



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

What a super week in school! We hope you enjoy catching up on some of the highlights from another super week at Oakfield.

🌱 Fantastic Competition Success! 🌱

Prior to the summer holidays, children from across all year groups took part in a **nationwide competition** promoting an energy-saving summer.

The challenge was to design a poster encouraging people to **“Unplug and Get Outside”** – inspiring everyone to save energy while enjoying the great outdoors. We had some super entries from our children.

We are incredibly proud to announce that, from entries submitted by schools across the UK, Alex from Year 4 **was chosen as the runner-up!** 🎉

This is a fantastic achievement and as a result of this success, **Oakfield Schools has won an amazing £500 Eco Grant!**

We will be using the grant to **enhance our Forest School provision**, creating even more opportunities for our children to learn, explore and enjoy the outdoors. 🌳 🍃

A huge congratulations to Alex! We are extremely proud of this wonderful achievement and delighted that Alex’s creativity will have such a positive impact on our whole school community.



Best wishes,
Helen Hartness
Acting Headteacher

What’s happening next week

Monday 7th September	Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 1/ 2 CR PE Year 3 Outdoor PE Year 6 Indoor PE
Tuesday 8th September	Reception PE
Wednesday 9th September	Year 1/ 2 BG PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 4 Outdoor PE 5M Indoor PE (Until February) 5D Swimming (Until February)
Thursday 10th September	Reception PE Year 4 Indoor PE Year 6 Outdoor PE (Forest School)
Friday 11th September	Year 1/ 2 BG PE Year 1/ 2 CR PE Year 3 Indoor PE Year 5 Outdoor PE

OUR SIX CHARACTER THEMES



RESPECT

We value
ourselves and
others.



FAIRNESS

We treat people
fairly.



RESPONSIBILITY

We own our choices.



CARING

We show
kindness.



CITIZENSHIP

We
contribute



TRUSTWORTHINESS

We are honest and
reliable.

Star points total

	This Week
R	28
1	41
2	36
3	481
4	633
5	211
6	316



Hot Chocolate with the Head Teacher

A huge well done to the children who have been awarded a Hot Chocolate certificate so far this term. They have included Mac, Harry Thomas, Erin, Robina, Ellie, Isobel, Lucy, Junior, Orla, Rose, Alfie, Oscar, Caiden, Raffy, Willow, Alice, Archie, Maddie, Arthur, Holly, Henry, Jack, Anabelle, Jamie, Ffion. You have been super role models and been very kind to your friends.

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Reading Diaries

Parents should have received a notification to join Learning with Parents which provides our reading diaries. If you have not given consent through Arbor and wish to use it please complete this step and notify the school so we can activate an account for you. Many thanks for your support with this.

SEND Coffee Morning – Friday 25th September (JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL) Reminder

Our next SEND coffee morning, facilitated by Gateshead's Parent Carer Forum (PCF), will be held in the Junior School Hall on Friday 25th September. 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

Reading Diary Drop-in information Session reminder

We will be holding a reading diary drop-in session on Monday 21st September at 3.30pm-3.45 pm if any parents would like support or further information. This is a short information session to be held in the Junior Hall for KS2 parents who are new to the programme who would like to find out more.

Family Learning

Our Family Learning sessions will begin in November. For those parents who may have children in both year groups which are being held on the same day, there will be the opportunity to swap a time slot if necessary. Further details of class sessions will be sent out nearer the time.

KS1 Update

Update for 1/ 2 KM – Mrs McNall is unable to be in school currently due to a leg injury and suspected leg fracture. We will update you when we know more.

Meal Update

Please see updated menu attached as there have been a few changes due to supply problems.

★ *Together we learn. Together we grow.* ★



SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

A snapshot of learning from across Oakfield this week

Reception



This week Reception have painted their very own self-portraits. We used mirrors to check what colour eyes and hair we have.

Year 1 / 2



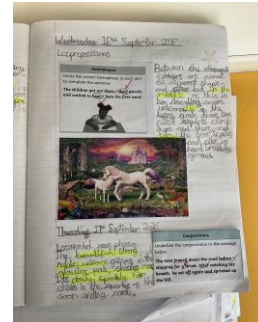
Year 1/ 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their session in the forest this week. We have been talking about the changes around in the forest and of course collected a few conkers along the way!

Year 3



Year 3 enjoyed collecting data from their classmates about their favourite fruits, books, colours and movies in Computing. They then put their data into a spreadsheet using the 2Calculate app in Purple Mash and transformed this data into a pie chart and graph. Why not try logging on to Purple Mash at home and doing your own survey of family and friends?

Year 4



Year 4 have been enjoying their English unit- Hetty's unicorn. This week we have been focusing on our SPAG. We have described unicorns using prepositions and expanded noun phrases.

Year 5



This week, Year 5 have been busy investigating hundredths in maths! We got hands-on with our learning by using paper to create our own tenths and hundredths, helping us to see and understand how these fractions relate to one another.

Year 6



This week, Year 6 have been learning about the human circulatory system and how blood moves around the body. We had a great time improving our Science knowledge!

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

School attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance	
	This Week	
	Attendance	% marks late
Junior Overall	97.9%	0.36%
Infant Overall	95.7%	0.43%
6	97.7%	0.70%
5	95.8%	0%
4	98.6%	0.18%
3	99.2%	0.65%
2	95.1%	0.65%
1	94.3%	0.57%
R	98.2%	0%

Safeguarding



We have a duty of care to safeguard all children and pass on any concerns to Children's Services.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr. M. Thompson. Deputy safeguarding leads are Miss H Hartness, Mrs. J McCormack, Mrs. D Simpson, and Mrs. C Allan. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

H. Hartness, Acting Head Teacher

***Thank you for your
continued support!***

Diary Dates for 2026-2027		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
2/09/26	Autumn 1 begin	Time
21/9/26	Reading Diary drop in Junior School Hall	3.30pm
28/09/26	Reception Phonics Family Learning	9am
W/B 12/10/26	Parents' Evenings	
19/10/26	Tempest Photographs	
21/10/26	Year 1/ 2 Harvest Festival	2pm
23/10/26	Half term holiday	
9/11/26	Year 3 Family Learning	
10/11/26	Flu Vaccinations	
11/11/26	Year 4 Family Learning Rec Family Learning	
12/11/26	Year 5 Family Learning Year 1 Family Learning	
13/11/26	Year 6 Family Learning Year 2 Family Learning	
18/11/26	Year 6 at Lockerbie	
1/12/26	Christmas Fayre	
8/12/26	Reception Nativity	2pm
9/12/26	Year 1/ 2 Christmas Singalong	2pm
10/12/26	KS2 Pantomime	
14/12/26	Year 5 Christmas party	PM
15/12/26	Year 4 Christmas party	PM
16/12/26	Year 3 Christmas party Reception Christmas party	PM
17/12/26	Year 6 Christmas party Year 1/ 2 Christmas party	PM
18/12/26	KS2 Carols Under the Veranda	TBC