



Oakfield Schools

21st March 2025

I am sure this week may have been nothing but a blur for a number of you after the joys of last Sunday – a trophy to grace St James' Park. It was lovely to see so many faces arriving on Monday morning still wearing a huge smile, some still with bits of black and white face paint on! It was certainly the topic of conversation from many pupils I talked to; they knew they had experienced a day in history that many older fans had not seen, but only dreamed of.

One thing that was very evident when speaking to the children, was their immense pride in their Geordie identity. Looking at the scenes at Wembley, the various fan zones in Newcastle and many private family gatherings to watch the final, it really shows the pride the people of this region have in being from the North East, something that the children echoed this week. Let hope for many more days like that!

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
22/03/25	Friends of Oakfield - Quiz night Gold medal	19.00
w/b 07/04/25	Year R – 5 Parents' evenings (face to face)	
11/4/25	Reception Cake Sale	
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

Friends of Oakfield

Our Quiz Night at the Gold Medal is tomorrow and is always a great evening! Come along and support us on Saturday 22nd March. Get your tickets here ... [friends-of-oakfield.sumupstore.com](https://www.friends-of-oakfield.sumupstore.com)

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

Annual Ukulele Project Art Competition

Well done to Finn in Y5 whose amazing Ukulele art has won the Annual Ukulele Project Art Competition, with Alice from Y4 coming runner up. Both children have won a Ukulele for their creative efforts and some Ukuleles for our school. The Ukulele Project is a community initiative across the UK committed to using the power of music, specifically the Ukulele, to bring people together, foster connections, and address the challenges of loneliness while promoting overall well-being. We are awaiting news from Tara Maysey, founder and director of the Ukulele Project in London to find out exactly what the prizes will be. Please log on to [Ukulele Project – Music for everyone, combating loneliness together](https://www.ukuleleproject.com) to find out more about this amazing musical organisation.



British Sign Language Week

This week is British Sign Language (BSL) Week and we had a special visit in 4R from Michael Donahue, a teacher of the deaf and Jodie Hall one of the LINT team support staff. He taught us how people with hearing loss and hearing aid wearers need a quieter classroom to thrive. Children also experienced a bit about how those with hearing loss experience the world.



Mr Renwick said: "Reducing background noise in the classroom can really help children and staff who wear hearing aids. We have some children who wear hearing aids who are amazing advocates for hearing aid wearers and their enthusiasm in the classroom teaches us so much!"



School Sport Update – a football victory

The Year 6 football league competition continued last night with a further fixture. Following last week's draws the team went into the game undefeated, but yet also to win a game. That all changed last night, and for the better following a 1 – 0 victory. Each and every member of the squad battled well and created many chances while looking solid defensively. Despite some good approach play, it was a scrappy goal that won the game, with ball, goalkeeper and striker all ending up in the net, however it was the perseverance of said player that created the chance, so it was well deserved. Next game report, this time next week.

Reception Cake Sale

Reception classes will be holding a cake sale on Wednesday 11th April after school to raise funds for some new resources to enhance the Outdoor Garden resources. It will start at 3.15 and all year groups are welcome to visit. If any parents would like to donate cakes that would be very welcome. The children will also be baking and decorating the cakes that week.

Safeguarding



The sharing of intimate images online can be a dangerous avenue through which abusers seek to exploit children and young people, forcibly exposing them to explicit material, coercing them into sharing self-generated intimate images, and extorting them with the threat of sharing such images more widely. From reputational impact to potential blackmail or emotional distress, and even legal consequences, exposure to this harmful behaviour can have a severe impact.

It's important to remember that the creation and distribution of explicit material featuring under-18s – even by the child themselves – is illegal under UK law. Our guide looks at the serious concerns associated with this behaviour, and lets parents and educators know how best to address these issues and protect young people.

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Spring 2					
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3	
	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	96.5	1.25%	97.3	0.46%	93.6	0.8%
Infant Overall	95.9	0.65%	98.4	0.39%	93.5	0.7%
6	96.7	0.98%	96.0	0.51%	93.3	1.34%
5	97.2	1.55%	100.0	0.25%	94.0	0.88%
4	95.6	1.3%	96.0	0.89%	95.5	0.78%
3	96.7	1.17%	98.0	0.25%	91.8	0.22%
2	95.8	0.78%	97.0	0.71%	91.4	1.25%
1	96.8	0.49%	98.2	0%	94.2	0.25%
R	94.7	0.67%	100.0	0.4%	96.1	0.35%

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