



# Oakfield Schools

13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## **Our Fantastic Swimming Team!**

A huge congratulations to our fantastic Year 5/6 swimming team who competed in the South of Tyne Swimming Gala Finals this week and came away as overall Silver Medallists! 🥈

The team represented Oakfield brilliantly, showing not only impressive skill in the pool but also incredible humility, teamwork, and passion throughout the event. We are so proud of the way they supported one another and competed with such determination.

Here is our medal count from the day:

- 🥈 Silver – Boys Freestyle A
- 🥇 Gold – Girls Freestyle A
- 🥉 Bronze – Boys Freestyle B
- 🥇 Gold – Boys Medley Relay
- 🥇 Gold – Boys Freestyle Relay
- 🥉 Bronze – Canon

The children also enjoyed some time at the beach and an ice cream before the event.

A truly brilliant day for Team Oakfield! 🌟 Thank you to Gateshead School Sports Partnership and South Tyneside School Sport Network for a wonderful day!



# What's happening next week...

|                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>    | Year 6 PE<br>Year 1/ 2 KM PE<br>Year 1/ 2 CR<br>Year 5 PE<br>KS1 Karate Club (after school)<br>KS2 Guitar Club (after school)<br>Year 6 Booster Club (after school)                           |
| <b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>   | Reception PE<br>Year 4 PE<br>KS1 Little Kickers (before school)<br>KS1 Games Club (after school)<br>KS2 Karate (before school)<br>KS2 Ukulele (after school)<br>KS2 Dance Club (after school) |
| <b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b> | Year 1/ 2 BG PE<br>Year 1/ 2 KM PE<br>Year 5B PE – 5R Swimming<br>KS1 Happy Feet Dance club (after school)                                                                                    |
| <b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | Reception PE<br>Year 4 PE<br>KS2 Guitar Club (after school)<br><b>Year 6 Football Match at Glynwood</b>                                                                                       |
| <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>    | Year 1/ 2BG PE<br>Year 1/ 2 CR<br>Year 6 PE<br><b>Wear Red for Comic Relief</b><br>KS2 Oakfield Band                                                                                          |

| PE Days           |                                                                                                   |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reception         | Tuesdays and Thursdays                                                                            |
| Year One / Two KM | Mondays and Wednesdays                                                                            |
| Year One / Two CR | Mondays and Fridays                                                                               |
| Year One / Two BG | Wednesdays and Fridays                                                                            |
| Year Three        | Wednesday (Outdoors) Friday (indoor)                                                              |
| Year Four         | Tuesday (Outdoors) Thursday (indoor)                                                              |
| Year Five         | Monday (Outdoors) Wednesday, 5B Swimming / 5R (indoor)<br>(This will swap during the Spring term) |
| Year Six          | Monday (indoor / outdoors mix) - Friday (outdoors)                                                |

| Diary Dates for 2025-2026                                         |                                                                   |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1 |                                                                   |       |
| 20/3/26                                                           | Comic Relief                                                      |       |
| 1/4/26                                                            | Easter Competition (details to follow)                            |       |
| 03/04/26                                                          | Easter Holidays ( <i>note: Good Friday at start of holidays</i> ) |       |
| 20/04/26                                                          | Summer 1 term begins                                              |       |
| w/b 11/05/26                                                      | SATS week                                                         |       |
| w/b 18/05/26                                                      | Sports week                                                       |       |
| 22/05/26                                                          | Gateshead Saltwell Park fun run                                   |       |
| w/b 01/06/26                                                      | Learning plan review week                                         | tbc   |
| w/b 08/06/26                                                      | KS1 Phonics check week                                            |       |
| 15/06/26                                                          | Class photographs day                                             |       |
| 01/07/26                                                          | Summer Fair                                                       | 15.30 |
| 08/07/26                                                          | Reports out to parents                                            |       |
| 13/07/26                                                          | Year 6 leavers concert                                            | 17.30 |
| 14/07/26                                                          | Reception summer picnic                                           | pm    |
|                                                                   | <b>South shields leavers trip</b>                                 |       |
| 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        |
| <b>R</b>                                            | Northern Stage Theatre                                       | 11/12/25    |
|                                                     | Tynemouth Aquarium                                           | 9/07/26     |
|                                                     | Trip to the library                                          | tbc         |
| <b>1 / 2</b>                                        | Centre for Life                                              | 05/11/25    |
|                                                     | Washington Wetlands                                          | 2/07/26     |
|                                                     | Church and Library                                           | tbc         |
|                                                     | Fun run                                                      | 22/05/26    |
| <b>3</b>                                            | 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    |
| <b>4</b>                                            | Sunderland winter Gardens Geography Trip                     | 21/10/25    |
|                                                     | Panto                                                        | 11/12/25    |
|                                                     | Jarrow Hall – history trip                                   | 20/04/26    |
|                                                     | Fun run                                                      | 22/05/26    |
| <b>5</b>                                            | 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    |
| <b>6</b>                                            | 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                 | tbc         |

| 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 – 02/04/26                                                                      |
| 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<br>24/10/25<br>05/01/26<br>04/05/26 – bank holiday<br>17/07/26 - occasional day |

