



# Oakfield Schools

11<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## Easter Egg-stravaganza!



A huge thank you to everyone who has taken part in the Easter competition. We had some amazing, creative entries and the children were very proud of their efforts.

The winners are:

| Infant |        | Junior |                           |
|--------|--------|--------|---------------------------|
| RecBM  | Fraser | 3B     | Dance Festival -by Tig    |
| RecHH  | Edie   | 3F     | Wickegg- by Nell          |
| 1P     | Poppy  | 4G     | SkegVegas -by Emily       |
| 1CR    | Oscar  | 4R-    | Mermaids -by Alice        |
| 2M     | Oliver | 5R     | Easter Basket -by Sareena |
| 2C     | Theo   | 5CB    | Spa Day -by Chleo         |
|        |        | 6D     | Wonka's -by Sophie        |
|        |        | 6M     | SATs Egexam -by Olivia    |

| 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          |
|                                                                   | Easter Holidays                                  |               |
|                                                                   | Start of Summer 1 term                           |               |
| 28/4/25                                                           | World Design Day (please bring a plastic bottle) |               |
| 30/04/25                                                          | Year 4 trip – Jarrow Hall                        |               |
| 05/05/25                                                          | Spring Bank Holiday                              |               |
| w/b 12/05/25                                                      | SATS week                                        | All week      |
| w/b 19/05/25                                                      | Sports Week                                      | All week      |
| 19/05/25                                                          | Year 3 Trip - Segedunum                          |               |
| 23/5/25                                                           | Saltwell Park Fun Run                            |               |
| 24/05/25                                                          | 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 |

| 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              |

### **School Sport Arrangements – WB 20<sup>th</sup> May**

We have made the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May our annual sports week this year (here's hoping the weather gods can't hear us!). Over the week there are a range of competitive and non-competitive events, some as a whole school, some as an individual.

#### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May (Year 6)**

Three year 6 teams will compete in Gateshead's School Sports Partnership (SSP) competition at Gateshead Fell. This is a spectator free event.



#### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May (Years 2-6)**

Children will participate in a carousel of 10 different sporting events in their class while representing their house. Every child has the opportunity to participate within their house team in events as diverse as Wang the Welly, Shuttle Relay, Bean Bag Shoot. On this day children need to attend school in their house colours;

Alnwick – Green  
Bamburgh – Blue

Lindisfarne–White  
Warkworth –Red

Please could you ensure the children bring a water bottle to school. In the event of hot weather please apply sun cream before school and provide the children with a cap. Parents are welcome to attend for a 1.15pm start with access available from 12.45pm via the Junior drive gate. Could parents please enter school by the Junior school driveway and then be seated on/next to the bank overlooking the field.

#### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May (Years 3-6)**

On this afternoon, the competitive athletics sports day for years 3 – 6 will take place, again between 1.15pm and 3.15pm. As in previous years, pupils will compete in a range of running, jumping and throwing events. Again, the Junior drive gate will be open from 12.45pm for parents who wish to come and view. As with Tuesday, would children please come to school in their PE kits, wearing trainers and a t-shirt in the colour of their house team:

Alnwick – Green  
Bamburgh – Blue

Lindisfarne – White  
Warkworth – Red

Please could you ensure the children bring a water bottle to school. In the event of hot weather please apply sun cream before school and provide the children with a cap. Could parents who wish to attend, please enter school by the junior school driveway from 12.45pm and be seated on the bank below the infant yard. Finally, should the weather prohibit any event taking place, we will contact parents at the earliest opportunity.

#### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (Key Stage 1 Pupils)**

This is the day of the Key Stage 1 fun afternoon. The children will be participating in lots of fun sports activities. This is for the children only as parents have been invited into school for the picnics in the last school week of July.

#### **Saltwell Park Fun Run - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (Years 2-6)**

The children will be taking part in a Fun Run at Saltwell Park on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May; you have already been contacted for permissions and school lunch arrangements. Can all children attending in these year groups, please be in school by 8.30am so they can be registered promptly and then start their walk to the park. The children will need to bring a packed lunch to eat at the park - weather permitting. As with sports day, could sun cream be applied before school and children attend school with hat, water bottle and waterproof (just in case)

### Athletics Trials (Years 3-6 only)

If your child wants to take part in the Athletic Trials to be part of our team at Gateshead Athletics Festival, the form is on the Arbour portal. This must be completed in order for them to take part as it requires consent for joining the athletics club if they are successful.

### School Competition Updates



### **Football – League Runners Up!!**

Last night, the boys Year 6 Football Team played what is their last school game at primary level. In doing so they knew that a victory would secure the runners up spot in the Gateshead Felling SFA league, while defeat would leave them mid table. After the disaster of leaving an opposition striker unmarked in the centre of the area early in the game, they rallied to record a 2-1 victory, and this securing runners up spot.

It has been a pleasure working with the 18 pupils who have been interested in football this year and trying to juggle them, so all have been included in at least one competition. Good luck for the future all (and on to the Year 6 girl's competition after Easter!) 🐰



### World Design Day

All year groups Reception – Year 6 will be celebrating world design day on **Monday 28th April**. The key focus is “cleaning up our world” and the children will design and create a model using a plastic bottle, to recycle its purpose.

Please could parents bring in **1 plastic bottle on the first day after the holidays** ready for your children to use for their creation.



### Easter Bunny Hunt

South Chowdene Care Home invite you to participate in their Bunny Hunt around Low Fell. Please see attached flier for details.

## Safeguarding



Search engines are a routine part of everyday life, giving instant access to billions of web pages; however, this also increases the risk of children encountering harmful, untrustworthy, or illegal content.

We've created this free guide – also available in podcast format – offering parents and educators quickfire information about the risks of search engines and practical steps that can be taken to safeguard children online.

## School Attendance and Punctuality

| School year           | Attendance review |        |             |        |              |        |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|--------|--------------|--------|
|                       | Spring 2          |        | Spring term |        | Year to date |        |
|                       | Attendance        | % late | Attendance  | % late | Attendance   | % late |
| <b>Junior Overall</b> | <b>95.8</b>       | 0.54%  | <b>96.2</b> | 1%     | <b>96.4</b>  | 1.12%  |
| <b>Infant Overall</b> | <b>96.2</b>       | 0.47%  | <b>95.4</b> | 0.61%  | <b>95.9</b>  | 0.62   |
| <b>6</b>              | <b>96.3</b>       | 0.36%  | <b>96.4</b> | 1.03%  | <b>96.4</b>  | 0.93%  |
| <b>5</b>              | <b>96.0</b>       | 0.69%  | <b>96.6</b> | 1.0%   | <b>97.0</b>  | 1.36%  |
| <b>4</b>              | <b>95.5</b>       | 0.43%  | <b>95.5</b> | 1.0%   | <b>95.6</b>  | 1.2%   |
| <b>3</b>              | <b>95.4</b>       | 0.69%  | <b>96.3</b> | 0.88   | <b>96.4</b>  | 1.0%   |
| <b>2</b>              | <b>95.7</b>       | 0.58%  | <b>94.8</b> | 0.68%  | <b>95.7</b>  | 0.75%  |
| <b>1</b>              | <b>96.1</b>       | 0.32%  | <b>96.5</b> | 0.48%  | <b>96.6</b>  | 0.45%  |
| <b>R</b>              | <b>97.2</b>       | 0.49%  | <b>94.7</b> | 0.68%  | <b>95.1</b>  | 0.65%  |

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