



Oakfield Schools

20th February 2026

WORLD BOOK DAY COMING SOON



The Reading Champions and staff have lots of exciting activities planned for Thursday 5th March for World Book Day. Reminder that the competition will be Book in a Box to be in school for Wednesday 4th March. The theme chosen by the children is whimsical characters; costume ideas could include fairies, elves, gnomes, trolls, aliens, monsters, pixies - anything that their imagination can come up with!

What's Happening after half term...

Monday 2nd March	Year 6 PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 1/ 2 CR Year 5 PE KS1 Karate (after school) KS2 Guitar Club (after school) KS2 Violin Tuition
Tuesday 3rd March	Reception PE Year 4 PE KS1 Little Kickers (before school) KS1 Games Club (after school) KS2 Karate (before school) KS2 Ukulele (after school) KS2 Dance Club (after school) KS2 Brass Tuition Year 1 visit to Cromer Church
Wednesday 4th March	Year 1/ 2 BG PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 3 PE Year 5 PE or Swimming (Water Safety Workshop) KS1 Happy Feet Dance club (after school) KS2 Woodwind Pm – Year 4 Hockey Tournament
Thursday 5th March	Reception PE Year 4 PE Year 3 Forest School KS2 Guitar Club (after school) World Book Day
Friday 6th March	Year 1/ 2BG PE Year 1/ 2 CR Year 3 PE Year 6 PE KS2 Oakfield Band (after school)

Half-term events: Digital Voice Photo club

Take part in a fun, interactive iPad photography session with Digital Voice's Photo club for young people. The session is neurodiverse-friendly with members on hand to lend support. It's a great introduction to photography and digital art in the beautiful surroundings of the Shipley Art Gallery. For ages 8+ (Parents are welcome to join in but will need a ticket).

Free - pre-booking essential at: www.gatesheadlibraries.com

Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
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	

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)

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

County Finals, Here We Come Again!

We are incredibly proud of our amazing Year 5 and 6 swimming team for their fantastic performance at the Gateshead swimming gala! Finishing an impressive 4th overall is a huge achievement and a true reflection of their hard work, determination, and team spirit.

A special congratulations to our medal winners:

-  Silver in Boys Freestyle A
-  Bronze in Girls Freestyle A
-  Silver in Boys Freestyle B
-  Bronze in Girls Freestyle B
-  Silver in the Boys Freestyle Relay
-  Silver in the Girls Freestyle Relay.

What an outstanding effort from everyone involved. You represented the school brilliantly and we could not be prouder! 🌟

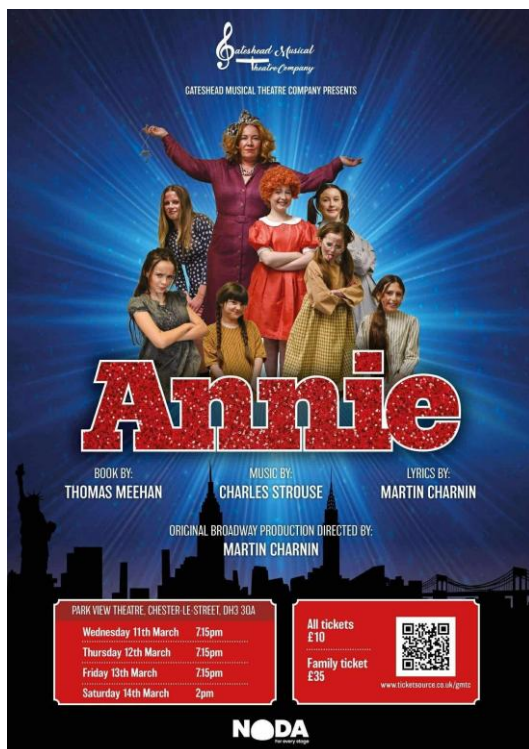


Year 2 Girls Football Festival



Some Year 2 girls were chosen to take part in a Football Festival arranged by Gateshead School Partnership and had an amazing time learning some new skills. Well done all!

Local entertainment



Gateshead Musical Theatre Company are performing Annie Wednesday 11th March- Saturday 14th March. Tickets £10, can be bought from

Ticketsource:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/gmtc

Nut Free School



Just a reminder to all families that Oakfield Infant and Junior School are a nut-free school.

We have several children with severe nut allergies, and even being in close proximity to nut products can pose a serious risk to their health.

Please check all ingredients carefully when preparing packed lunches and snacks to ensure that no nut products are included.

Thank you for your support in keeping all our children safe.



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5 March 2026

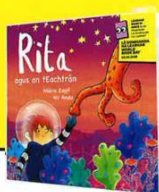
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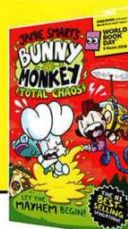
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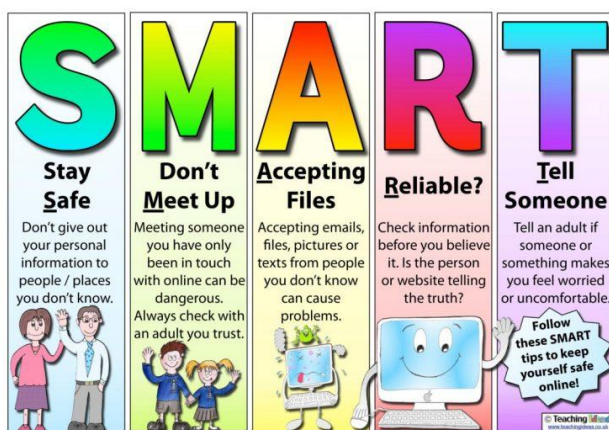
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Star points total per week							
	05/01/26	12/01/26	19/01/26	23/01/26	2/02/26	9/02/26	16/2/26
R	232	396	224	404	245	215	272
1	187	483	333	514	422	266	334
2	218	606	352	520	431	334	463
3	61	177	245	608	477	769	920
4	139	273	279	664	604	419	424
5	106	303	289	256	300	356	486
6	197	624	218	443	182	240	199

Safeguarding



Message from Smart Academy Trust

We know that for many parents, navigating the digital world can feel overwhelming. At RM, we put learners at the heart of everything we do, and that includes ensuring they are safe and confident when using technology at home as well as in the classroom.

To support our school communities, we are hosting two free webinars led by online safety expert Alan Mackenzie on **Monday, 9 March 2026**. These sessions are a fantastic way for our schools to add value to their parent communities.

- **Primary School Parents**

5pm – 6pm / Early risks, healthy screen habits, and simple security.

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/9894c0d8-1360-42ac-a603-9e94fdeab412@3a4af158-b8a5-4bc8-833c-d973205f2bc2>

- **Secondary School Parents**

6:30pm – 7:30pm / social media, digital reputation, and open conversations.

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School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance	
	Spring 1	
	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	96.1	0.84
Infant Overall	95.9	0.51
6	96.8	1.0
5	94.1	0.46
4	96.5	1.22
3	96.5	0.59
2	95.7	0.3
1	96.2	0.97
R	95.9	0.37

EVERY DAY IN SCHOOL COUNTS...

and every minute counts...



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



We hope you have a wonderful half term holiday!

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head