Oakfield Schools

12th June 2026

A reminder our Summer Fayre will be held on Wednesday 1st July at 3.30. We have many stalls including refreshments, sweets, cakes, splat the teacher, games, tombola, raffle, plants, forest activities and many more.

As part of our build up to our summer fayre we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 19th June. As is usual instead of paying a donation we are asking parents to donate a bottle or chocolate item to help us prepare for the Fayre. We are very grateful for your support with this, and it adds a great deal to our fayre.

What's happening next week

Monday 15th June	**Rec – Y6 Class Photographs** Year 6 PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 1/ 2 CR KS1 Karate Club (after school) KS2 Guitar Club (after school)
Tuesday 16th June	Reception PE Year 4 PE KS1 Little Kickers (before school) KS1 Multiskills (after school) KS2 Karate (before school) KS2 Ukulele (after school)
Wednesday 17th June	Year 1/ 2 BG PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 5B PE – 5R Swimming KS1 Happy Feet Dance (after school) **Year 6 Big Sing @ The Glasshouse (Morning)**
Thursday 18th June	Reception PE Year 4 PE KS2 Guitar Club (after school)
Friday 19th June	Year 1/ 2BG PE Year 1/ 2 CR Year 6 PE KS2 Oakfield Band (after school) **Non uniform Day**

Class Photographs – Monday 15th June

Just a reminder that all pupils whose parents have consented, will have their photograph taken as part of their class. Purchasing details will follow on Monday alongside the sample picture. Please can all pupils be in school uniform. If your pupil has PE on Monday, they can bring their kit in their school bag and change prior to the lesson. Thank you.

Next Week - Diversity Week 2026

This year we will focus upon **Buddhism & Meditation/Relaxation**. We have lots of lovely activities planned. We will welcome visitors into school, try forest bathing, a sound bath, have special assemblies, mix with our friends from across both schools to make puppets & nature mandalas… and more!

This weekend your homework is our special **Metta, Dana & Karma Project.** You will receive a sheet with full instructions. Children should complete up to 3 tasks based on Buddhist principles…

1. ***Metta*** **– show loving/kindness to all living things.**
2. ***Dana*** **– generosity & charity, donate to charity.**
3. ***Karma – (the idea that good actions lead to good results)*** **look after your environment, tidy your garden/plant something/pick up litter.**

Next Friday, the children should **come to school wearing old clothes (t-shirts, leggings, joggers)** as we will all be working outdoors on Friday afternoon (weather permitting) to improve, garden, tidy and clean our outdoor spaces. If you have spare buckets, sponges or gardening gloves that you are able to donate/loan to school, we would very much appreciate the support! Thank You.

SEND Coffee Morning - Monday 22nd June (INFANT SCHOOL HALL)

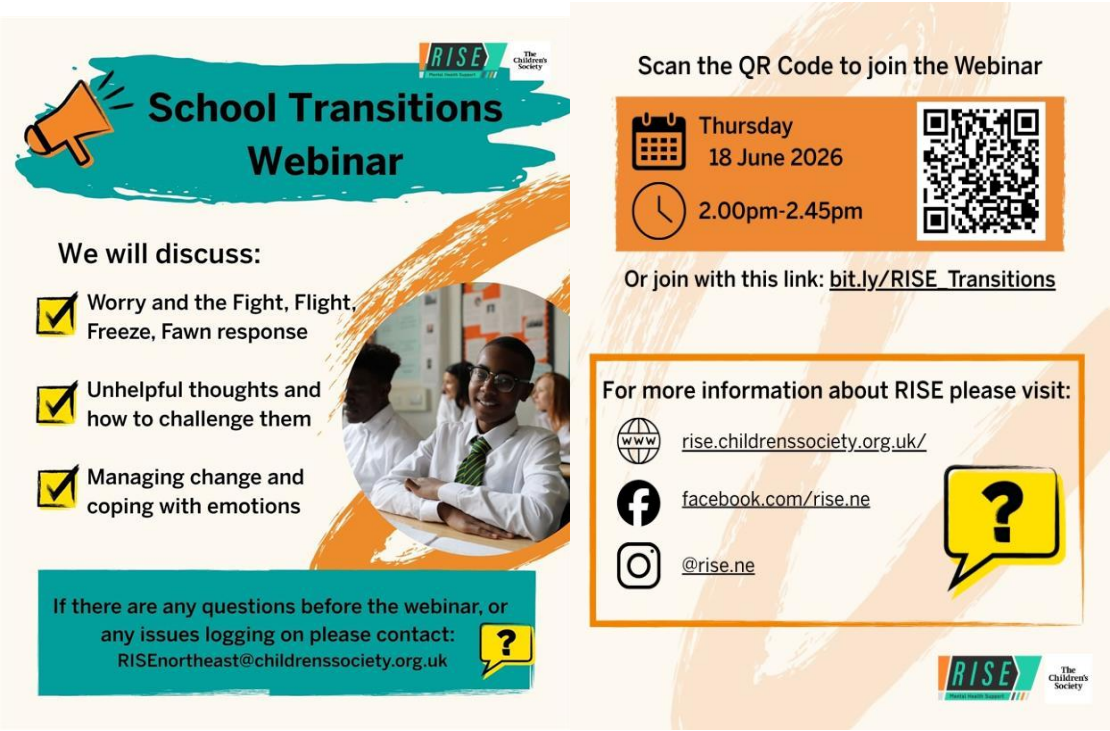
Our next SEND coffee morning, facilitated by Gateshead's Parent Carer Forum (PCF), will be held in the **Infant School Hall on Monday 22nd June. The drop-in session will run from 9:00-11:00.** The session offers an opportunity for parents/carers to ask any SEND related questions they may have, in a friendly, welcoming, peer-led space. The PCF can signpost families to support services and take up broader issues of improvement within school. Children do not need to have a diagnosis for parents/carers to attend.

