Oakfield Schools

3rd July 2026

What a busy week in school. We had an amazing time at our Summer Fair and would like to thank our families and former pupils for attending. The fair had a fantastic community spirit and atmosphere, and we are grateful for your support. We will provide an update with the total raised next week. We have also had transition time in school this week and it was lovely to go around school and see the children meeting their new teachers and exploring their new classrooms.

What's happening next week

Monday 6th July	Year 6 PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 1/ 2 CR KS1 Karate Club (after school) KS2 Guitar Club (after school)
Tuesday 7th July	Reception PE Year 4 PE KS1 Little Kickers (before school) KS1 Multiskills (after school) KS2 Karate (before school) KS2 Ukulele (after school)
Wednesday 8th July	**New Year 3 parents Coffee Morning 9.00am** Year 1/ 2 BG PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 5B PE – 5R Swimming KS1 Happy Feet Dance (after school) **End of Year School Reports**
Thursday 9th July	Reception PE Year 4 PE KS2 Guitar Club (after school) **Year 6 Designed school meal – KS2 Pupils**
Friday 10th July	Year 1/ 2BG PE Year 1/ 2 CR KS2 Oakfield Band (after school) **Year 6 Leavers Trip to South Shields (all day)**

Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
1/06/26	Summer 2 begin	
08/07/26	New Year 3 Parents Coffee Morning	09:15
08/07/26	Reports out to parents	
09/07/26	Reception trip Tynemouth Aquarium	
10/07/26	**South Shields leavers trip**	
13/07/26	Key Stage 2 Music Extravaganza	09:00
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	

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	27/11/25
	Centre for life – Science day	27/01/26
	Shipcote Art Gallery – Art (awaiting booking window to open)	25/06/26
	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	10/07/26

Please note an adjustment to the PD day in the Autumn term. It has now been attached to the half term holiday in October and deleted from November.

2025 – 2026 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
Autumn 1 Autumn 2	02/09/25 – 23/10/25 03/11/25 – 19/12/25
Spring 1 Spring 2	06/01/26 - 20/02/26 02/03/26 – 02/04/26
Summer 1 Summer 2	20/04/26 – 22/05/26 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

2026-2027 Term Dates	
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Autumn 1 Autumn 2	02/09/26 – 22/10/26 02/11/26 – 18/12/26
Spring 1 Spring 2	04/01/27 - 12/02/27 22/02/27 – 25/03/27
Summer 1 Summer 2	12/04/27 – 28/05/27 07/06/27 – 15/07/27
PD days & other non-school days	01/09/26 23/10/26 03/05/27 – bank holiday 16/07/27 - occasional day

The Big Future!

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, wants to hear the views of the children of the United Kingdom.

Could you spare a minute to help your child complete the survey on the link below so their views can be included.

http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture.

Key Stage 2 Assessment Results to Parents – The following was sent to Year 6 parents yesterday. This is for those who may have missed it.

I am writing to let you know about a delay to this year's Key Stage 2 (KS2) test results, which affects all schools nationally.

Schools were due to receive results on 7 July 2026. However, Pearson Education Limited, the provider responsible for administering, marking, and returning Key Stage 2 results to schools has informed the Department for Education of a delay affecting the national system used to make results available to schools. Results will now be available on **Thursday 16 July 2026**. The 16th of July is our final day of the academic year. Provided we can access the results as now promised, they will come home with your child that day in an envelope addressed to you. Year 6 pupils will still receive their annual report on Wednesday 8th July as previously promised, however there will be no assessment data for English, Maths and Science. This will follow with the realise of assessment results to schools.

We have been informed that the delay is not related to the quality of the tests or the accuracy of pupils' results. Test papers have been marked in line with usual processes. This will not impact your child's transition to secondary school, and no action is required from parents or pupils. We will share results with you as quickly as possible after we receive them on 16 July.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. As a school, we feel as frustrated as I am sure you do but I must reinforce this is beyond our control.

