



Oakfield Schools

28th November 2025



Dear all

We hope you have had a fantastic week and are managing to keep warm in these colder temperatures. We have lots of Christmas updates for upcoming events in school in this week's newsletter. The children are very excited that our annual Christmas fayre arrives on Wednesday 3rd December. The fayre will be across both schools and there will be a range of festive stalls which will hopefully make you feel wonderfully festive ready for the upcoming season. We look forward to seeing you all here!

Miss Chisholm

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		
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	
12/12/25	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	
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)

Christmas Jumper Day



As ever, our long-awaited **Christmas jumper day** will soon be upon us.

All children are invited (if they wish) to wear a Christmas jumper on **Friday 12th December!**

This also coincides with our Christmas dinner day so we can feel extra especially festive!

Christmas Baubles for Reception

We would like to invite our youngest children to bring a bauble into school that they can hang on our Christmas tree in the school hall. It does not need to be an expensive bauble so please join in with the Christmas fun.

Christmas Fun at Oakfield

Reception staff are planning Christmas fun at Oakfield for Reception 2025 starters on Saturday 29th November. Siblings are welcome. There are various time slots available. Please book by phoning the Infant School Office.

Christmas Fayre

On Wednesday 3rd December, we will be hosting our annual Christmas Fayre. It will be held across both sites, running from the end of the school day until 5.00pm. Attached to the newsletter is a poster with some of the stalls and where to find them to help you plan your visit.

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has already bought raffle tickets for our Christmas Raffle. Prizes include: - Christmas Hampers, The Alnwick Garden Family Pass, Soho Tavern Voucher, The Northern Stage Vouchers to name a few.

Raffle tickets can be bought until Thursday 4th December via Schools' payment systems at a cost of £1.00 per ticket. You can purchase as many tickets as you like. Once you have paid for your tickets your raffle ticket numbers will be emailed to you. The draw will take place on Friday 5th December 2025. Good Luck!!! Funds go towards buying equipment for school.

Christmas Post-box

From Monday 8th December, the school Christmas post-box will be open to allow pupils to exchange Christmas Cards. Rather than give them to others at play, pupils can post their cards when coming into school, and the school's own Christmas elves will sort them and hand deliver them to the correct class. Please help the school elves by writing the name of the child and the class on the envelopes— Ho, Ho, Ho!

Christmas performances (EYFS and KS1)

We are looking forward to the Christmas performances coming up soon and the children are performing with great enthusiasm in our practices. Please remember to check the dates above for your child's day of performance. We ask that two people attend per child to meet with fire regulations.

North East Primary Times

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Changes to school meal choices.

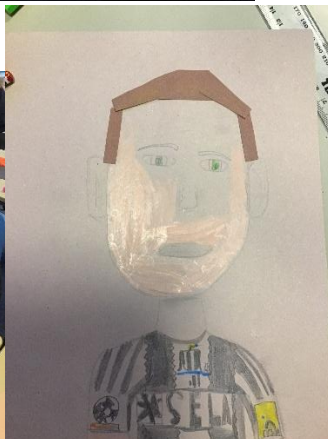
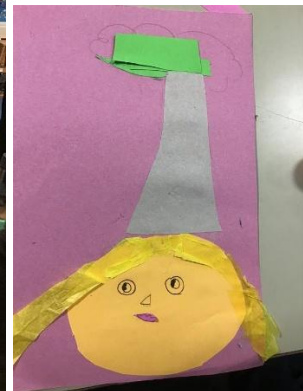
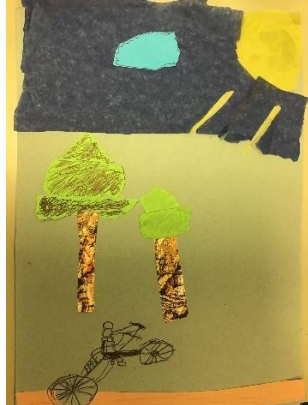
From Wednesday 3rd December the sandwich option will be ham on a Wednesday each week. Chicken and sweetcorn will no longer be an option.

Christmas lunch will take place on Friday 12th December, no jacket potatoes or sandwiches will be available to order on this day.



Shipley Art Gallery Workshops Experience

Our year 5 children had an amazing morning on Thursday. They were visitors by artists from the Shipley Art Gallery. During this time they explored self portraits and then went on to create their own. They did a magnificent job!





