



# Oakfield Schools

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025



On Monday, we held our annual Harvest celebrations, giving thanks for all that we have while also thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves. This was enhanced by the generosity the families of Oakfield Schools have shown towards our collection, only a fraction of which is shown above. The People's Kitchen collected the donations yesterday and were rightfully overwhelmed – thank you again. Harvest is always a joyous celebration to end the term with, as it brings us all together.



We wish you all a restful half term and already look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

| 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         |
|                                                     | South shields leavers trip                                   | 10/07/26    |

| Diary Dates for 2025-2026                                         |                                                          |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1 |                                                          |          |
| Date                                                              | Event                                                    | Time     |
| 24/10/25                                                          | PD day – school closed to children                       | All day  |
| w/b 27/10/25                                                      | Half term                                                |          |
| 03/11/25                                                          | Autumn 2 term begins                                     |          |
| 03/11/25                                                          | Year 1/2 parents meeting – new grouping                  | 16.30 pm |
| 05/11/26                                                          | Year 1/2 trip to Centre for Life                         | All day  |
| 13/11/25-20/11/25                                                 | Scholastic Book Fair                                     |          |
| 14/11/25                                                          | Children in Need                                         | All day  |
| 21/11/25                                                          | Non uniform Day                                          |          |
| 25/11/25                                                          | Reception Handwashing workshops in class                 | AM       |
| 26/11/25 – 28/11/25                                               | Year 6 residential                                       |          |
| 29/11/25                                                          | Christmas Fun Morning for prospective reception starters |          |
| 03/12/25                                                          | School Christmas Fayre                                   | 15.30    |
| 8/12/25                                                           | Year 1/2 Christmas sing – Year 1 parents viewing         | 2pm      |
| 9/12/25                                                           | Year 1/2 Christmas sing - Year 2 parents viewing         | 2pm      |
| 10/12/25                                                          | Reception Nativity                                       | 2pm      |
| 11/12/25                                                          | Reception trip to Northern Stage                         |          |
| 15/12/25                                                          | Year 4 Christmas party                                   |          |

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| 16/12/25                        | Year 5 Christmas party                                            |       |
| 17/12/25                        | Year 3 Christmas party                                            |       |
| 17/12/25                        | Reception Christmas party                                         |       |
| 18/12/25                        | Year 1/2 Christmas party                                          |       |
| 18/12/25                        | Year 6 Christmas party                                            |       |
| 19/12/25                        | Carols under the veranda (KS2)                                    | 13.45 |
| 20/12/25                        | Christmas Holidays                                                |       |
| 05/01/26                        | PD day – school closed for children                               |       |
| 06/01/26                        | Start of Spring Term                                              |       |
| 13/01/26                        | Family learning – year 6                                          | am    |
| 14/01/26                        | Family learning – year 5                                          | am    |
| 15/01/26                        | Family learning – year 4                                          | am    |
| 16/01/26                        | Family learning – year 3                                          | am    |
| 19/01/26                        | Family learning – year 1                                          | am    |
| 20/01/26                        | Family learning- year 2                                           | am    |
| 21/01/26                        | Family learning – reception                                       | am    |
| w/b 9/02/26                     | Science week                                                      |       |
| w/b 16/02/26                    | Parents evenings – learning plan reviews                          | tbc   |
| w/b 23/02/26                    | Half term                                                         |       |
| 02/03/26                        | Spring 2 term begins                                              |       |
| 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   |
| Fortnight beginning<br>01/06/26 | Y4 multiplication check                                           |       |
| w/b 09/06/26                    | Y1 and 2 Phonics screening check                                  |       |
| 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    |
| 15/07/26                        | Year1/2 summer picnic                                             | pm    |
| 17/07/26                        | Occasional day – School closed                                    |       |
| 18/07/26                        | Start of Summer holidays                                          |       |

| 2025 – 2026 Term Dates          |                                                                                          |
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| 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<br>24/10/25<br>05/01/26<br>04/05/26 – bank holiday<br>17/07/26 - occasional day |

| 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)<br>(This will swap during the Spring term) |
| Year Six          | Monday (indoor / outdoors mix) - Friday (outdoors)                                                |

### Primary School Admissions

Applications for Reception for September 2026 are open until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Applications can be made using this link [here](#). This link should also be completed by Year 2 parents applying for their child's place at Oakfield Junior School.

### Application for Secondary School

Applications for Gateshead secondary schools in September 2026 opened on September 8, 2025, and the closing date is October 31, 2025. You can apply online through the [Gateshead Council website](#). It is crucial to read the "Admission to Secondary School" booklet before applying to understand the process and make informed choices.



