



Oakfield Schools

24th April 2026



Welcome back everyone!

We hope you all had a lovely break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting Summer Term. This term is always a busy and fun one, with lots of activities, events, and hopefully plenty of sunshine along the way!

There is so much to look forward to over the coming weeks—from trips and sports days to special events and end-of-year celebrations. It is a great time for pupils to build on all their hard work and enjoy their learning in new and engaging ways.

As always, thank you for your continued support—we are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead!

What's happening next week

Monday 28th April	Year 6 PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 1/ 2 CR Year 5 PE Year 4 Orienteering Event KS1 Karate Club (after school) Y3/4 Athletics Trials – Girls (after School) Year 6 Booster Club (after school)
Tuesday 29th April	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) Y5/6 Athletics Trials – Girls (after School)
Wednesday 30th April	Year 1/ 2 BG PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 5B PE – 5R Swimming KS1 Happy Feet Dance (after school) KS2 Gymnastic Team practice 08:00 Junior Hall
Thursday 1st May	Reception PE Year 4 PE KS2 Guitar Club (after school) Year 6 Girls Football Cup Competition
Friday 2nd May	Year 1/ 2BG PE Year 1/ 2 CR Year 6 PE Year 2 and KS2 Gymnastics team event KS2 Oakfield Band (after school) Year 6 Girls Football Club

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 (Outdoor) Friday (Indoor)
Year Four	Tuesday (Outdoor) Thursday (Indoor)
Year Five	Monday (Outdoors) Wednesday 5R Swimming / 5B (Indoor)
Year Six	Wednesday (Indoor/Outdoor mix) Friday (Outdoor)

Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
5/5/26	Coffee Morning for parents	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
	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	

2025 – 2026 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
Autumn 1	02/09/25 – 23/10/25

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	10/07/26

Coffee Morning

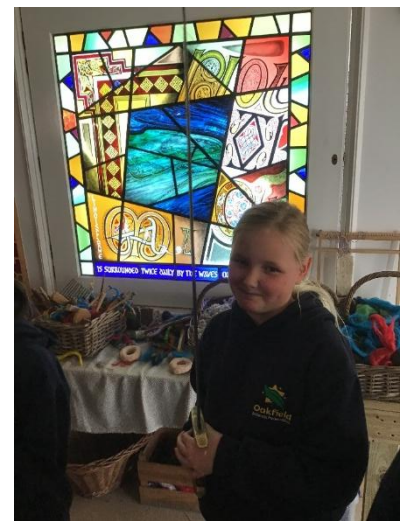
We would like to invite all parents to come into school on Tuesday 5th May at 9am for a relaxed coffee morning at school, where you can meet our leadership team, have a chat, and share your thoughts or questions in an informal setting. It is a great chance to get to know us a bit better, hear about what 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.

School Meal Price Increase (a reminder)

On the 1st April we informed parents of the increase to the price of school meals on returning from Easter. That increase to £3.10 per day took effect of Monday of this week. Can parents please make sure that they are paying the correct amount and in advance of their child staying for lunch.

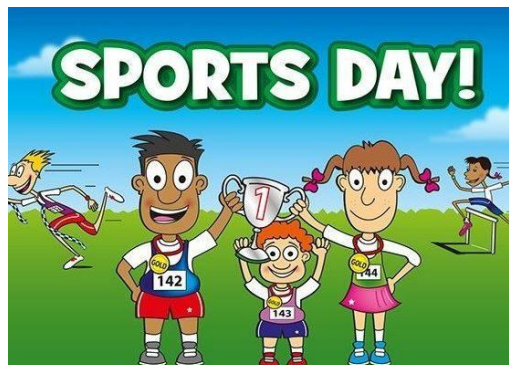
Year 4 Visit to Jarrow Hall

Year 4 had a wonderful time at Jarrow Hall on Monday, the first day after the Easter break. They learned all about crime and punishment in Anglo-Saxon times, as well as Kingdoms and battles. They also enjoyed exploring an Anglo-Saxon farm and village, bringing their learning to life.



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. As in previous years, pupils will compete in a range of running, jumping, and throwing events. 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

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!)

Football Update

On the Thursday evening (when most stopped for Easter at 3.30pm), 10 members of the Year 6 football squad played their final two league games in the Gateshead Felling School FA Under 11 league. Despite their best endeavours and no lack of willingness, the results did not end as hoped with the season finishing with two defeats. Despite the disappointment, all the players were sporting and gracious in defeat and have been a credit to the school in the way they represented Oakfield over the 3 competitions this season. I wish them all the best in their sporting journey in secondary football and their own out of school clubs.

Star points total per week	
	20/04/26
R	152
1	564
2	891
3	54
4	157
5	216
6	174

Safeguarding



With over 900 million monthly users, Snapchat continues to be a favourite among children and young people; however, with its ever-evolving features, the risks have evolved too. From AI-generated filters and chatbots, to disappearing messages and the Snap Map location-sharing tool, it is easy for children to stumble into unsafe territory. This guide breaks down the latest updates, including the Lens+ subscription service, and web browser access.

We have also unpacked the risks of sextortion scams, overuse, and inappropriate content that may slip through the app's moderation systems. With expert advice from online safety consultant Dr Claire Sutherland, this guide is a must-read for anyone helping young people navigate Snapchat responsibly and confidently.

School attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance	
	Summer 1	
	Week 1	
	Attendance	% marks late
Junior Overall	96.0	0.63
Infant Overall	97.8	1.06
6	99.7	0.58
5	94.4	0.37
4	93.7	0.65
3	95.4	0.85
2	98.8	1.02
1	94.4	1.39
R	99.5	0.81

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
school
days
lost per
year



6.5
school
days
lost per
year



10
school
days
lost per
year



13
school
days
lost per
year



19
school
days
lost per
year