P**repare for Lift-off!**

Reminder- Friends of Oakfield have agreed to fund some inflatable fun on Monday 6th July and Tuesday 7th July as an end of year extravaganza. They will be placed on the field, and each class will have time to access the fun. Can the children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, and Year 5 come into school in suitable PE clothing on Monday 6th July and children in Year 4 and Year 6 some into school wearing suitable PE clothing on Tuesday 7th July. Please can you provide your child with a long-sleeved top and joggers/leggings for their time on the inflatables. This is in case of heat and friction. We are aware it may be hot so please put these in a bag for your child to change into if necessary. Huge thanks to Friends of Oakfield for this opportunity.

Washington Wetlands

Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic time at Washington Wetlands on Thursday this week. We enjoyed pond dipping, bird spotting, visiting the otters and flamingos as well as time in the park. The children were fantastic and made staff feel very proud of their curiosity and interest in the Wildlife.

Primary Times

Please see link for latest edition of Primary Times. Primary Times

Star points total per week					
	Summer 2				
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
R	387	618	987	194	194
1	140	216	747	202	268
2	161	543	1184	674	680
3	914	1103	1122	609	609
4	231	234	533	314	314
5	187	494	421	314	349
6	36	36	3396	150	150

Safeguarding

Location tracking has always been a fundamental part of the way mobile phones work, the most basic element of which is the ability to triangulate a device's position in relation to a mobile network's radio masts. As smartphones became popular, Global Positioning System (GPS), Wireless networking (Wi-Fi), and Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) technologies complemented this, any one or combination of which can now feed highly accurate location data via any app on that device.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as non-consensual monitoring, frequently visited locations and stalking.

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School attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance									
	Summer 2									
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4		Week 5	
	Attendance	% marks late	Attendance	% marks late	Attendance	% marks late	Attendance	% marks late	Attendance	% marks late
Junior Overall	91.6	0.4	94.9	0.53	91.7	0.86	93.4	0.43	93.7	0.42
Infant Overall	96.1	1.0	97.0	0.89	95.7	0.87	94.8	1.28	96.0	0.89
6	92.7	0.8	95.5	0.78	87.2	0.88	95.0	1.0	92.9	0.22
5	88.8	0.0	97.0	0.0	90.4	1.14	94.7	0.57	92.3	0.52
4	91.1	0.7	95.4	0.87	95.4	1.2	91.4	0.75	94.7	0.75
3	93.0	0.0	92.4	0.38	93.6	0.33	91.0	0.43	94.6	0.22
2	92.6	0.0	98.0	0.0	96.3	1.43	96.1	0.26	96.4	0.0
1	100.0	1.0	93.4	2.0	93.0	0.83	92.0	2.44	94.1	1.3
R	97.0	2.4	99.1	0.89	96.3	0.41	95.8	1.49	97.0	1.4

Attendance this term has been lower than we would typically expect across both schools, particularly at the Junior School. We recognise that some of our children and families have experienced significant health challenges during the term, and we remain committed to supporting them with care and understanding.

Attendance has also been affected by an increase in holidays taken during term time. We appreciate that many families continue to face financial pressures and that travelling outside of school holidays can seem a more affordable option. However, we would like to gently reinforce that children only have one opportunity to benefit from their primary education. Every school day provides valuable learning experiences, helps children build friendships, develop routines and confidence, and contributes to their long-term success.

Research consistently demonstrates a strong link between regular school attendance and improved educational outcomes, wellbeing, and future life opportunities. We therefore ask for your continued support in ensuring that, wherever possible, children attend school every day and that family holidays are planned during the designated school holiday periods. Thank you for your continued partnership in this.

Everyday Counts

Regular school attendance is one of the biggest factors in helping children achieve their full potential. The Department for Education is clear that pupils who attend school consistently make better progress, achieve higher outcomes, and develop stronger friendships, confidence, and routines. While an occasional day off may not seem significant, attendance of 90% means a child has missed around 19 school days across the year—almost four weeks of learning—and is classed as *persistent absence* by the Department for Education. By working together to ensure children attend school every day they are well enough to do so, we can maximise every learning opportunity and give every child the very best chance to succeed.

We hope you have a fantastic weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

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