.

Staff Vacancy

We have a lunchtime supervisor vacancy available at the Infant School. Please click on the link [Vacancies | Smart Multi Academy Trust](#) to find out more if you are interested. Closing date is 15th January.

Christmas Fayre

We have raised an amazing amount of £2454.04 from our Xmas fayre. This will be spent on resources and activities for the children. Thank you to everyone for your tremendous support which we are very grateful for.

Safeguarding



The holiday season is a time for celebration, relaxation and spending well-earned time with loved ones. While this period will hopefully be calm, it is important that parents and educators acknowledge there are still things we can do to make these weeks as safe as possible for the young people in our care.

Of course, it is not immediately obvious what can or should be done to stay safe over the festive season. This guide offers expert advice on the steps you can take to enjoy a less fraught winter break, safeguarding any youngsters who might be present for the celebrations.

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance	
	Autumn Term	
	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	96.7	0.86
Infant Overall	96.6	0.67
6	97.3	0.58
5	94.3	1.16
4	97.6	0.92
3	97.2	0.84
2	96.6	0.51
1	96.0	0.93
R	97.1	0.63

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas holiday season and we look forward to seeing you on 6th January 2026!

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

