



Oakfield Schools

14th March 2025

South of Tyne County Swimming Finals

After qualifying in the regional event before half term, our Year 5/6 swimming team took the next step and competed in South of Tyne County Swimming Finals on Wednesday – always a spectacular event. This county final was held at Haven Point pool in South Shields.

In preparation and by way of 'warm -up', the team of 8 prepared themselves by eating ice cream and playing frisbee in the arctic gales coming off the North Sea. The preparation seemed to work as they again excelled themselves, coming away with a team bronze medal in a very competitive competition. Furthermore, the following individual medals were won and brought home to Oakfield:

- 1 Gold - girls breaststroke
- 2 Silver - boys back stroke
- 3 Bronze - girls front crawl
- 3 Bronze - team over all placing

☀️ Our girl breaststroke swimmer broke the county record!
The team were all brilliant and showed teamwork and resilience throughout. Well done!



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
21/3/24	Wear something RED for Comic Relief	
23/03/25	Friends of Oakfield - Quiz night Gold medal	19.00
w/b 07/04/25	Year R – 5 Parents' evenings (face to face)	
11/04/25	Year 5 trip – Centre for Life	
	Easter Holidays	
	Start of Summer 1 term	
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
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

Parent Appointments and Learning Plan Reviews

The next round of parent appointments and learning plan reviews will be held on week beginning Monday 7th April. This is for all children in Reception to Year 5. Year 6 have already held their appointments this term to fit around the preparation for Key Stage 2 assessments.

In preparation for this, an invite will be sent to you next week on the Arbor Parent Portal (well done to the vast majority of you who have registered for this!) This will be the only way of booking an appointment, so please make sure that you have the notifications turned on ready.

Sporting Updates

Football - Having opened the newsletter with successes in the swimming pool, it seems only fair to report the other sporting events we have participated in (or tried to...) over the last week.

The year 6 boys opened their football league campaign with 2 matches in the Gateshead Felling FA competition on Thursday evening. In the first, a 1-1 draw was a little harsh in a game they dominated; but you must put your chances in the net to win a game, something we could have done a little better.

The second game also ended in a draw but was a very different type of game. After starting slowly and going 0-2 down in the first 5 minutes, we woke up, played some good football and most importantly closed down the space the opposition had, won tackles and were more clinical in front of goal. Two second half goals brought the scores level, and to be fair, we did enough in the comeback to have won the game.

Next week, there are two more games, and because of the number of children who want to play there will be some squad rotation.

Hockey - On Monday, two Year 6 hockey teams attempted to participate in a rearranged are hockey tournament as Lord Lawson. Unfortunately, on arrival we were not allowed on site as again several schools including Lord Lawson had received malicious, hoax threats. One team, but with a smaller sized squad, will attend the finals via a luck dip process of all schools who should have attended. We appreciate that this is not as we had hoped it would be, but the pupils have been wonderful at understanding the issue and how we will choose the 8 pupils who will attend.

Book Fair Reminder - Friday 14th March and Wednesday 19th March inclusive.

Please see the times that the book fairs are open in both schools. When visiting, there are 2 payment options for any purchase:

Cash

Paying by a QR code using a phone (adults only)

The option to pay by the QR code is only available if you are at the book fair in person. We will have a QR code for you to scan at the fair and you will show us the confirmed payment while you are there and then you will be able to take your selected books. Remember to bring your World Book Token to get £1 off a book; this can't be taken off stationary.

Infant Book Fair opening Times.

	AM 8.30am- 8.45am	PM 3.15pm-3.45pm
Friday 14 th March	Closed	Open
Monday 17 th March	Open	Open
Tuesday 18 th March	Open	Open
Wednesday 19 th March	Open	Open

Junior Book Fair opening Times

	AM 8.30am- 8.45am	Lunchtime 12.45pm-1.00pm	PM 3.30pm-4.00pm
Friday 14 th March	Open	Open	Open
Monday 17 th March	Closed	Open	Open
Tuesday 18 th March	Open	Open	Closed
Wednesday 19 th March	Open	Open	Open



Friends of Oakfield

Our Quiz Night at the Gold Medal is only two weeks away now and is always a great evening! Come along and support us on Saturday 22nd March. Get your tickets here ... friends-of-oakfield.sumupstore.com

We are also looking for donations of raffle prizes, so if anyone can help with this, please contact us.

