



Oakfield Schools

1st May 2026



What a busy and enjoyable week we have had in school. The children have had lots of exciting opportunities to take part in. Please follow us on the Face book page to see a flavour of some of the activities that have happened in school. One of our visitors in school this week was Michael who is a 'Teacher of the Deaf' from Gateshead's LINT inclusion team. He came into KS2 assembly to talk to the children about how we can be good listeners and communicators. We are going to have a team of listening detectives across the Junior school who will help promote oracy skills in our classrooms.

It is Bank holiday on Monday so school will be closed and reopen on Tuesday 5th May. Have a lovely long weekend and May the 4th be with you! (Apologies for the terrible pun!!)

What's happening next week

Monday 4th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 5th May	Coffee Morning – 9:00 – Infant School Hall Reception PE Year 4 PE KS1 Little Kickers (before school) KS1 Multiskills (after school) KS1 Games Club (after school) KS2 Karate (before school) KS2 Ukulele (after school) Athletics Team Training (after school)
Wednesday 6th May	Year 1/ 2 BG PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 5B PE – 5R Swimming KS1 Happy Feet Dance (after school)
Thursday 7th May	Reception PE Year 4 PE Year 6 PE KS2 Guitar Club (after school) Year 6 Girls Football Semi Final Competition
Friday 8th May	Year 1/ 2BG PE Year 1/ 2 CR Year 6 Girls Football team practice Year 5 Orienteering Festival at Gibside

Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
5/5/26	Coffee Morning for parents – Infants Hall	9am
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
10/07/26	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
6	Fun run	22/05/26
	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	
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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

Reminder-

We would like to come into Tuesday 5th May relaxed coffee

school, where you can meet with some of our leadership team, have a chat, and share your thoughts or questions in an informal setting. It is a great chance to get to know us a bit better, hear about what is happening in school, and connect with other parents too. There is no set agenda—just friendly conversation over a cup of coffee. We hope you can make it! The coffee morning will be held in the Infant School Hall.

Coffee Morning

invite all parents school on at 9am for a morning at

Sunny weather

Reminder as the weather warms up could you please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school and send them in with a water bottle and sun hat.

Year 6 PE days

PE days will be Monday - indoor and Thursday - outdoor until half term.

The classes will attend Forest School on alternative weeks starting with 6M on 30/04 the 6D on the 07/05. Please can your child be dressed in long trousers and bring walking boots/wellies/old trainers on the days their class attends Forest School.

After half term year 6 PE days will be Thursday and Friday

School Sport Arrangements – WB 18th

May

We have made the week beginning 20th May our annual sports week this year (here is hoping the weather gods cannot hear us!). Over the week there are a range of competitive and non-competitive events, some as a whole school, some as an individual.



Monday 18th May (Year 2-6)

Children will participate in a carousel of 10 different sporting events in their class while representing their house. Every child has the opportunity to participate within their house team in events as diverse as Wang the Welly, Shuttle Relay, Bean Bag Shoot. On this day children need to attend school in their house colours;

Alnwick – Green

Lindisfarne–White

Bamburgh – Blue

Warkworth –Red

Please could you ensure the children bring a water bottle to school. In the event of hot weather please apply sun cream before school and provide the children with a cap. Parents are welcome to attend for a 1.15pm start with access available from 12.45pm via the Junior drive gate. Could parents please enter school by the Junior school driveway and then be seated on/next to the bank overlooking the field.

Tuesday 19th May

On this afternoon, the competitive athletics sports day for years 3 – 6 will take place, again between 1.15pm and 3.15pm. In a change to previous years, pupils will compete in all the running, jumping, and throwing events in a round robin way. Again, the Junior drive gate will be open from 12.45pm for parents who wish to come and view.

As with Tuesday, would children please come to school in their PE kits, wearing trainers and a t-shirt in the colour of their house team:

Alnwick – Green

Lindisfarne – White

Bamburgh – Blue

Warkworth – Red

Year 2 lists for parents will follow. Please could you ensure the children bring a water bottle to school. In the event of hot weather please apply sun cream before school and provide the children with a cap. Could parents who wish to attend, please enter school by the junior school driveway from 12.45pm and be seated on the bank below the infant yard. Finally, should the weather prohibit any event taking place, we will contact parents at the earliest opportunity.

Wednesday 20th May (Key Stage 1 Pupils)

This is the day of the Key Stage 1 fun afternoon. The children will be participating in lots of fun sports activities. This is for the children only as parents have been invited into school for the picnics in the last school week of July.

