



Oakfield Schools

14th February 2025

Diary Dates for 2024-2025		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
KS1 = Year 1 & 2 / KS2 = Junior school		
Date	Event	Time
17/02/25	Reception Family learning (English)	9.15-10.15
18/02/25	Year 1 Family learning (English)	1P- 9.15-10.15- 1CR- 10.30-11.30
19/02/25	Year 2 Family learning (English)	2M 9.15-10.15 2C- 10.30-11.30
21/02/25	INSET DAY – CHILDREN NOT AT SCHOOL	
22/02/25	Spring Half Term	
12/3/24	Year One visit to Cromer Church	
	Spring 2 Term Start	
04/03/25	Year 4 trip – Discovery museum	
06/03/25	World Book Day- Witches, Wizards and Muggles	
21/3/24	Comic Relief	
23/03/25	Friends of Oakfield - Quiz night Gold medal	19.00
w/b 07/04/25	Year R – 5 Parents’ evenings (face to face)	
11/04/25	Year 5 trip – Centre for Life	
	Easter Holidays	
	Start of Summer 1 term	
30/04/25	Year 4 trip – Jarrow Hall	
05/05/25	Spring Bank Holiday	
w/b 12/05/25	SATS week	
w/b 19/05/25	Sports Week	
19/05/25	Year 3 Trip - Segedunum	
23/5/25	INSET DAY – CHILDREN NOT AT SCHOOL	
	Whit Half Term	
	Start of Summer 2 term	
3/6/25	Year 1 trip to Gibside	
5/6/25	Year 2 trip to Washington Wetlands	
June 2025 (TBC)	Year 1 / 2 phonics check	All week
17/06/25	Summer Fayre	15.30 - 17.00
2-3/ 07/25	Transition days	
10/7/25	Reception trip to Wallington Hall	
10/7/25	Year 3 trip – Oriental Museum	
11/07/25	Reports out to parents	
15/07/25	Year 6 leavers concert	17.30
16-17/07/25	Infant Summer Picnics	tbc
17/07/25	Last day of term	
18/07/25	Occasional day – School closed	

2024 - 2025 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
Autumn 1	04/09/24 – 25/10/24
Autumn 2	04/11/24 – 20/12/24
Spring 1	06/01/25 – 20/02/25
Spring 2	03/03/25 – 11/04/25
Summer 1	28/04/25 – 23/05/25
Summer 2	02/06/25 – 17/07/25
PD days for the year	02/09/24 03/09/24 25/10/24 21/02/25 23/05/25

PE Days	
Reception	Tuesday and Friday
Year One	Monday and Thursday
Year Two	Wednesday and Friday
Year Three	Wednesday and Thursday
Year Four	Wednesday and Friday
Year Five	Monday and Wednesday (Swimming)
Year Six	Tuesday and Friday

Amazing Trampolining Success

Huge congratulations to Hector, Alexa and Tabby who took part in the second round of the national Schools Trampolining competition on the final weekend in January. This zonal round included competitors from North-East and North-West England, Yorkshire, Scotland and Northern Ireland; a huge number of pupils are able to compete at each age level.

Alexa came first in her category for advanced girls, while Hector came second in the elite boy's section. This means both go forward to the national finals in March. Tabby, a relative novice in trampoline competition, did incredibly well in just her third competition and has set her sights on following the achievements of the other two in the years to come. We wish Alexa and Hector every success at national level.



Literacy Open Mornings

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Years 3-5 Literacy open mornings this week, the turnout was overwhelming. Not only did you have the opportunity to find out about how writing is currently taught in school but also had the chance to experience a live lesson alongside your son or daughter. We are fully aware that this is a favoured experience for both adults and children alike.

The slides for all parents are attached to the newsletter for all parents. Comments about the mornings, both face to face and via email have been very positive, thank you. On Wednesday, we also had two other Executive Head Teachers from Smart Academy in attendance. They were very impressed with what they saw and were considering the adopting the same format in their schools.

We are looking forward to meeting Key Stage One parents next week.

Request from Reception staff

Could parents please ensure their children have suitable items of school uniform on for being outside. The children are outside for periods of the day for their outdoor learning so it would be helpful if all children had hats, gloves and outdoor coats so they do not get cold. Thank you for your support with this.

Primary Times

Below is a link to the online version of the Newcastle and Gateshead Primary Times, a free magazine and what's on guide for children and parents alike; enjoy the read.

<https://www.round-sun-digital.com/>



Safeguarding



Online gaming enjoys an apparently ever-increasing level of popularity, and many players are eager to connect with one another as they enjoy a friendly competition or go for the win side by side. Whether it is to strategise and coordinate or simply have a chat as you indulge in your hobby, the fact remains that plenty of games now offer means for their players to talk to one another, be that in a text or voice format.

Unfortunately, this functionality – which is used to connect with strangers just as often as it is with friends – poses several risks to younger players, and it is vital for parents and educators to understand these safety concerns. This free guide offers expert advice on the issues that may arise when using in-game chat, and lets you know how to safeguard the children in your care as they make use of this technology. We've also produced [a version of this guide](#) in podcast format, so you can access the same superb support while you're on the go.

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Spring											
	Spring 1											
	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	95.5	2.22%	97.0	1.69%	96.5	1.78%	96.2	1.89%	97.0	1.31%	97.7	1.14%
Infant Overall	95.6	0.98%	96.3	1.0%	97.0	0.92%	94.0	0.68%	95.7	0.6%	89.7	0.68%
6	93.6	1.28%	96.0	1.25%	96.2	2.3%	98.2	2.0%	98.2	0.89%	97.5	1.12%
5	98.2	3.0%	97.1	1.75%	97.0	2.5%	94.5	2.26%	99.0	1.97%	97.1	0.44%
4	92.8	2.3%	97.5	2.5%	94.2	1.1%	94.5	1.79%	93.2	0.52%	97.9	1.04%
3	97.0	2.2%	97.6	1.55%	97.5	0.9%	97.3	1.48%	97.0	1.72%	98.2	1.94
2	93.1	0.95%	94.5	0.5%	97.4	0.9%	91.7	1.19%	97.0	0.42%	89.7	0.063%
1	99.1	1.14%	98.6	1.4%	97.5	0.32%	95.1	0.29%	97.2	0.25%	96.2	0.5%
R	95.2	0.79%	96.1	1.3%	95.8	1.9%	96.4	0.4%	91.6	1.39%	80.5	1.0%

Thank you all for continuing to support with our attendance.

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head