### Website

As part of our conversion to Academy we have moved our website URL: Please see the new URL below.

<https://oakfield.smartacademies.net/>



### Parents evenings

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended parents' evenings this week. For Rec M we would like to thank you for your understanding that appointments needed to be postponed due to staff illness. These will be rearranged as soon as possible.

### Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need on 14<sup>th</sup> November and are asking the children to dress in something yellow and/or spotty for the day. We will be collecting donations by on our payments systems from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November. A suggested donation is £1.



### Christmas Fayre



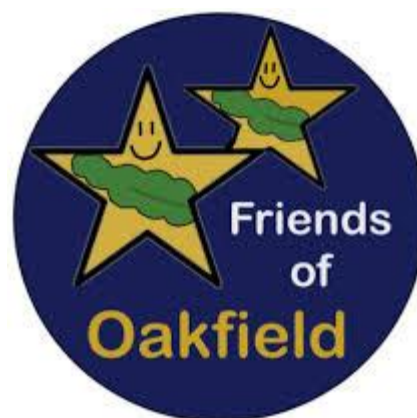
We are looking forward to holding our Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November. We are asking parents to donate an item which will be used to help us prepare our hampers for the raffle. We are looking for donations of a bottle or chocolate item. We do really appreciate your support with this as it helps to make a successful event for all our families. More news about the stalls available to follow.

### PE day changes (Y1/2)

Please note that PE days have changed for Year 1/ 2 classes on the PE timetable as we have now completed our half term units of Forest outdoor activities.

### Friends of Oakfield

Please see attachment showing some of the recent developments in school which Friends of Oakfield have sourced funds for by either Fundraising or applying for grants. These developments will benefit all the children and are much appreciated by all staff and children.



### Year 4 Trip to Sunderland Winter Gardens

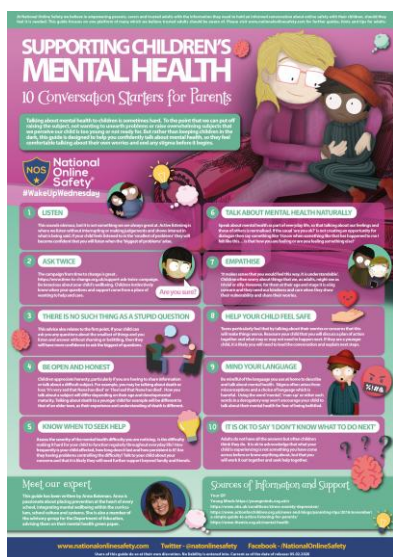
Y4 had a great time at Sunderland Winter Gardens! They took part in a brilliant workshop learning about the different layers of the rainforest, then set off on a quest to help Lola the Lemur save it. They also explored the museums fascinating exhibitions and learned about Sunderland's history of glass, coal, ships and 20th Century homes.



### Sharing success

| Star points total                                                                   |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|  | Autumn 1 |
| R                                                                                   | 2'920    |
| 1                                                                                   | 1'941    |
| 2                                                                                   | 2'502    |
| 3                                                                                   | 2'575    |
| 4                                                                                   | 2'710    |
| 5                                                                                   | 1'005    |
| 6                                                                                   | 3'244    |

## Safeguarding



Talking to children about mental health hard sometimes: even to the point that adults can put off raising the topic, not wanting to unearth problems or discuss overwhelming subjects that we perceive our child is too young or not ready for. Rather than keeping children in the dark, however, this guide is designed to help you confidently talk about mental health, so that youngsters feel comfortable talking about their own worries and end any stigma before it begins.

In the guide, you will find tips on talking about mental health naturally, being open and honest and asking twice.

## School Attendance and Punctuality

| School year    | Attendance |       |
|----------------|------------|-------|
|                | Autumn 1   |       |
|                | Attendance | Lates |
| Junior Overall | 97.5       | 0.7   |
| Infant Overall | 97.1       | 0.3   |
| 6              | 98.1       | 0.4   |
| 5              | 95.1       | 0.9   |
| 4              | 97.5       | 0.7   |
| 3              | 97.4       | 0.6   |
| 2              | 97.2       | 0.2   |
| 1              | 96.0       | 0.5   |
| R              | 97.9       | 0.2   |

Thank you all for supporting us in your child's attendance at school. Our children have excellent attendance, and this is down to the fantastic support of all our families.

We hope you have a wonderful half term, and I look forward to seeing you all on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher  
Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head  
Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Hea

