



Oakfield Schools

28th March 2025

Egg-citing Easter Egg Competition!



We are very egg-cited to announce our decorate an egg competition to be held on **Thursday 10th April**. Please see photos for ideas. A winner from each class will win an egg-cellent Easter egg to take home. If your child wishes to take part please send in your child's entries on Thursday 10th with your child's name on.

Diary Dates for 2024-2025		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
KS1 = Year 1 & 2 / KS2 = Junior school		
Date	Event	Time
w/b 07/04/25	Year R – 5 Parents’ evenings (face to face)	
09/4/25	Reception Cake Sale	
11/04/25	Year 5 trip – Centre for Life	
	Easter Holidays	
	Start of Summer 1 term	
30/04/25	Year 4 trip – Jarrow Hall	
05/05/25	Spring Bank Holiday	
w/b 12/05/25	SATS week	All week
w/b 19/05/25	Sports Week	All week
19/05/25	Year 3 Trip - Segedunum	
23/5/25	Saltwell Park Fun Run	
24/05/25	Whit Half Term	
	Start of Summer 2 term	
3/6/25	Year 1 trip to Gibside	
5/6/25	Year 2 trip to Washington Wetlands	
June 2025 (TBC)	Year 1 / 2 phonics check	All week
17/06/25	Summer Fayre	15.30 – 17.00
2-3/ 07/25	Transition days	
10/7/25	Reception trip to Wallington Hall	
10/7/25	Year 3 trip – Oriental Museum	
11/07/25	Reports out to parents	
15/07/25	Year 6 leavers concert	17.30
16-17/07/25	Infant Summer Picnics	tbc
17/07/25	Last day of term	
18/07/25	Occasional day – School closed	

2024 - 2025 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
Autumn 1	04/09/24 – 25/10/24
Autumn 2	04/11/24 – 20/12/24
Spring 1	06/01/25 – 20/02/25
Spring 2	03/03/25 – 11/04/25
Summer 1	28/04/25 – 23/05/25
Summer 2	02/06/25 – 17/07/25
PD days for the year	02/09/24 03/09/24 25/10/24 21/02/25

PE Days	
Reception	Tuesday and Friday
Year One	Monday and Thursday
Year Two	Wednesday and Friday
Year Three	Wednesday and Thursday
Year Four	Wednesday and Friday
Year Five	Monday and Wednesday (Swimming)
Year Six	Tuesday and Friday

FREE MATCH TICKETS - Gateshead FC Vs Dagenham & Redbridge

Gateshead Foundation FC, are delighted to offer your school FREE Family Tickets* for the below football match:

**Family Ticket - gives free access to 1 adult and up to 4 children. (An adult must attend and be accompanied by a child)*

Gateshead FC Vs Dagenham & Redbridge @ Gateshead Stadium Saturday 5th April Kick Off – 3PM

- There will be a meet and greet players 1pm – 1:30pm in reception where kids can get stuff signed and photos etc.
- All kids can enter a draw for the half time penalty competition where 10 children will go onto the pitch and take a penalty.

Tickets will be in electronic ticket format and can be emailed to you. If you would like to request any tickets or have any queries please contact Steven Thornton from Gateshead Foundation FC via the following email address steven@gfc-foundation.org.uk. Please state that you are a parent from Oakfield Schools.

Sporting Updates

Hockey

Last Friday a team of Year 6 attended the Gateshead Mini Hockey Finals at Whickham Academy. It is fair to say that their preparation for this was far from ideal with previous competitive games cancelled for varying reasons, but one thing was for sure, it didn't stop them from wanting to do their best. The three group games demonstrated this, with great improvements in technique and understanding of the game. This resulted in more competitive matches, more goals scored and less conceded. Unfortunately, they did not make the semi-finals, but they all deserve a lot of credit for their efforts and commitment.



Football

Last night was the latest league match for the year 6 football team. Again, it saw a competitive game played in gale conditions. Even in these conditions it proved a very entertaining game with some great football played. It resulted in a victory by 2-1 and we also witnessed a fantastic quick reaction penalty save. Well done all!

Book Fair

Thank you to all who supported our book fair I am pleased to report the following commissions to go towards purchasing books in the schools:

Junior - £527.37

Infant - £85.94

Arbor



Thank you to everyone for helping us get set up on Arbor Parent Portal and bearing with us as we find our way around the new portal.

Going forward you will receive trip/sporting/interest/music consents to complete which will be listed under activities/trips on the main page. To consent to your child taking part in an activity/trip you will be notified of the trip etc, to consent please select the sign up button. By selecting this you are consenting to everything in the letter. On occasions you may be asked to complete a further consent. This will show in notices and the main body of the text will tell you that there is further information to complete. This consent must contain the information requested by us please do not just select the consent button without making sure all information requested has been provided.

In the consent section you will see there are two consents we have sent to everyone please ensure that you have completed these. Many thanks if you already have.

Finally, **please ensure you have your notifications switched on** as all school communications will now be sent via the in app messages. If there is an attachment, like the weekly newsletter this will be sent via Arbor email. If you have any queries please contact the respective school office.

Dance Festival



The children had a wonderful time at the dance festival this week. They danced brilliantly and also enjoyed visiting the Sage on the Quayside!

Reception Cake Sale

Reception classes will be holding a cake sale on Wednesday 9th April after school to raise funds for some new resources to enhance the Outdoor Garden resources. It will start at 3.15 and all year groups are welcome to visit. If any parents would like to donate cakes that would be very welcome. The children will also be baking and decorating the cakes that week.

Safeguarding



As children go through life, they will inevitably come into conflict sooner or later. These disagreements can range from seemingly minor squabbles to far more serious disputes, and dealing with them in an effective, mature manner is an absolutely vital skill – one that takes some time and effort to cultivate.

In children and young people's formative years, it's incredibly important for parents and educators to know how to teach them conflict resolution, as well being able to model this skill effectively. This free guide offers expert advice on helping youngsters avoid unnecessary conflict and supporting them in finding solutions when clashes arise.

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Spring 2							
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4	
	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late		
Junior Overall	96.5	1.25%	97.3	0.46%	93.6	0.8%	96.2	0.65%
Infant Overall	95.9	0.65%	98.4	0.39%	93.5	0.7%	95.2	0.22%
6	96.7	0.98%	96.0	0.51%	93.3	1.34%	97.4	0.79%
5	97.2	1.55%	100.0	0.25%	94.0	0.88%	97.0	0.93%
4	95.6	1.3%	96.0	0.89%	95.5	0.78%	96.6	0.45%
3	96.7	1.17%	98.0	0.25%	91.8	0.22%	93.8	0.37
2	95.8	0.78%	97.0	0.71%	91.4	1.25%	95.5	0.19%
1	96.8	0.49%	98.2	0%	94.2	0.25%	92.4	0%
R	94.7	0.67%	100.0	0.4%	96.1	0.35%	98.3	0.56%

Thank you all for continuing to support with our attendance.

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head