



Oakfield Schools

11th July 2025

Goodbye Mr Milne!



We are starting today's newsletter in celebration of our vice chair of governors Mrs Milne. Mr Milne has been involved in governance for Gateshead children for over 38 years and has been an Oakfield Governor for 30 years. The time has finally come for him, after his many years of dedicated and valuable service, to hang up his school cap, and retire from our governing body. We had a wonderful celebration in school on Tuesday which included an assembly, gifts, and songs, followed by a delicious buffet. Governors from past and present in addition to staff all gathered to show our thanks and respect for all the work Mr Milne has done over the years. From helping form the federation between the infant and junior school, helping us drive our school improvement, supporting in Ofsted inspections, being an advocate for the rights of the child, delivering humanist assemblies in addition to lending a helping hand at Christmas time, Mr Milne will be missed by all. I know you will share with me in thanking him for all of the time he has given. He will be difficult to replace. Happy retirement Les!

In light of this, early in September we will be holding parent elections for several parent governor vacancies. If you feel you would like to be involved and continue to help us shape the future of Oakfield Schools, please contact the school office for more information.

Many thanks

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
14/07/25	Key Stage 2 Concert – Junior Hall	9.00 am
15/07/25	Year 6 leavers concert	17.30
15/07/25	Reception Summer Picnic	1.30
16/07/25	Year One Summer Picnic	1.30
17/07/25	Year Two Summer Picnic	1.30
17/07/25	Last day of term	
18/07/25	Occasional day – School closed	

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

2024 - 2025 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
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
Year Six	Wednesday (Swimming) and Friday

Well Deserved Recognition for a Talented Pupil



We are very proud to announce that one of our Year 6 pupils has been awarded 'Young Sports Achiever' at the Gateshead Schools Sports Awards. This is an award which recognises an individual who displays considerable talent, hard work and has achieved notable success in their chosen sport.

Teddy has been competing in bouldering since he was 7 years old and has been climbing since the age of 2. At the age of 10 he qualified for the England Development Squad. He trains 4 times a week with Team GB coaches showing outstanding dedication to his sport. Teddy regularly competes both regionally and nationally with outstanding success within his age category. One of his most recent successes was at the Scottish Youth Bouldering Championship where he achieved 2nd place, an England squad qualifying position.

We know Teddy will continue to thrive and succeed within his chosen sport. Wishing you the best of luck for the future, Teddy!

Polling Results for Head Boy and Girl and School Prefects

We have had a fantastic 7 days of canvassing by 24 Year 5 pupils all looking for the votes of fellow pupils in order to undertake the role of Head Boy, Head Girl or a Prefect for next year. At the end of last week and the beginning of this, the candidates engaged with their electorate explaining what they stood for and the qualities they had. They then used tactics such as posters, stickers, sandwich boards, mascots and even a soapbox to get their ideas across.

On Monday, all candidates had the opportunity to address voters through an assembly to communicate their vision. Again, there was some marvellously inventive presentations which gave food for thought. Finally, yesterday it was a chance to vote for pupils in Years 2 – 5. Thank you, current head pupils, Louise and Francis for acting as registrars.

When I spoke on Thursday morning to the candidates to share the result, it was lovely to see the way they congratulated each other; all very sporting. On the afternoon, we shared the following news with the pupils:

Head Girl for next academic year: Ada

Head Boy for next academic year: Leo

Prefects for next academic year: Eilidh, Emily, Logan, Edward.

A huge well done for the effort all who participated put in.



Snacks and Packed Lunches in School

Can all parents please be careful not to send any food products into school that are nut based: we are A NUT FREE SCHOOL!

By doing so you are risking the health of others. Please check labels for food stuffs contents. Some are very obvious – Nutella. Others are less so. Please take the time not to risk the health of others.

Key Stage One Picnics. (Reminder)

Next week Key Stage one children have an allocated day for picnics see dates above for details. Parents/carers are invited in and asked to bring picnic items and picnic blankets (if you have one) for their child. If you are unable to attend, please send in picnic items for your child in a labelled box. It is a lovely afternoon for all. Please arrive at the Infant School gate for 1.30 and a member of staff will open the gate and welcome you into school.

Reading diaries

Due to our Phonics programme Little Wandle we have been able to secure a free subscription for a year for Key Stage One children to have digital home reading diaries which will replace the paper diaries for Key Stage one children next year. The app is run by a charity called Learning with parents who aim to support children reading at home and parents using the app to share their child's progress with their teacher. (Please see attached information regarding this) We have decided to run this from September and will be evaluating this at the end of the year. Other schools already using digital reading diaries have reported positive feedback from parents. Thank you in advance for your support with this. Information is available here. [Digital reading log - Learning with Parents](#). Further information to follow.

Reading newsletter

Please see the newsletter attached which has been prepared by Miss Hartness and the Reading Champions. It has book recommendations; a review of an author visit and information about the Summer reading challenge at Gateshead libraries. We would like to take the opportunity to thank the Reading Champions for their excellent contributions and keen promotion of all things reading this year. They planned a wonderful World Book Day, have organised books, promoted the school library and made fabulous suggestions to help encourage everyone to read. Please find year group book recommendations attached.

Primary Times

Please click on the link below to read the Primary Times magazine.

[north east primary times newsletter Homepage - North East Primary Times Online](#)

Safeguarding



AI isn't just transforming the way we learn and work, it's also reshaping the tactics scammers use online. From generating convincing phishing emails to fabricating influencer videos, criminals are using AI to make their scams more convincing than ever. Young people, who often embrace new tech quickly, can be especially vulnerable.

This guide highlights several AI-enabled dangers – including romance scams, deepfake audio and video impersonations, and fake job offers – and explains how to spot and report them. With clear tips for verifying content, thinking critically, and using trusted platforms, it's essential reading for parents and educators to help young people stay one step ahead of the scammers.

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance											
	Summer 2											
	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	95.2	0.79	95.1	1.03%	96.1	0.93	96.0	1.31	96.1	0.74	96.8	0.76
Infant Overall	98.6	0.58	96.0	0.43%	96.2	0.43	93.1	0.49	97.3	0.41	97.4	0.12
6	95.1	0.77	95.3	0.67	94.3	0.48	97.1	0.0	93.5	0.71	95.6	0.81
5	94.5	0.75	93.0	0.88	98.0	0.88	96.0	0.25	95.0	0.55	98.0	1.16
4	96.7	1.17	96.0	1.02	96.1	1.28	94.4	0.58	99.3	1.0	95.7	0.74
3	94.5	0.51	96.4	1.56	95.7	1.12	96.0	0.51	97.4	0.71	97.5	0.32
2	99.0	0.48	95.8	0.21	96.4	0.21	93.5	0.48	97.5	0.17	97.8	0.0
1	99.7	0.56	98.0	0.49	97.3	0	96.9	0.28	99.2	0.78	97.0	0.18
R	94.0	0.79	94.4	0.69	94.4	1.39	86.9	0.79	94.4	0.28	97.2	0.25

100% Attendance Hall of Fame!		
Reception	-	
Year 1	Emmi Isiah Orla	Reuben Eva Jakob
Year 2	Rose River Raffy	
Year 3	Caitlin Nolan Holly Felicity Thea	Freya Abigail Harry Ronan
Year 4	Ezra Jack Dotty	Tabby James
Year 5	Aoife Rowan Leo	Layla Emily Frances
Year 6	Oscar Patti Alex	Emily Lucas Elizabeth

Many congratulations to the 34 children across both schools who haven't missed one single day of school this academic year! Well done!

Thank you for supporting us with our school attendance!

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head