Reminder about Comic Relief

Comic Relief is on Friday 21st March and we are asking the children are able to wear something red to show their support. Payment system will open on Thursday 20th March if parents would like to make a donation to the charity.

Arbor update

We have had a few queries from parents with siblings in school regarding signing in and out of Arbor. This is the answer that Arbor have provided.

When a parent logs into the Parent Portal or the Parent App., they can see details about their children that attend one school using Arbor. If they have two children attending the same school, they can switch between students in the app or on the website.

But how does the Parent Portal work for parents with children at more than one school who use Arbor?

If a parent has children at more than one school their experience of logging into the Parent Portal and Parent App will be a little different. If they use the same email address on their profile at both schools, they will be asked which school they want to log into when they visit login.arbor.sc or go to log into the Parent App.

Do you want to talk about your child's mental health?

Come along and meet us at one of our free drop-in sessions to:

- talk about your child (4-18) and their needs
- get advice and guidance
- receive tips and resources

We talk about different topics each month, but feel free to talk to us about any concerns, such as:

- Worries and anxiety
- Low mood
- Support with sleep
- Phobias
- Behaviour
- Confidence
- Anger
- Stress

We are a team of friendly therapists working with children aged 5-18, and their families.

Our drop-in sessions are all over Gateshead to find out when our next session is visit our website:

www.stsftmentalhealth.nhs.uk or
scan the QR code using the camera on
your mobile phone.



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SEND
LEGO CLUB

Tuesday 18th March
4:00 - 5:00pm
Chowdene Family Hub

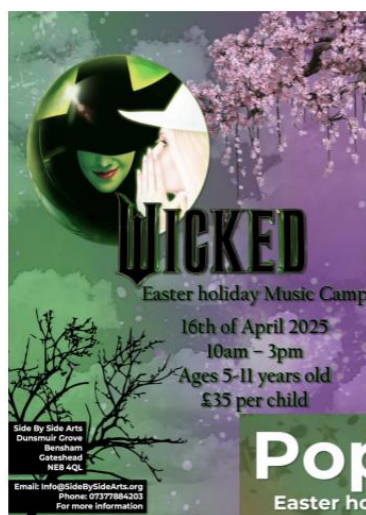
Children under 12 with additional needs - come along
and join a LEGO building session!
Parents, carers and siblings welcome

Contact: familyhubs@gateshead.gov.uk
Phone: 0191 433 5052



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Side By Side Arts will be running music camps over the easter period at our wonderful studio in Bensham. We would love it, if you could send the below out to parents. We have 2 themes this time around.

Wicked - 16th of April - 10am-3pm

Pop Star - 22nd of April - 10am-3pm

Cost per day per child - £35

Ages - 5-11 years old

We will be teaching the children how to play various instruments throughout the day including piano, drums, and guitar. Parents are invited to a short performance at the end of the day to showcase what the children have learnt.

Children will need a packed lunch for the day

Safeguarding



Whilst they can be a great way for friends to socialise, online games like Roblox that allow multiplayer gameplay with strangers are always fraught with a variety of dangers that can expose children to inappropriate or harmful content. Roblox enables people to play anonymously, which can often be something that attracts people to misuse the game and potentially put young people at risk of harm.

In addition to interacting with random strangers across the world, other factors such as in-game purchases and potential scams can also pose a financial risk. It's important that parents and educators remain aware of the risks associated with this popular title and how it can be used safely. This free guide – also available in podcast format – offers parents and educators expert advice on what can be done to ensure that young people have a safe and enjoyable experience with Roblox

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Spring 2			
	Week 1		Week 2	
	Attendance	% late		
Junior Overall	96.5	1.25%	97.3	0.46%
Infant Overall	95.9	0.65%	98.4	0.39%
6	96.7	0.98%	96.0	0.51%
5	97.2	1.55%	100.0	0.25%
4	95.6	1.3%	96.0	0.89%
3	96.7	1.17%	98.0	0.25%
2	95.8	0.78%	97.0	0.71%
1	96.8	0.49%	98.2	0%
R	94.7	0.67%	100.0	0.4%

Congratulations to year 5 and reception for achieving 100% attendance this week!

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