Driving on School grounds

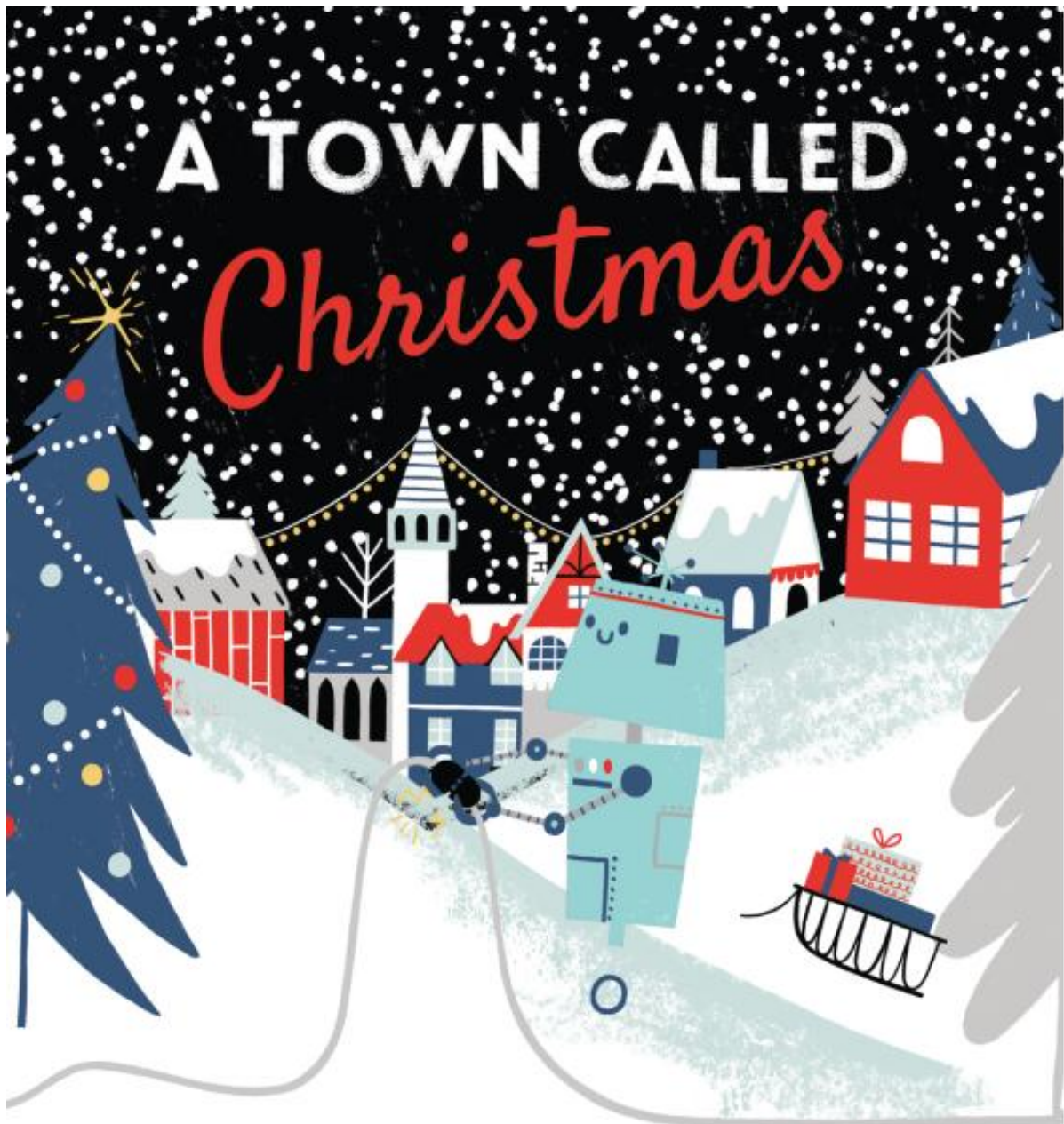
The roads into our schools are small and the car parks congested. In addition, all of our driveways are thoroughfares for children coming to and from school on foot. This means that safety for all children and adults is paramount for school and managed carefully. Please remember that parents are **not permitted** to drive onto the school site. This includes for Lamesley breakfast and afterschool clubs.

And Finally.....

Our wonderful Year 6 children have had an amazing if very wet and muddy time at Lockerbie on their residential this week. We will share more photos and updates in next week's newsletter.

Sharing success

Star points total per week				
	3/11/25	10/11/25	17/11/25	24/11/25
R	223	455	476	476
1	319	284	407	413
2	461	225	528	534
3	140	60	540	771
4	20	93	309	309
5	316	57	259	358
6	97	488	159	180



**Gosforth
Civic
Theatre**

Friday 19 to 21 December
11am, 2pm, 5pm
£17 adult & £15 child

A brand-new show for adventurers aged 3+ and their grown-ups. Brought to you by Gala Durham and Wrongsemble.

gosforthcivictheatre.co.uk 0191 284 3700

Safeguarding



The remarkable growth of generative AI tools like ChatGPT has opened up exciting new opportunities for young learners. Used wisely, AI can be a powerful ally in boosting creativity, learning and problem-solving skills. However, without proper guidance, young people may stumble into challenges including inaccurate information, data security risks, and a growing reliance on AI over their own critical thinking.

From setting clear usage boundaries to teaching digital hygiene and promoting independent thought, this guide offers parents and educators practical advice on the safe, positive use of AI. With the right understanding and guidance, you can ensure that generative AI becomes a positive influence, rather than a potential pitfall in young people's digital lives.

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance							
	Autumn 2							
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4	
	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
Infant Overall	94.6	0.44	97.0	1.0	95.6	1.98	94.2	1.98
6	97.9	0.25	96.2	0.66	95.5	1.3	98.0	1.58
5	95.9	2.0	95.1	2.0	92.5	2.6	94.9	2.24
4	96.8	0.0	96.3	0.69	95.4	2.0	98.6	1.35
3	95.4	0.97	97.4	0.64	96.9	1.3	96.6	2.0
2	94.6	0.56	98.4	1.3	96.7	1.53	94.3	0.98
1	94.0	0.79	95.0	0.28	94.7	2.78	95.6	2.78
R	95.2	0.0	96.6	1.43	95.2	1.85	93.5	1.43

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

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

