



Oakfield Schools

10th January 2025



Dear all,

We are delighted to be back after our Christmas break and are grateful that the snow has not stayed here in Low Fell to disrupt our dynamic start!

We hope you have all had a wonderful time over the holidays and have had the opportunity to re-charge ready for an exciting year. We have some magnificent events to look forward to in the school calendar, beginning with our SATS meeting for all year 6 parents and our family learning sessions which are throughout February. Dates are in the table below as a reminder for you all.

You may have noticed that we have changed our logo slightly as a result of joining Smart Academy trust. This is because we are no longer officially 'federated' as we are now under the umbrella of the trust, however, we still operate with our 'two schools, one vision' culture to ensure transition and continuity are forefront in our minds. As we have changed the logo slightly, we have sent this to our uniform providers. As you replace uniform the new logo will be integrated until eventually it is our constant, but do not worry if you have uniform with the old logo as this is still absolutely fine and will be as long as it is in circulation.

Thank you again for your continued support and Happy New Year!

Miss Chisholm

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
28/01/25	Year 6 parents meeting (SATS)	15:45 or 17:15
w/b 03/02/25	Year 6 parents' evenings (face to face)	
11/02/25	Year 6 Family learning (English)	9.00-10.30
12/02/25	Year 5 Family learning (English)	9.00-10.30
13/02/25	Year 4 Family learning (English)	9.00-10.30
14/02/25	Year 3 Family learning (English)	9.00-10.30
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	
21/3/24	Comic Relief	
w/b 07/04/25	Year R – 5 Parents' evenings (face to face)	
	Easter Holidays	
	Start of Summer 1 term	
05/05/25	Spring Bank Holiday	
w/b 12/05/25	SATS week	
w/b 19/05/25	Sports Week	
	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	14.00 – 17.00
2-3/ 07/25	Transition days	
10/7/25	Reception trip to Wallington Hall	
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

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

Reception and Year 3 places

The Local Authority have asked us to remind parents to apply for their child's Reception place and/or place in Year 3 for September 2025. The closing date for applications is January 15th, 2025.

Nursery Funding Application Updates

Thank you to all parents who supported us by taking the time to fill in the consultation survey we distributed last term. It was extremely helpful in demonstrating that parents were very keen for this to be a future development at our school. The application was prepared by the Senior leadership team to be submitted to the Department for Education to apply for the funding which is needed to make the necessary adjustments to the site. A key requirement for the application was that the application was submitted with the support from the Local Authority. Unfortunately, at a meeting held with representatives of the local Authority last term it was made clear to the leadership team that they would not support the application which meant we were unable to submit the bid. Obviously, this is very disappointing, but we have registered our interest in any future funding opportunities with the Department for Education.

Year 6 End of Key Stage Assessments (SATs)

As we are all aware, year 6 pupils have statutory assessments in May, the dreaded for some 'S word.' In preparation for this, there are a number of events to inform parents and to support pupils.

Yesterday I wrote to all parents inviting them to attend an information session about the assessment period. This is on the 28th of January, at either 3.45pm or 5.15pm. This will inform parents about the assessment process, the reporting of pupil attainment, how pupils will be supported and how these feed into discussions with secondary schools in preparation for transition.

On the week beginning 3rd February, parents will be invited into school to discuss attainment and progress. Part of these discussions will include what adaptations individual pupils may be entitled to, to support access to these assessments. We will inform parents in the near future when booking is available so appointments can be made.

Finally, to support pupils, some will be invited to attend booster sessions in either reading or mathematics; the invite was sent out today. These lessons will focus on areas of learning that will need consolidation. These sessions will complement the daily teaching and for other pupils, interventions that will run during the school day.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any questions regarding anything with this assessment process.

Safeguarding



JusTalk Kids is an alternative version of the JusTalk app, aimed at an audience aged 13 and under. As that upper age limit suggests, this social networking platform is intended to be suitable for youngsters, providing them with a space of their own to interact with a community their own age.

Unfortunately, there are still risks associated with JusTalk Kids, so it is vitally important for parents and educators to understand the potential dangers for those who use the app. Our free guide delves into the most prominent online safety concerns of JusTalk Kids, while also letting you know how to ensure that children can be protected, should they wish to create an account.

School year	Spring	
	Spring 1	
	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	95.5	2.22%
Infant Overall	95.6	0.98%
6	93.6	1.28%
5	98.2	3.0%
4	92.8	2.3%
3	97.0	2.2%
2	93.1	0.95%
1	99.1	1.14%
R	95.2	0.79%

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