



Oakfield Schools

2nd May 2025

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
05/05/25	Spring Bank Holiday	
08/5/25	Red, White and Blue Day	
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
1-2/ 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

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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

White and Blue Day

On Thursday 8th May we will be having a Red, White and Blue Day to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. Children can wear red, white and blue clothes on that day. In class we will be talking about what VE day means and the importance of peace.

School Sport Arrangements – WB 20th May

We have made the week beginning 20th May our annual sports week this year (here is hoping the weather gods cannot hear us!). Over the week there are a range of competitive and non-competitive events, some as a whole school, some as an individual.



Monday 19th May (Year 6)

Three year 6 teams will compete in Gateshead's School Sports Partnership (SSP) competition at Gateshead Fell. This is a spectator free event.

Tuesday 20th May (Years 2-6)

Children will participate in a carousel of 10 different sporting events in their class while representing their house. Every child has the opportunity to participate within their house team in events as diverse as Wang the Welly, Shuttle Relay, Bean Bag Shoot. On this day children need to attend school in their house colours.

Alnwick – Green

Lindisfarne–White

Bamburgh – Blue

Warkworth –Red

Please could you ensure the children bring a water bottle to school. In the event of hot weather please apply sun cream before school and provide the children with a cap. Parents are welcome to attend for a 1.15pm start with access available from 12.45pm via the Junior drive gate. Could parents please enter school by the Junior school driveway and then be seated on/next to the bank overlooking the field.

Wednesday 21st May (Years 3-6)

On this afternoon, the competitive athletics sports day for years 3 – 6 will take place, again between 1.15pm and 3.15pm. As in previous years, pupils will compete in a range of running, jumping, and throwing events. Again, the Junior drive gate will be open from 12.45pm for parents who wish to come and view. As with Tuesday, would children please come to school in their PE kits, wearing trainers and a t-shirt in the colour of their house team:

Alnwick – Green

Lindisfarne – White

Bamburgh – Blue

Warkworth – Red

Please could you ensure the children bring a water bottle to school. In the event of hot weather please apply sun cream before school and provide the children with a cap. Could parents who wish to attend, please enter school by the junior school driveway from 12.45pm and be seated on the bank below the infant yard. Finally, should the weather prohibit any event taking place, we will contact parents at the earliest opportunity.

Thursday 22nd May (Key Stage 1 Pupils)

This is the day of the Key Stage 1 fun afternoon. The children will be participating in lots of fun sports activities. This is for the children only as parents have been invited into school for the picnics in the last school week of July.

Saltwell Park Fun Run - Friday 23rd May (Years 2-6)

The children will be taking part in a Fun Run at Saltwell Park on Friday 23rd May; you have already been contacted for permissions and school lunch arrangements. Can all children attending in these year groups, please be in school by 8.30am so they can be registered promptly and then start their walk to the park. The children will need to bring a packed lunch to eat at the park - weather permitting. As with sports day, could sun cream be applied before school and children attend school with hat, water bottle and waterproof (just in case)

Saltwell Park Fun Run Sponsorship (Years 2-6)

As you are aware, Years 2-6 are taking part in the Gateshead Schools Fun Run on 23rd May. This year the Fun Run will be delivered in support of The Sir Bobby Robson Foundation (part of Newcastle Hospitals Charity). Attached to the newsletter is a fundraising form for those who wish to run supporting this worthwhile charity; it is entirely optional.

The fundraising form has a QR code to link to the fundraising page. Once there, you do not need to register but scroll down to the list of schools at the bottom and then register on the Oakfield School Federation Page. This is then where you make your pledge. Please be aware when pledging that the only payment method is online via the QR code link.

Year 6 Girls Football



What an enjoyable evening we spent at the Year 6 girls football tournament yesterday. For the vast majority of the girls, attending the football club after school on Fridays was their first real experience of the sport, while yesterday's tournament was the first competitive matches they have experienced. Like all sports, you then come across many of the opposition who are club players.

Therefore, what made it enjoyable was not the results (which were shrugged off), but the togetherness, team spirit, laughter, and enjoyment around a new experience with your friends. All enjoyed themselves regardless, with a number now considering joining local clubs and perhaps starting a journey in football; and this is the real reason we offer such experiences! It was a pleasure to work with the 12 girls.

Ukelele Success – An update on a previous story



This week, we received 30 amazing brand-new Flight Bumblebee ukuleles from the Ukulele Project as a prize for Finn RB's amazing artwork. Finn won the Ukulele Project's national, annual art competition last month winning a Ukelele for himself and a whole class set. This helps to secure the future of whole-class music lessons at Oakfield and of course makes Mr Renwick very happy. The Ukulele Project is a not-for-profit community organisation that uses music and ukulele to fight loneliness.



Year 4 Orienteering



On Tuesday, a team of Year 4 attended the Gateshead Schools orienteering festival. The children took part in fun team building challenges and were also let loose on an orienteering course. Everyone had a fantastic time, demonstrated excellent problem-solving skills and worked well as a team. ★



Year 4 Trip to Jarrow Hall



Y4 had a fantastic History trip to Jarrow Hall to learn about the daily lives of the Anglo-Saxons. We visited the farm, examined Saxon homes, and even sat around a fire to hear the story of Beowulf. We also learned about Anglo-Saxon crime and punishment and religion.



Safeguarding



As technology becomes increasingly embedded in young people's lives, it is common for them to form friendships entirely online. These connections can provide companionship and community — but they also bring potential dangers that parents and educators need to be aware of.

From online grooming and privacy breaches to exposure to upsetting content, meeting people on the internet is not without risk. This guide explains the possible hazards of online friendships and gives parents and educators essential advice on helping children build safe, positive relationships online.

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance	
	Summer 1	
	Week 1	
	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	98.6	0.59%
Infant Overall	96.7	0.49%
6	99.0	0%
5	99.0	0.5%
4	98.2	0.6%
3	98.2	1.25%
2	96.2	0.4%
1	96.8	0.28%
R	97.2	0.79%

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



Gateshead Children and Young People's Primary Care Mental Health Service

'Five ways to Wellbeing'



connect



be active



keep learning



take notice



give

Are you, your child or someone you work with aged between 4-18 years?
The Gateshead Children and Young People's Primary Care Mental Health Service are going to be hosting FREE events in your local community during school holidays.

Join us for our next event and meet children's therapists who will be available for advice and support as well as various wellbeing activities for young people. We will be joined by other professionals within the Gateshead area including our adult peer support workers.

A free brunch or snacks and refreshments will be provided, as well as free activities for children and their families such as; crafts, archery, bush craft and managing emotions activities. There will also be 'free' mental health resources to take home.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 28th of May – 10:30am until 14:30pm @ The Baltic Centre for Contemporary art, South Shore Road, Gateshead, NE8 3BA

Friday 30th of May – 10:30am – 14:30pm @ Chopwell Woods Forest Classroom, Rowlands Gill, Gateshead, NE39 1LT

Further information on travel to these destinations is available on our website.

If you would like to know more about our mental health services visit www.stsftmentalhealth.nhs.uk or scan the QR code using the camera on your mobile phone.



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