



Oakfield Schools

10th October 2025

Trips edition!



Dear all

As promised we can share with you the trips we have planned for the year for our children. We have planned the trips to make purposeful links to our curriculum and being our learning to life!

Payment amounts will be confirmed at the earliest opportunity to allow time for payments.

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		
Date	Event	Time
11/10/25	Saturday Pumpkin trail for prospective reception children	
13/10/25	Family learning Year 1	am
14/10/25	Family Learning Year 2	am
14/10/25	Prospective reception starter tours	3.30 / 4.30
15/10/25	Family Learning Reception	am
20/10/25	Individual school photographs	
20/10/25	Prospective reception starter tours	3.30 / 4.30
w/b 20/10/25	Parents evenings	tbc
24/10/25	PD day – school closed to children	All day
w/b 27/10/25	Half term	
03/11/25	Autumn 2 term begins	
03/11/25	Year 1/2 parents meeting – new grouping	16.30 pm
05/11/26	Year 1/2 trip to Centre for Life	All day
13/11/25-20/11/25	Scholastic Book Fair	
26/11/25 – 28/11/25	Year 6 residential	
29/11/25	Christmas Fun Morning for prospective reception starters	
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 – 02/04/25
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	Wednesdays (1/2KM) and Fridays (1/2CR, 1/2 BG)
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)

Family Learning

Thank you to all parents who attended our KS2 Family Learning sessions this week. Staff and children enjoyed the sessions, and it was fantastic to see so many people attending. Please find attached to the newsletter the presentations that were used in our KS2 Family Learning Workshops this week.

We look forward to seeing KS1 parents next week. A reminder of the days and times is below. You have previously received your child's allocated time slot for the Year 1 and Year 2 groupings.

Monday 13 th October 2025	9.15am – 10.15am	Year 1 – 1CR & 1BG
Tuesday 14 th October 2025	9.15am – 10.15am	Year 2 KM
Tuesday 14 th October 2025	10.30am – 11.30am	Year 2 HH
Wednesday 15 th October	9.15am – 10.15am	Rec RM
Wednesday 15 th October	10.30am – 11.30am	Rec RH

Phonics information session for Reception

Thank you to all parents who attended the information session on Wednesday. If you were unable to attend the information distributed will be available for you to pick up at your child's Family Learning session next week. The power point for the session is attached to the newsletter.

KS2 Yard

A huge thank you to Rob from Arndor Carpentry who volunteered his time this week to build the gazebo in the sensory garden on the top yard. Rob has a link to a previous student so willingly answered a request from Friends of Oakfield to help with the work. Next week we will be having the astroturf laid to finish off the area and we are looking forward to opening the area to the children.

Parent Appointments

Parent consultations will be held in the week beginning 20th October. They will go live for booking at 4pm on the Arbor App, please sign up to the available slots to avoid disappointment.



Volunteer Readers

If you have a little spare time to help in school by listening to children read, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please send an email to either school office for the attention of Miss Hartness and we will be in touch to discuss the process with you. We already have a few adults in school (volunteering through School Readers as well as local volunteers) and they are a vital part of helping our children to become confident happy readers.

Year 6 Boys Football



Congratulations to the Year 6 boys who came 3rd in the Gateshead Felling FA Knockout Cup. In last night's final, they competed against three other schools, playing each in short 10-minute games. All 3 games were competitive, hard-fought affairs, with at times some great football being played. The results showed this, all three games ending in draws. All 10 should feel proud of their achievements in this competition, coming third is a great result.

Year 6 Girls Football

Last Friday, 10 year 6 girls competed in the SSP football competition. It was a tournament with a bit of a difference as Storm Amy swept in, first with heavy rain, then the wind joined in too. Because of this, the day was cut short meaning not all games were played. Of those that were, the girls played well, drawing one and suffering two narrow defeats. As the photographs below show, when the weather turned other activities were needed until the bus returned; activities that brought great hilarity.



Sharing success

Star points total per week

	w/b 1/9/25	w/b 8/09/25	w/b 15/9/25	w/b 22/9/25	w/b 29/09/25	w/b 6/10/25
R	children transitioning into school	530	515	310	269	296
1	294	213	132	191	82	83
2	350	266	222	156	145	151
3	335	113	219	103	444	509
4	232	159	190	391	143	352
5	463	633	307	596	672	739
6	576	240	427	659	239	350

Safeguarding



Conflict can arise through personal differences between individual pupils, problems which occur outside school life and are brought into school, or from difficulties arising from the breakdown of relationships between individuals or groups of pupils.

This guide will provide you with the basic steps you can take to help pupils resolve conflict and develop the necessary skills to deal with difficulties which arise.

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance											
	Autumn 1											
	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	98.0	0.4	98.3	0.6	99.0	0.81	97.0	0.64	97.0	0.61	96.5	0.6
Infant Overall	96.0	0.1	98.0	0.14	98.0	0.26	96.5	0.31	96.3	0.51	94.9	0.43
6	98.0	0.25	97.8	0.6	99.2	0.78	99.0	0.53	97.6	0.0	98.0	0.39
5	97.0	0.9	97.9	0.7	97.7	0.69	93.3	1.25	95.6	1.15	94.7	0.68
4	99.0	0.0	99.3	0.4	99.6	1.03	99.0	0.74	96.7	0.82	95.8	0.41
3	98.0	0.5	98.3	1.0	97.8	0.74	96.2	0.17	97.2	0.55	97.4	0.91
2	98.0	0.4	96.0	0.0	99.0	0.22	94.5	0.0	97.8	0.65	96.9	0.44
1	100.0	0.0	98.2	0.4	97.0	0.31	96.2	0.82	91.2	0.6	89.4	0.6
R	-	-	98.8	0.3	97.0	0.26	99.0	0.24	98.9	0.26	97.3	0.26

Very well done to all children again this week. Attendance continues to be significantly above national average, and this only happens with the fabulous support from all our families.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

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

