



Oakfield Schools

16th January 2026

Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
19/01/26	Family learning – year 1	am
20/01/26	Family learning- year 2	am
20/01/26	Year 6 SATs Information Evening	15:45 or 17:15
21/01/26	Family learning – reception	am
w/b 9/02/26	Science week	
w/b 16/02/26	Parents evenings – learning plan reviews	tbc
w/b 23/02/26	Half term	
02/03/26	Spring 2 term begins	
03/03/26	Year 1 trip to Cromer Church	
05/03/26	World book day	
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
	South shields leavers trip	
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	tbc

2025 – 2026 Term Dates	
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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 24/10/25 05/01/26 04/05/26 – bank holiday 17/07/26 - occasional day

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) (This will swap during the Spring term)
Year Six	Monday (indoor / outdoors mix) - Friday (outdoors)

National Year of Reading

On Thursday 20th January the National Literacy Trust launched the National Year of Reading following data that showed a steep decline in children reading for pleasure. The campaign is asking everyone to GO ALL IN. There will be a number of events for children across the year. The Reading Champions will be taking an active role in planning events in school. We will keep parents updated with their plans.

KS2 Maths Family Learning Mornings

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Family Learning mornings from Years 3-6, they were very well attended. The pupils I have spoken with really enjoyed problem solving alongside a parent or family member. We also appreciated the positive comments received by adults on the conclusion of their morning.

The presentation for each year group will be shared with each family for information.

Year Group Overviews

Please find the Spring Term Curriculum Overview's attached to this letter.

SEND/PINS (Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) Coffee Mornings

- **When:** Friday 6th February, Friday 20th February, Friday 27th March
- **Where:** Junior School hall

In partnership with Gateshead Parent Carer Forum, we are delighted to be hosting our first round of SEND/PINS coffee mornings for parents and carers of SEND pupils across Key Stages 1 and 2. This is an informal drop-in opportunity to meet with other parents, professionals and school staff to discuss current SEND issues, concerns, challenges and successes. It is hoped that the coffee morning will provide an important networking and signposting opportunity. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

Consultation on PAN reduction

Please find information shared at the meeting on Tuesday re the consultation for a possible Pupil Admission Number reduction for the Infant School for September 2027. Thank you to those parents who attended and took the opportunity to ask questions around the reasons for the consultation. There were some requests for more information at the meeting which will be shared with parents as soon as possible.

Parking around school

We have had a number of concerns raised by local residents as well as parents about parking around school which includes people driving onto the pavement when parents and children are walking along the pavement as well as parking around the entrances to both schools. This is obviously dangerous for pedestrians and for staff visibility of

traffic if entering or leaving the site. There is provision in place at the Gold Medal and the Thomas Wilson club. Please park safely and with consideration for others.

Update re the Gold medal Pub

From 02/02/2026 for around 16 weeks, the car park at the Gold Medal will be completely closed off therefore access for parent/carer pick up & drop off will not be possible. We will advise of any updates following this.

Family Learning

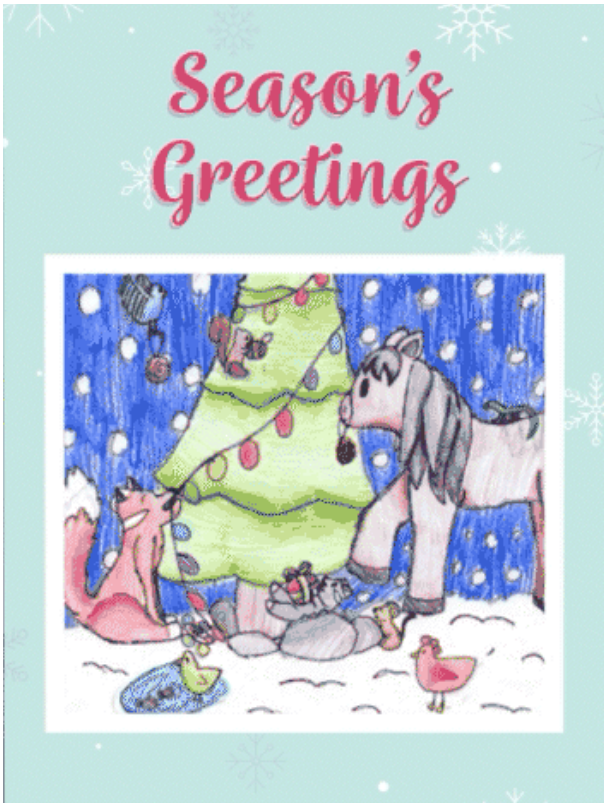
Thank you to all Key Stage 2 parents who were able to attend Family Learning sessions this week. We do appreciate your support.

Reminders for KS1 next week.

	9.15-10.15	10.30-11.30
Monday 19 th January	1 BG and CR	
Tuesday 20 th January	2HH	2KM
Wednesday 21 st January	RHH	RM

Missing Christmas Card Design

Lat week we reported on Betty’s success in the Vision for Education Christmas Card Design Competition, but unfortunately, we didn’t have an image to show you. We now have had a digital copy returned to school, so can now unveil the design in all its glory. Well done again!





FREE – All Star Cricket Festival

We have been informed of a FREE All Stars Cricket Festival, hosted by the Durham Cricket Foundation.

During the February half term, the Festival will be held at the Beacon of Light in Sunderland, on Friday 27th February 2026 (9.30am – 12.00pm) and is FREE of charge when using the voucher code listed below, saving parents/guardians £50.00! The Festival is aimed at children aged 5-8 years old.

Voucher Code - TNA8L

To register for the Festival, please go to [Clubspark / All Stars Holiday Camps / Coaching / Course](#) and for any further information or questions, please contact Andrew Mawson andrew.mawson@durhamcricket.co.uk



Star points total per week		
	05/01/26	12/01/26
R	232	396
1	187	483
2	218	606
3	61	177
4	139	273
5	106	303
6	197	624

Safeguarding



The latest update to 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' includes clarification that misinformation, disinformation and conspiracy theories are recognised safeguarding harms. Although they might seem far-fetched, for many people they are very convincing – especially when presented by persuasive influencers or sensationalist videos online. This guide unpacks the risks, including isolation, anxiety, and exposure to extremist content, that can arise when conspiracies go unchecked.

It also highlights how conspiracy theories can erode critical thinking and trust in reliable sources – including schools, families, and the media. With practical advice for nurturing curiosity, encouraging scepticism, and safeguarding children's digital experiences, this edition of Wake Up Wednesday helps adults to tackle tricky topics in a calm and confident manner.

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance			
	Spring 1			
	Week 1		Week 2	
	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	96.8	1.0	96.2	0.89
Infant Overall	95.3	0.94	96.0	0.71
6	98.6	1.0	97.2	1.12
5	90.2	0.8	93.9	0.58
4	97.7	0.3	96.6	1.57
3	99.6	1.6	96.6	0.31
2	94.4	0.4	94.3	0.73
1	98.9	2.22	96.4	1.26
R	94.4	0.48	97.6	0.22

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head