Saltwell Park Fun Run - Friday 22nd May (Years 1-6)

The children will be taking part in a Fun Run at Saltwell Park on Friday 22nd May; you have already been contacted for permissions and school lunch arrangements. Can all children attending in these year groups, please be in school by 8.30am so they can be registered promptly and then start their walk to the park. Year One will be going by bus. The children will need to bring a packed lunch to eat at the park - weather permitting. As with sports day, could sun cream be applied before school and children attend school with hat, water bottle and waterproof (just in case!)

Swimming Offer

Our year 5 pupils continue to access weekly swimming lessons as part of the sports curriculum. We currently go to Dunston Pool, which is run now by Better, as are two others in Gateshead. They are making the following offer to anybody who is interested.



**TAKE THE
PLUNGE INTO
WEEKLY LESSONS**

Give your child the gift
of confidence and safety
in and around the water
with Better Swim School.

50% OFF INITIAL PAYMENT

The advertisement features a green and purple graphic. On the left, a green triangle contains the text 'TAKE THE PLUNGE INTO WEEKLY LESSONS' in large white letters, followed by 'Give your child the gift of confidence and safety in and around the water with Better Swim School.' in smaller white text. On the right, a purple banner contains the text '50% OFF INITIAL PAYMENT' in white. Below the banner is a photograph of three children in a swimming pool, with one child in the foreground wearing a pink float and another child behind them wearing goggles.

Join weekly lessons with Better Swim School and get 50 % off your first payment with code SCHOOL50.



Better Swim School

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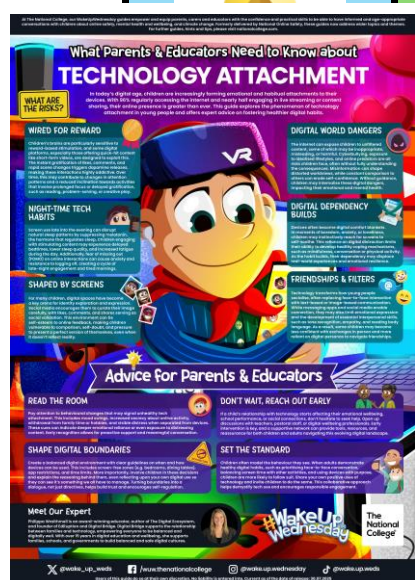
Blaydon swimming pool are also offering an Artistic Swim Short Course on 28/05/2026 @ 14:30 for anybody interested: if so, please see the BETTER app for booking.

Year 4 Orienteering Festival

On Monday a team of Year 4 attended the Gateshead Schools Orienteering Festival. The children took part in fun team building challenges and were also let loose on an orienteering course. Everyone had a fantastic time, demonstrated excellent problem-solving skills and worked well as a team. ★



Star points total per week



	20/04/26	27/04/26
	152	96
	564	397
	891	519
	54	190
	157	342
	216	360
	174	153

Safeguarding

Many young people and children today are deeply attached to their digital devices – often using screens for comfort, connection, and even validation. This attachment can quickly turn into dependency, especially with many apps designed to be habit-forming. Our guide breaks down how and why these connections develop, and the ways in which they might affect children's behaviour, focus, and emotional resilience.

From disrupted sleep patterns to distorted self-image, the consequences of excessive screen time can be far-reaching. This guide also examines how digital communication may shape friendships and social skills, as well as the hidden risks children and young people face in virtual spaces. With expert insights and practical strategies, it is a valuable read for anyone supporting children and young people in our digital world.

School attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance			
	Summer 1			
	Week 1		Week 2	
	Attendance	% marks late	Attendance	% marks late
Junior Overall	96.0	0.63	95.2	0.55
Infant Overall	97.8	1.06	96.0	0.26
6	99.7	0.58	97.6	0.8
5	94.4	0.37	94.4	0.3

4	93.7	0.65	94.4	0.3
3	95.4	0.85	94.3	0.5
2	98.8	1.02	96.6	0.0
1	94.4	1.39	93.9	0.46
R	99.5	0.81	96.7	0.41

Thank you all for a fantastic week and well done on really strong attendance. We appreciate your support.

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

EVERY DAY IN SCHOOL COUNTS...

and every minute counts...

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



3
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days
lost per
year



6.5
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10
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13
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19
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