



Oakfield Schools

27th March 2026

Happy Retirement! But you will be a Huge Miss!

Next Thursday, the 2nd of April, we will bid a very fond farewell to Mrs Routledge. After 25 years of service, she is retiring from her lead administration role.

Mrs Routledge first came to Oakfield on placement in May 2001 as part of her training as a Teaching Assistant. On completion, a part time job followed supporting individuals within school. In 2003, she also took on the role of administration assistant as the workload of a school office increased. Promotion followed in 2011 when Mrs Noble retired, and since that date has been superb in her role managing the Junior office. Of course, working in a school also gives the opportunity to engage in many other activities with the children, and we are eternally thankful for the opportunities that she has supported children in with sport; swimming galas; athletics festivals; gymnastics have all been so successful through the dedication in running extra-curricular clubs and arranging in detail the transport and kit that is taken for granted. And this year, a wish was granted when Mrs Routledge attended her first Year 6 residential; both she and her pupils loved it!

Of course, our loss is also our gain! In retirement, Mrs Routledge will still support school sport in a volunteer capacity, still offering opportunities to many. We are thankful for this but wish you a happy and healthy retirement with many adventures still to be had. HAPPY RETIREMENT from us all!



What's happening next week...

Monday 30th March	Year 6 PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 1/ 2 CR Year 5 PE KS1 Karate Club (after school) KS2 Guitar Club (after school) Year 6 Booster Club (after school)
Tuesday 31st March	Reception PE Year 4 PE KS1 Little Kickers (before school) KS1 Games Club (after school) KS2 Karate (before school) KS2 Ukulele (after school)
Wednesday 1st April	Year 1/ 2 BG PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 5B PE – 5R Swimming KS2 Gymnastics Club Easter Egg Competition
Thursday 2nd April	Reception PE Year 4 PE KS2 Guitar Club (after school) Year 6 Football Match at Harlow Green
Friday 3rd April	School Closed

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

Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
1/4/26	Easter Competition (details to follow)	
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
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	

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
6	Fun run	22/05/26
	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	tbc

2025 – 2026 Term Dates	
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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 – 02/04/26
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

Dance Festival

We were extremely proud of all the children who represented Oakfield at the dance festival this week at the Glasshouse. It was amazing to see the children's confidence and fantastic attitude as well as their dance skills after months of rehearsal. We also had some music accompaniment by a group of children for one of the performances. A brilliant effort by all involved- well done!



Year 6 Football

Last night the Year 6 Football team continued their league campaign with two competitive games. The first was a close encounter in the main where the team needed to be patient and play their passing football to break down the opposition. This they did very well, eventually leading to a narrow half time lead. This gave them a lot more freedom in the second half as the opposition pushed, leading to 3 more goals and a 4-0 victory.

The second game was also extremely competitive and a closely fought game. There were chances at both ends and some great football played. Unfortunately, and undeservedly in the way we played, a winning goal was not scored while the opposition took their one chance (a penalty) to leave us defeated.

New Pilates class

We have a new Clinical Pilates class starting on Thursday 23rd April from 5pm to 6pm in the Infant School. The first course is for 5 weeks. Please see our Facebook page for more information about the benefits of the class. To book a place please email

hello@modernpilates.co.uk

Reminder about Easter competition

Please remember to send in your Easter egg competition entries by Wednesday 1st April, as judging will take place then. We are looking forward to seeing some amazing entries as children have already been telling staff about their ideas for their entry.

Star points total per week				
	02/03/26	08/03/26	16/03/26	23/03/26
R	359	435	565	329
1	116	260	400	337
2	174	253	579	389
3	157	468	878	704
4	354	548	460	279
5	408	549	382	320
6	293	293	267	472

Safeguarding



With around 70% of teens reporting, they have 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 do not 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							
	Spring 2							
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4	
	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	95.2	1.11	95.8	0.74	96.9	0.6	97.0	0.94
Infant Overall	95.7	0.59	96.7	1.0	95.2	0.57	96.0	0.46
6	96.0	1.54	95.4	1.75	99.3	0.96	99.0	1.17
5	93.4	0.82	95.2	0.0	96.9	0.71	95.0	0.36
4	95.9	1.2	96.7	0.64	96.4	0.2	98.0	1.47
3	95.3	0.85	95.7	0.42	94.7	0.46	96.3	0.71
2	98.0	0.75	96.9	0.69	94.5	0.1	96.1	0.5
1	99.6	0.35	97.1	2.3	93.1	0.7	95.0	0.69
R	89.4	0.62	96.1	0.4	98.0	0.89	97.0	0.2

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head

EVERY DAY IN SCHOOL COUNTS...

and every
minute counts...

Late by these minutes per day? Here's what it means...



**COME AND JOIN US AT
OUR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB!**

**ALL WELCOME FROM
RECEPTION TO YEAR 6!
Limited places available.**

**Mondays from 16th March
until 5pm**

<https://bookwhen.com/forestadventurers>

Children will have opportunities to build dens, cook over a campfire, use tools, experience hammocks and tree swings, hill roll, take part in outdoor crafts and so much more.

Our sessions will take place in all weathers. Children will need to bring old, outdoor clothing suitable for the weather that day to change into as well as a snack and a drink to have during the session.



Forest Adventurers is run by experienced Forest School Practitioners (DBS checked, paediatric first aid trained).

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more information
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Holiday Clubs

Parent and
Preschool Groups

After School Clubs
at your school

Birthday Parties

Corporate Events

School Trips