Oakfield Schools

26th June 2026

As always, the British weather played its part in a prearranged, and much-loved event, the school's sports day. Following rain on the original date in May, we rearranged the Key Stage 2 event for this week. This time, not a cloud in sight (although we wished there were a few)!! Not only that, but a European wide heat wave. However, with some alterations to the original plans, each year group could compete for a reduced time and fully enjoyed the five events they participated in. Thank you to the parents for attending and making the grass bank a sea of colour, and to Friends of Oakfield for their pop-up refreshment stall (and large freezer that appeared).

Congratulations to this year's winners: BAMBURGH 🏆

Full photos on Facebook next week.

What's happening next week

Monday 29th June	Year 6 PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 1/ 2 CR KS1 Karate Club (after school) KS2 Guitar Club (after school)
Tuesday 30th June	**Year R – Year 5 In School Transitions (all day)** **Year 6 Secondary School Transitions (all day)** Reception PE Year 4 PE KS1 Little Kickers (before school) KS1 Multiskills (after school) KS2 Karate (before school) KS2 Ukulele (after school)
Wednesday 1st July	**Year R – Year 5 In School Transitions (until 1.30pm)** **Year 6 Secondary School Transitions (all day)** Year 1/ 2 BG PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 5B PE – 5R Swimming KS1 Happy Feet Dance (after school) **Summer Fair – Across School**
Thursday 2nd July	Reception PE Year 4 PE KS2 Guitar Club (after school)
Friday 3rd July	Year 1/ 2BG PE Year 1/ 2 CR Year 6 PE KS2 Oakfield Band (after school)

Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
1/06/26	Summer 2 begin	
01/07/26	Summer Fair	15.30
02/07/26	Y1 and Year 2 Washington Wetlands	
08/07/26	New Year 3 Parents Coffee Morning	09:15
08/07/26	Reports out to parents	
09/07/26	Reception trip Tynemouth Aquarium	
10/07/26	**South Shields leavers trip**	
13/07/26	Key Stage 2 Music Extravaganza	09:00
13/07/26	Year 6 leavers concert	17.30
14/07/26	Reception summer picnic	pm
15/07/26	Year1/2 summer picnic	pm
17/07/25	Occasional day – School closed	
18/07/26	Start of Summer holidays	

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	**27/11/25**
	Centre for life – Science day	**27/01/26**
	Shipcote Art Gallery – Art (awaiting booking window to open)	**25/06/26**
	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**

Please note an adjustment to the PD day in the Autumn term. It has now been attached to the half term holiday in October and deleted from November.

2025 – 2026 Term Dates	
Term	**Dates**
Autumn 1 Autumn 2	02/09/25 – 23/10/25 03/11/25 – 19/12/25
Spring 1 Spring 2	06/01/26 - 20/02/26 02/03/26 – 02/04/26
Summer 1 Summer 2	20/04/26 – 22/05/26 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

2026-2027 Term Dates	
Term	**Dates**
Autumn 1 Autumn 2	02/09/26 – 22/10/26 02/11/26 – 18/12/26
Spring 1 Spring 2	04/01/27 - 12/02/27 22/02/27 – 25/03/27
Summer 1 Summer 2	12/04/27 – 28/05/27 07/06/27 – 15/07/27

Staffing Update

After more than 20 years of teaching, Miss Hudson will be retiring this summer. Throughout her career, she has helped young children grow both academically and personally. Her artistic flair, love of colour and passion for teaching has left a lasting impact on the school community. While Miss Hudson will be greatly missed by colleagues, students, and families alike, we wish her a happy and well-deserved retirement filled with relaxation, new adventures, and precious time with loved ones.

Sporting Success!! 🏅

A huge WELL DONE to Nellie from KS2 and to our KS1 gymnastic team, who attended the County Finals in Jesmond last week. We are so incredibly proud of your commitment, hard work, positive attitude and kindness to one another.
Nellie did an amazing job in the Open Category. The KS1 team placed second and are super proud of their Silver Medals! What an excellent day for team Oakfield!

Following this Hickory's offered our Gold/Silver Medallists and County Finalist gymnasts a wonderful treat for their hard work! We absolutely loved the popcorn, cinema room, milkshakes and fro-co! Sprinkling our own toppings on was lots of fun! THANKS SO MUCH for your kindness and generosity! What a fun treat! ⭐🍿⭐

KS2 Penathlon Event – County Finals!

Congratulations to our amazing KS2 Panathlon Team, who competed in the County Finals this week!

Mrs Morpeth and Mrs Routledge were incredibly proud of the team's attitude, effort and sportsmanship, and it was wonderful to see everyone supporting one another and giving their very best!

Transition Days

Next week sees all pupils met and spend time with their new class teacher for the next academic year. This will be on Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July when the current Year 6 are visiting their new secondary schools. On both these days all pupils will start by being registered in their current class. They will then move to their new classroom with their new teacher between the following times before returning to their current teacher:

- Tuesday 30th June 9.30am – 2.45pm
- Wednesday 1st July 9.30am – 1.30pm

Year 2 pupils will have lunch within the junior school on those days. As they are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal in KS1, this will be paid for; those who would prefer a packed lunch will of course be accommodated. We do hope that all pupils find these transition visits helpful and reassuring. The full list of classes for academic year 2026/2027 are as follows:

Class	Teacher	Receiving From
Reception	Miss McGrory	
1/2	Miss Glenwright	
1/ 2	Mrs McNall	
1/ 2	Mrs Cassin/Miss Rose	

This information for Year 1/2 has been shared previously with parents/carers.

