



Oakfield Schools

23rd May 2025

Sports Week



Dear all

It was wonderful to see so many of parents and carers come and enjoy our sports events this week. The children really enjoyed themselves and this was helped by the lovely weather! A big thank you to all staff involved in the organisation of the days as it does take a lot of logistical planning. Please have a good look at the dates for the following half term to ensure you have everything in your diaries! Have a lovely half term holiday.

Many thanks

Miss Chisholm

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
	Start of Summer 2 term	
3/6/25	Year 1 trip to Gibside	
5/6/25	Year 2 trip to Washington Wetlands	
6/6/25	Non-Uniform Day	
June 2025 (TBC)	Year 1 / 2 phonics check	All week
17/06/25	Summer Fayre	15.30 – 17.00
W/B 23/6/25	Diversity week	
1-2/ 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
15/07/25	Reception Summer Picnic	1.30
16/07/25	Year One Summer Picnic	1.30
17/07/25	Year Two Summer Picnic	1.30
17/07/25	Last day of term	
18/07/25	Occasional day – School closed	

2025 – 2026 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
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 – 02/04/25
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

2024 - 2025 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
Summer 1	28/04/25 – 23/05/25
Summer 2	02/06/25 – 17/07/25

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
Year Six	Wednesday (Swimming) and Friday

Sports Week

What a fantastic week we have all had participating in a range of events during this week's sports week. It was not only a week of unforgettable achievements, courage and sportsmanship, but also an unforgettable week of weather; on writing this there has been nothing but sunshine.

Year 6 Cricket tournament

On Monday three teams of ten attended a Gateshead School Sports Partnership tournament at Gateshead Fell Cricket Club, making a total of 16 teams competing. During the morning each team played three group games, with all teams claiming at least one victory. The afternoon was reserved for quarter finals onwards. Within these games Oakfield A progressed all the way to the final, an unbelievable achievement. Unfortunately, they lost in a tight match and had to settle for silver on this occasion. Well done all!



Sports Day – Tuesday and Wednesday

Following the cricket, we had two glorious afternoons of sport on the field: A Tuesday of less competitive games that covered skills of shooting, dribbling, running, jumping and throwing covering a range of sports, and a traditional track and field competitive afternoon.

Firstly, a huge thank you to parents and family for attending in large numbers. While the bonus of topping up tans may have encouraged some, the atmosphere that you created for the children and staff just adds to the enjoyment. The children also had a fantastic time. Their engagement in all events, teamwork across all ages and successes as individuals were things to admire. It also led to a very tight competition. A huge well done to the members of Warkworth – 2025 Oakfield champions!



Fun Afternoon (KS1)

Key Stage One children took part in their Fun Afternoon on Thursday and we were particularly impressed by the Year 6 children who led the event. Staff felt very proud of their caring attitude and support of the younger children. The happy smiles and enthusiasm of the children was a true credit to staff and parents.



Robotics Days

Friends of Oakfield have kindly funded some exciting days focussing on Robotics during Summer 2. We have Martin Bailey coming into school over three days to work with the children. Many thanks to Friends of Oakfield and their supporters who have helped school to have these amazing experiences.



Summer Fayre

A reminder our Summer Fayre will be held on Tuesday 17th June at 3.30. We have many stalls including refreshments, sweets, cakes, splat the teacher, games, tombola, raffle, plants, forest activities and many more. If parents are able to support us with raffle prizes, we would be grateful for any donations of gift vouchers or items to raffle. If you have any donations for the raffle, please contact the Infant School office with your donation. As part of our build up to our Summer fayre we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 6th June. As is usual instead of paying a donation we are asking parents to donate a bottle or chocolate item to help us prepare for the Fayre. We are very grateful for your support with this.

Key Stage One Picnics

Please see dates above for Key Stage One Summer Picnics. Parents and carers are invited into school for a picnic on the field. We ask parents to bring picnic blankets and picnic food for a wonderful end to the school year (weather permitting!).

Forest School

Please follow the link below to book your child's place at forest Adventures on Monday evenings.

<https://bookwhen.com/forestadventurers>

Science



This year, our Science Week (starting on 16th June)
The theme will be 'Let's Celebrate Science'. In both schools, the children will be exploring the three strands of science: biology, chemistry, and physics. If you have a career or background in science and think you could spare some time to share your enthusiasm and passion for science and demonstrate how it can be applied in the real world it would be fantastic if you could come in and talk to a year group or speak to the children in an assembly. Please contact the school office if you could and our science lead, Mrs Brown will get in touch.

In the past, talks from parents and carers have been invaluable and have given our children a wonderful, enriched experience, where they can ask questions and learn at first-hand about a particular job.

Year 3 Trip to Segedunum

On Monday, Year 3 had an amazing time at Segedunum Fort, Wallsend. The children learnt all about life in the fort and completed army drills, investigated Roman artefacts and protected Hadrian's Wall from a vicious attack. Their teachers were even dressed up as a Roman soldier! We had a great day.



Ukelele Project

Amazing Artist, Alice from Y4 has received her prize for her fantastic runner up in the Annual Ukulele Project Art Competition. She won a lovely pink ukulele. Finn from Y5 was also pleased to receive samples of his winning design on merch for the community initiative that uses music to fight loneliness. Finn won his own ukulele a few weeks ago and was proud to receive a class set of 30 ukuleles for school. Well done! <https://ukuleleproject.co.uk/>



Amazing Aoife



Amazing Aoife raised over £107 for whale and dolphin conservation charity WDC by selling Lemonade books and more to shoppers on Durham Road on Monday. Mr Renwick, who sampled the lemonade, said: "It takes a lot of determination and ambition, to simply hit the streets and raise money for charity! Superstar!"

Safeguarding

QR codes have become a convenient part of everyday life—but they also carry hidden risks. A recent Sky News investigation revealed that organised crime groups are using QR code stickers across UK streets, including near schools, to promote illegal online cannabis delivery services. These links lead to slick websites offering next-day delivery, with transactions handled through banks and cryptocurrency. The products are often unregulated and potentially dangerous.

<https://news.sky.com/story/the-online-drug-trade-behind-qr-code-stickers-plastered-on-streets-across-the-uk-13365660>

Meanwhile, Action Fraud warns that criminals are also using fake QR codes to trick people into giving away personal or financial information. Some replace legitimate QR codes in car parks with scam versions, while others send malicious codes via email in phishing attacks known as 'quishing'.

To stay safe, only scan QR codes from trusted sources, avoid using third-party scanning apps, and double-check links before following them. Suspicious QR code activity should be reported to Action Fraud at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/a-z-of-fraud/qr-codes>



School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance			
	Summer 1		Year to Date	
	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	97.6	0.8%	97.0	1.1%
Infant Overall	96.6	0.45%	96.0	0.6%
6	97.3	0.39%	96.4	0.86%
5	97.7	0.71%	97.0	1.27%
4	97.1	1.27%	96.0	1.2%
3	98.2	0.9%	97.0	0.98%
2	97.0	0.14%	96.0	0.7%
1	98.0	0.38%	97.0	0.43%
R	95.0	0.62%	95.1	0.64%

Congratulations on great attendance this week!

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head