If you would like to ask any questions ahead of the session, please email our school SENDCO, Mrs Debbie Simpson, directly - debbie.simpson@smartacademies.net

Rise Transition Sessions (for parents)

Starting a new school, class or routine can bring up lots of feelings for young people. Join us for our School Transitions webinar as we explore what worry looks like during change, why the fight, flight, freeze and fawn response show up, and practical ways to support children with unhelpful thoughts and big emotions.

There's no need to book — just scan the QR code or visit **bit.ly/RISE_Transitions** on Thursday 18 June at 2pm.
If you have any questions beforehand, or experience any issues logging on, please contact RISEnortheast@childrenssociety.org.uk.



Year 4 Times Table Check

Well done to all Year 4 pupils who engaged in the compulsory Times Table Check this week. They all took the task in their stride and gave it their 100% attention. As with other year group assessments, the results will be published in each individual pupil's school report on July 8th.

Year 6 Girls Cricket Festival

Well done to our Year 6 girls who took part in the Gateshead Countdown Cricket Competition this week. All three teams performed brilliantly and gave their best effort in every match. Two of our teams progressed to the quarter-finals, where they were unfortunately knocked out after some very close games.

Throughout the day, the children demonstrated respect, teamwork and they all significantly improved their skills. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented Oakfield and the positive attitude they showed both on and off the field.

Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
1/06/26	Summer 2 begin	
w/b 15/6/26	Diversity Week	
15/06/26	Class photographs day	
19/6/26	Non uniform Day	
22/6/26	SEND Coffee Morning	
24/06/26	KS2 Sports Afternoon	13:15 start
01/07/26	Summer Fair	15.30
02/07/26	Y1 and Year 2 Washington Wetlands	
08/07/26	New Year 3 Parents Coffee Morning	09:15
08/07/26	Reports out to parents	
09/07/26	Reception trip Tynemouth Aquarium	
10/07/26	**South Shields leavers trip**	
13/07/26	Key Stage 2 Music Extravaganza	09:00
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	

Curricula enrichment activities throughout the year		
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**
	Trip to South Shields – Leaver's celebration	**10/07/26**

2025 – 2026 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
Autumn 1 Autumn 2	02/09/25 – 23/10/25 03/11/25 – 19/12/25
Spring 1 Spring 2	06/01/26 - 20/02/26 02/03/26 – 02/04/26
Summer 1 Summer 2	20/04/26 – 22/05/26 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

2026-2027 Term Dates	
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Autumn 1 Autumn 2	02/09/26 – 23/10/26 02/11/26 – 18/12/26
Spring 1 Spring 2	04/01/27 - 12/02/27 22/02/27 – 25/03/27
Summer 1 Summer 2	12/04/27 – 28/05/27 07/06/27 – 15/07/27
PD days & other non-school days	01/09/26 27/11/26 03/05/27 – bank holiday 16/07/27 - occasional day

Star points total per week

	Summer 2	
	Week 1	Week 2
R	387	618
1	140	216
2	161	543
3	914	1103
4	231	234
5	187	494
6	36	36

Safeguarding

They have helped thousands of people successfully quit smoking; in laboratory tests, they have been found to be up to 95% less harmful than cigarettes; and they have been hailed as “a game changer for public health” by one independent review. So why exactly are vapes and e-cigarettes still regarded by many experts as controversial and potentially dangerous?

In terms of young people, the issue is availability. Vapes (containing nicotine) are not supposed to be sold to under 18s: a fact at odds with the rising number of school-age users and the products’ colourful packaging and child-friendly flavours. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide summarises what trusted adults need to know about the potential dangers of vaping for young people.

School attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance			
	Summer 2			
	Week 1		Week 2	
	Attendance	% marks late	Attendance	% marks late
Junior Overall	91.6	0.4	94.9	0.53
Infant Overall	96.1	1.0	97.0	0.89
6	92.7	0.8	95.5	0.78
5	88.8	0.0	97.0	0.0
4	91.1	0.7	95.4	0.87
3	93.0	0.0	92.4	0.38
2	92.6	0.0	98.0	0.0
1	100.0	1.0	93.4	2.0
R	97.0	2.4	99.1	0.89

Thank you very much for supporting our attendance.

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