



Oakfield Schools

2nd April 2026



We had some amazing entries into our Easter competition so our Chair of Governors who judged the entries found it very difficult. Thank you to all children who took part. The winners are further down in the newsletter. What a fantastic effort by all! We would just like to take the opportunity to wish all our families a Happy Easter and hopefully a good holiday filled with sunshine (and a little bit of chocolate!)

Mrs Routledge

Following on from the news we shared with you last week, we would like to wish Mrs Routledge a long and healthy retirement as she leaves Oakfield today. However, as stated, as part of that retirement, she is returning regularly to help with some sports teams, as well as other school activities.

See you soon Mrs Routledge!

What's happening after the holidays...

Monday 20th April	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 21st 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)
Wednesday 22nd 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 23rd April	Reception PE Year 4 PE KS2 Guitar Club (after school)
Friday 24th April	Year 1/ 2BG PE Year 1/ 2 CR Year 6 PE KS2 Oakfield Band (after school)

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		
20/04/26	Summer 1 term begins	
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	

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	tbc

Easter

Well done to all
entered for
amazing entries
congratulations

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 – 02/04/26
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

competition

the children who
producing some
and
to the winners.

Yr group	1st	2nd	3rd
Rec	Zoey	Mila	Reuben
Year 1	Ronan	Max B	Thea
Year 2	Miia	Jonny	Isabella R
Year 3	Ava H	Amelia	Raffy
Year 4	Leo	Isla D	Max V
Year 5	Matilda	Thomas	Poppy M
Year 6	Mia	Albert	Jess

Book Fair

Thank you for supporting our book fairs. KS1 raised £173.89 and KS2 raised £440 in commission. This will be spent on books for your children.

Comic Relief

We raised £242.35 in total for Comic Relief. Your support is appreciated.

Junior School Gate

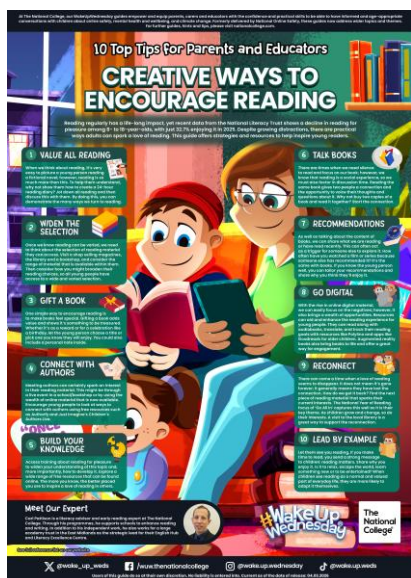
Over the last year, we have had to close the Junior school gate by hand due to a failure of the motor; this was done every break time and during some school activities. The motor has now been fixed which means the main drive gate will now be closed during the school day and for a period either side of this. If access is required, please phone the main school office. Please do not try and push the gate to open it as this causes damage to the internal mechanism.

Star points total per week

	02/03/26	08/03/26	16/03/26	23/03/26	30/03/26
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R	359	435	565	329	300
1	116	260	400	337	155
2	174	253	579	389	194
3	157	468	878	704	702
4	354	548	460	279	140
5	408	549	382	320	270
6	293	293	267	472	828

Safeguarding



With reading for pleasure in decline, this practical guide offers ten thoughtful ways to reignite children's enthusiasm for books. From valuing all forms of reading to broadening access to diverse materials, it explores how adults can nurture positive reading habits both at home and in school. Digital tools, audiobooks and augmented reality are also considered as engaging ways to support today's readers.

It also highlights the power of social connection – recommending books, reading together and meeting authors – alongside the importance of modelling reading ourselves. With expert insight from literacy specialist Carl Pattison, this edition provides supportive, achievable ideas to help young people reconnect with reading and see it as a meaningful part of everyday life.

School attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance	
	Spring term	
	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	96.1	0.83
Infant Overall	96.0	0.61
6	96.8	1.16
5	94.3	0.44
4	96.8	1.12
3	96.2	0.55

2	96.0	0.37
1	96.0	1.16
R	96.0	0.43

We are so grateful for all of your support over the last term. Your children are doing fabulous things, and that is made possible by your continued support alongside the dedication of our staff.

Have a wonderful Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 20th April.

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head
Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head
Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher



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, it is 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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Contact us for more information if you're interested in

- Holiday Clubs
- Parent and Preschool Groups
- After School Clubs at your school
- Birthday Parties
- Corporate Events
- School Trips