### Creative Performance Festival

Well done to the group of KS2 children who represented Oakfield at the Creative Performance Festival this week! They took part in cheerleading, gymnastics, and dancing activities. They all showed great enthusiasm throughout the day and all had lots of fun! We are immensely proud of you all!

A special mention to Amelie who was awarded a gold medal for her amazing creative design as part of the event! ★



### Cheer on Gateshead FC!

We are delighted to share with you the chance to receive **FREE** Gateshead FC matchday tickets for any of the following games:

- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Gateshead FC Vs Yeovil Town 3pm
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Gateshead FC Vs Scunthorpe United 3pm
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Gateshead FC Vs Woking 3pm

Each ticket will admit 1 adult with up to 4 children.

Please complete the form we have sent and return your wishes and wants by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March so that tickets can be acquired and shared with you in good time.

### Comic Relief

We will be supporting Comic Relief by having a non-uniform day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. The payment systems will open on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March and close on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March for any parents who wish to donate to the charity. The children can wear their own clothes or wear red.

| Star points total per week                                                          |          |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
|  | 02/03/26 | 08/03/26 |
| R                                                                                   | 359      | 435      |
| 1                                                                                   | 116      | 260      |
| 2                                                                                   | 174      | 253      |
| 3                                                                                   | 157      | 468      |
| 4                                                                                   | 354      | 548      |
| 5                                                                                   | 408      | 549      |
| 6                                                                                   | 293      | 293      |

## Safeguarding



Group chats are a hugely popular way for children to stay in touch with their friends, whether via messaging apps, social platforms, or games. These online groups can help them feel connected, strengthen relationships, and encourage creativity – but they also come with certain risks.

From teasing and exclusion to privacy worries and inappropriate content, children can experience a wide range of challenges in group chats. This guide helps parents and educators recognise the signs of trouble and offers simple ways to support children in using group chats safely and respectfully.

## School Attendance and Punctuality

| School year    | Attendance |        |            |        |
|----------------|------------|--------|------------|--------|
|                | Spring 2   |        |            |        |
|                | Week 1     |        | Week 2     |        |
|                | Attendance | % late | Attendance | % late |
| Junior Overall | 95.2       | 1.11   | 95.8       | 0.74   |
| Infant Overall | 95.7       | 0.59   | 96.7       | 1.0    |
| 6              | 96.0       | 1.54   | 95.4       | 1.75   |
| 5              | 93.4       | 0.82   | 95.2       | 0.0    |
| 4              | 95.9       | 1.2    | 96.7       | 0.64   |
| 3              | 95.3       | 0.85   | 95.7       | 0.42   |
| 2              | 98.0       | 0.75   | 96.9       | 0.69   |
| 1              | 99.6       | 0.35   | 97.1       | 2.3    |
| R              | 89.4       | 0.62   | 96.1       | 0.4    |

# EVERY DAY IN SCHOOL COUNTS...

## and every minute counts...

Late by these minutes per day? Here's what it means...



\*\*\* EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS \*\*\*  
Michelangelo's, Ryton, 10-3pm

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>,  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Order a delicious Italian takeaway to be delivered to the woods! (£35 per day with own food / £40 per day with food)  
Suitable for children from Reception age and upwards.

Activities can include campfire and s'mores, fire lighting, mud, sand and water play, outdoor crafts, mud kitchen, tools, hammocks, messy play, hill climbing and free time to explore.



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- Parent and Preschool Groups
- After School Clubs
- Birthday Parties
- School Trips



COME AND JOIN US AT  
OUR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB!

ALL WELCOME FROM  
RECEPTION TO YEAR 6!  
Limited places available.

Mondays from 16<sup>th</sup> March  
until 5pm

<https://bookwhen.com/forestadventurers>

Children will have opportunities to build dens, cook over a campfire, use tools, experience hammocks and tree swings, hill roll, take part in outdoor crafts and so much more.

Our sessions will take place in all weathers. Children will need to bring old, outdoor clothing suitable for the weather that day to change into as well as a snack and a drink to have during the session.



Forest Adventurers is run by experienced Forest School Practitioners (DBS checked, paediatric first aid trained).

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We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher  
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Contact us for more information if you're interested in

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After School Clubs at your school

Birthday Parties

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School Trips