



Oakfield Schools

26th September 2025

Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
Date	Event	Time
1/10/25	Digital Reading Diaries drop-in session for parents	3.30
07/10/25	Family learning year 6	
08/10/25	Family learning year 5	
08/10/25	Phonics parents meeting – Reception parents	16.30
09/10/25	Family learning year 4	
10/10/25	Family learning year 3	
11/10/25	Saturday Pumpkin trail for prospective reception children	
13/10/25	Family learning Year 1	am
14/10/25	Family Learning Year 2	am
14/10/25	Prospective reception starter tours	3.30 / 4.30
15/10/25	Family Learning Reception	am
20/10/25	Individual school photographs	
20/10/25	Prospective reception starter tours	3.30 / 4.30
w/b 20/10/25	Parents evenings	tbc
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 – review new grouping	16.30 pm
13/11/25-20/11/25	Scholastic Book Fair	
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
15/12/25	Year 4 Christmas party	
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
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
17/07/25	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
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

PE Days	
Reception	Tuesdays and Thursdays
Year One / Two	Wednesdays (1/2KM) and Fridays (1/2CR, 1/2 BG)
Year Three	Wednesday (Outdoors) Friday (indoor)
Year Four	Tuesday (Outdoors) Thursday (indoor)
Year Five	Monday (Outdoors) Wednesday, 5B Swimming / 5R (indoor) (This will swap during the Spring term)
Year Six	Monday (indoor / outdoors mix) - Friday (outdoors)

Harvest

At Oakfield, we will hold our Harvest Festival on Monday 20th October, and we would like to support 'The Peoples kitchen' who are committed to helping the homeless, those at risk and those who are unemployed. All food collected will be used to provide much needed food for those in need. If you wish to donate, please send items into school and we will have it collected and taken to the People's kitchen. It is our opportunity to again reflect on the privileged position we are in, whilst also thinking of those less fortunate. We will happily accept and display contributions from Wednesday 1st October: thank you for your support.

Needed	Examples
Tinned vegetables	Tomatoes, plumb and chopped, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes
Tinned fruit	Peaches, pineapple, fruit cocktail, pears, mandarin, oranges
Soup	Tinned or instant
Cooking / baking ingredients	Sugar, flour, jam, coconut, cocoa, dried fruit, cooking oil, lentils, broth mix, spices
Snacks	Pot noodles, pot pasta, crisps, biscuits, chocolate, sweets
Drinks	UHT milk, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cartons of juice, fruit squash
Desserts	Rice pudding, jelly, angel delight, instant and tinned custard, evaporated milk, golden syrup
Tinned meat	Ham, corned beef, chilli, curry, minced beef, bolognese, stewing steak
Cooking sauces	Indian, Thai, Chinese, Italian, Mexican, coconut milk
Condiments	Tomato ketchup, brown sauce, mayonnaise, salt, pepper
Pasta and rice	Lasagne, egg noodles, rice, all pasta shapes
Stock and gravy	veg, beef, onion, chicken
Toiletries	Soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, razors (male and female), tooth paste and brushes
Cleaning / other	Washing up liquid, washing powder, carrier bags
Per feed	Dog, cat , wet & dry



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Junior School Council

As you are already aware, the elections for Head Pupils and Prefects were held before the Summer, with 6 Year 6 pupils elected democratically by all pupils. To complete our school council, last week each class elected their own school councillor so that there is representative of all pupils to share their voice in every class. The make-up of the school council is therefore:

Head Girl: Ada
Head Boy: Leo
Prefects: Eilidh, Emily, Logan, Edward
3BM: Imogen
3R: Rose
4R: Leo
4G: Holly
5B: Dotty
5R: Harriet

Year 5 Girls United

Last Friday, all Year 5 girls who were interested in football, attended a School Sports Partnership festival of Football at Swalwell FC. There, they were joined by likeminded pupils, who made a total of 21 teams from across Gateshead. With only one of our pupils having played competitive football before, it was a steep but worthwhile learning curve. As you can see from the image below, all pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves; they learnt quickly with performances and competitiveness improving each game they played. I know they are now desperate to carry on their training with Ben Clark at Gateshead FC



Year 6 Football

Last night, one of the boy's teams started their journey in the Gateshead Felling FA Knockout cup. They played four games against other local schools, each one very competitive, with at times, some lovely flowing football. At the end of the evening, they had won 3 and lost (just) the final game, meaning that we qualified for the play offs next Thursday. All 10 pupils were superb in the way they represented school.

Digital reading diaries (KS1)

A huge thank you to parents who have given consent via Arbor for reading diaries which will launch on Monday 29th September. All parents who have given consent will receive a magic link to sign up to their child's diary. There is a drop-in session on Wednesday 1st October at 3.30 pm for any parents who would like support to access. Slides from the session will be sent home to all parents. Please find attached a reminder of how to access once you receive the magic link.

Sharing success

Star points total per week				
	w/b 1/9/25	w/b 8/09/25	w/b 15/9/25	w/b 22/9/25
R	children transitioning into school	530	515	310
1	294	213	132	191
2	350	266	222	156
3	335	113	219	103
4	232	159	190	391
5	463	633	307	596
6	576	240	427	659

Safeguarding



As infants, we all rely completely on adults to help us resolve situations that are causing us to become upset or stressed. This is known as co-regulation. The next phase, once autonomy has begun to develop, is called self-regulation: this is when children start to become capable of exercising more control over their impulses and behaviour and managing their own emotions.

This vital developmental milestone, however, isn't reached spontaneously. Learning to self-regulate requires sensitive guidance from trusted adults – simply talking with children about their thoughts and feelings, for instance, can ease the route to self-regulation. This #WakeUpWednesday guide has some expert tips for supporting children to reach this goal.

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance							
	Autumn 1							
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4	
	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	98.0	0.4	98.3	0.6	99.0	0.81	97.0	0.64
Infant Overall	96.0	0.1	98.0	0.14	98.0	0.26	96.5	0.31
6	98.0	0.25	97.8	0.6	99.2	0.78	99.0	0.53
5	97.0	0.9	97.9	0.7	97.7	0.69	93.3	1.25
4	99.0	0.0	99.3	0.4	99.6	1.03	99.0	0.74
3	98.0	0.5	98.3	1.0	97.8	0.74	96.2	0.17
2	98.0	0.4	96.0	0.0	99.0	0.22	94.5	0.0
1	100.0	0.0	98.2	0.4	97.0	0.31	96.2	0.82
R	-	-	98.8	0.3	97.0	0.26	99.0	0.24

Very well done to all children again this week. Attendance continues to be significantly above national average, and this only happens with the fabulous support from all our families.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head