3R	Mr Renwick	
3 BM	Mrs Brown/Mrs Morpeth	

This information for Year 3 has been shared previously with parents/carers.

4G	Miss Gandy	3F (Miss Foster)
4F	Miss Foster	3BM (Mrs Brown/Mrs Morpeth)
5M	Mrs McCormack	4R (Mr Renwick)
5D	Mrs Davidson	4G (Miss Gandy)
6B	Mrs Brown	5R (Mrs Robinson)
6R	Mrs Robinson	5B (Mrs Brown)

Summer fayre

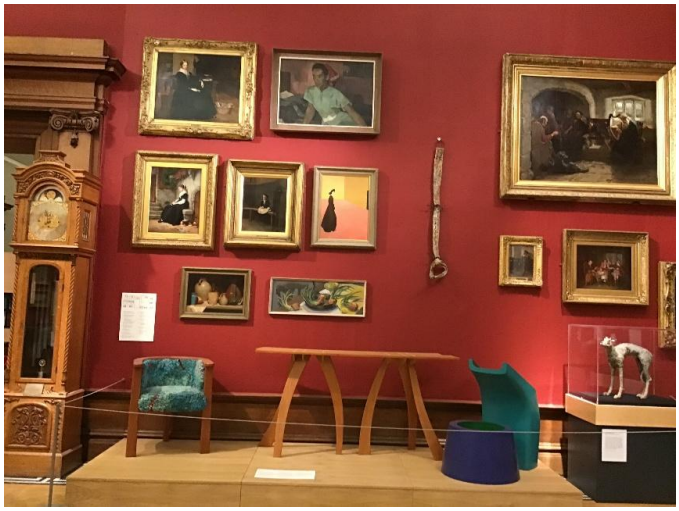
We will be holding our Summer fayre on Wednesday 1st July at 3.30. There will be music performances, Early Years Music workshop, ice cream van, bouncy castle, glitter painting, ceramics, games, forest activities, plants and many more. It is very helpful if parents and carers can bring cash rather than just notes to help each stall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Prepare for Lift-off!

Friends of Oakfield have agreed to fund some inflatable fun on Monday 6th July and Tuesday 7th July as an end of year extravaganza. They will be placed on the field, and each class will have time to access the fun. Can the children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, and Year 5 come into school in suitable PE clothing on Monday 6th July and children in Year 4 and Year 6 some into school wearing suitable PE clothing on Tuesday 7th July. Huge thanks to Friends of Oakfield for this opportunity.

Year 5 Visit to Shipley Art Gallery

Year 5 had an amazing visit to the Shipley Art Galley, which was a follow up from a portrait workshop earlier in the year. We studied the artworks and historical items, reflecting the local area. We enjoyed sketching, taking part in a scavenger hunt and answering questions about the works of art while working together with our friends. We also enjoyed a picnic in the shade at Saltwell Park! Well done everyone for a fantastic day!



Free workshop

Parents, carers, and professionals are invited to join RISE for their free webinar 'Helping your child with anxiety and worries', where they will explore what anxiety looks like, what keeps it going, and simple ways to help children face fears and build confidence.

There is no need to book, just scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/RISE-Anxiety to join us on Friday 3 July at 1pm.

Star points total per week				
	Summer 2			
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
R	387	618	987	194
1	140	216	747	202
2	161	543	1184	674
3	914	1103	1122	609
4	231	234	533	314
5	187	494	421	314
6	36	36	3396	150

Safeguarding

With around 70% of teens reporting they've seen violent real-life content on social media in the past year, this guide shines a light on a disturbing – and increasingly common – aspect of young people's digital lives. From shocking videos to hate speech, many children don't go looking for this material, it finds them via algorithms or peer sharing.

The guide outlines key concerns, including the mental toll of repeated exposure, shifts in behaviour, and the worrying normalisation of harmful ideologies. It also explains how such content can escalate from screen to street, and why some young people may feel pressured to share or even create violent media themselves.

School attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance							
	Summer 2							
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4	
	Attendance	% marks late	Attendance	% marks late	Attendance	% marks late	Attendance	% marks late
Junior Overall	91.6	0.4	94.9	0.53	91.7	0.86	93.4	0.43
Infant Overall	96.1	1.0	97.0	0.89	95.7	0.87	94.8	1.28
6	92.7	0.8	95.5	0.78	87.2	0.88	95.0	1.0
5	88.8	0.0	97.0	0.0	90.4	1.14	94.7	0.57
4	91.1	0.7	95.4	0.87	95.4	1.2	91.4	0.75
3	93.0	0.0	92.4	0.38	93.6	0.33	91.0	0.43
2	92.6	0.0	98.0	0.0	96.3	1.43	96.1	0.26
1	100.0	1.0	93.4	2.0	93.0	0.83	92.0	2.44
R	97.0	2.4	99.1	0.89	96.3	0.41	95.8	1.49

Thank you very much for supporting our attendance.
Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher
Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head
Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head