



Oakfield Schools

3rd October 2025



Harvest Festival

At Oakfield, we will hold our Harvest Festival on Monday 20th October, and we would like to support 'The Peoples kitchen' who are committed to helping the homeless, those at risk and those who are unemployed. We had a good discussion about this in our singing assembly this morning whilst we were learning our Harvest songs. All food collected will be used to provide much needed food for those in need. If you wish to donate, please send items into school and we will have it collected and taken to the People's kitchen. We are happily welcoming donations now.

Needed	Examples
Tinned vegetables	Tomatoes, plumb and chopped, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes
Tinned fruit	Peaches, pineapple, fruit cocktail, pears, mandarin, oranges
Soup	Tinned or instant
Cooking / baking ingredients	Sugar, flour, jam, coconut, cocoa, dried fruit, cooking oil, lentils, broth mix, spices
Snacks	Pot noodles, pot pasta, crisps, biscuits, chocolate, sweets
Drinks	UHT milk, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cartons of juice, fruit squash
Desserts	Rice pudding, jelly, angel delight, instant and tinned custard, evaporated milk, golden syrup
Tinned meat	Ham, corned beef, chilli, curry, minced beef, bolognese, stewing steak
Cooking sauces	Indian, Thai, Chinese, Italian, Mexican, coconut milk
Condiments	Tomato ketchup, brown sauce, mayonnaise, salt, pepper
Pasta and rice	Lasagne, egg noodles, rice, all pasta shapes
Stock and gravy	veg, beef, onion, chicken
Toiletries	Soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, razors (male and female), tooth paste and brushes
Cleaning / other	Washing up liquid, washing powder, carrier bags
Per feed	Dog, cat , wet & dry



**THE PEOPLE'S
KITCHEN** est. 1985
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Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
Date	Event	Time
07/10/25	Family learning year 6	
08/10/25	Family learning year 5	
08/10/25	Phonics parents meeting – Reception parents	16.30
09/10/25	Family learning year 4	
10/10/25	Family learning year 3	
11/10/25	Saturday Pumpkin trail for prospective reception children	
13/10/25	Family learning Year 1	am
14/10/25	Family Learning Year 2	am
14/10/25	Prospective reception starter tours	3.30 / 4.30
15/10/25	Family Learning Reception	am
20/10/25	Individual school photographs	
20/10/25	Prospective reception starter tours	3.30 / 4.30
w/b 20/10/25	Parents evenings	tbc
24/10/25	PD day – school closed to children	All day
w/b 27/10/25	Half term	
03/11/25	Autumn 2 term begins	
03/11/25	Year 1/2 parents meeting – review new grouping	16.30 pm
05/11/26	Year 1/2 trip to Centre for Life	All day

13/11/25-20/11/25	Scholastic Book Fair	
26/11/25 – 28/11/25	Year 6 residential	
29/11/25	Christmas Fun Morning for prospective reception starters	
03/12/25	School Christmas Fayre	15.30
8/12/25	Year 1/2 Christmas sing – Year 1 parents viewing	2pm
9/12/25	Year 1/2 Christmas sing - Year 2 parents viewing	2pm
10/12/25	Reception Nativity	2pm
11/12/25	Reception trip to Northern Stage	
15/12/25	Year 4 Christmas party	
16/12/25	Year 5 Christmas party	
17/12/25	Year 3 Christmas party	
17/12/25	Reception Christmas party	
18/12/25	Year 1/2 Christmas party	
18/12/25	Year 6 Christmas party	
19/12/25	Carols under the veranda (KS2)	13.45
20/12/25	Christmas Holidays	
05/01/26	PD day – school closed for children	
06/01/26	Start of Spring Term	
13/01/26	Family learning – year 6	am
14/01/26	Family learning – year 5	am
15/01/26	Family learning – year 4	am
16/01/26	Family learning – year 3	am
19/01/26	Family learning – year 1	am
20/01/26	Family learning- year 2	am
21/01/26	Family learning – reception	am
w/b 9/02/26	Science week	
w/b 16/02/26	Parents evenings – learning plan reviews	tbc
w/b 23/02/26	Half term	
02/03/26	Spring 2 term begins	
05/03/26	World book day	
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 0106/26	Learning plan review week	tbc
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
15/07/26	Year1/2 summer picnic	pm
17/07/25	Occasional day – School closed	
18/07/26	Start of Summer holidays	

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 – 02/04/25
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

PE Days	
Reception	Tuesdays and Thursdays
Year One / Two	Wednesdays (1/2KM) and Fridays (1/2CR, 1/2 BG)
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)

Child illness

Reminder that if your child goes home after being sick the health and safety regulations are that they do not return to school until 48 hours after the last period of sickness. We must request this to prevent the spread of illness.



Arbor Pay (KS1 only)

We will soon be moving our payment systems for trips and clubs to Arbor Pay. Office staff are in the process of setting this up and further information will follow. This will replace our previous payment system of School Gateway and parents will be able to access it through their Arbor log in.



Family Learning (KS2)

Next week is family learning with a Literacy theme, and KS2 parents should already have had all information on a parental consent form on Arbor where you can advise who will be attending. Please can you complete this if you have not already, so we know how many parents we are expecting to have. This can be located in the Arbor Parent Portal under notices.

Year 6	Tuesday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 3	Friday

Reception Phonics meeting

This is an information session held on Wednesday 8th October at 4.30 pm introducing parents to our Phonics scheme and explaining how this is taught in school. We will show you how Phonics is taught and how this links to reading in school and the books that children will bring home. We look forward to seeing you there.

Learning with parents (digital reading diaries)

Thank you to the parents who attended the information session on Wednesday explaining the use of the reading diary and the reasons why we chose this format. A copy of the slides is attached and this link [Parent Introduction to the Reading Log \(video\) - Learning with Parents](#) will take parents to a video explaining how to use the reading diaries. For parents who did not attend a reading challenge was set asking you to send a photograph via the diary showing your child reading in unusual places. On previous occasions of setting this challenge we have had ideas such as children reading in the bath, sitting on a bin and reading on a slide so we look forward to your children's creative ideas. We have had a wonderful response from parents so far this week and staff have enjoyed looking at photographs, reading comments and are seeing good engagement.



KS1 yard



We have had some new outdoor play equipment delivered this week and the children were very excited about using it to develop their balance and coordination skills. This equipment was purchased with the Sports Premium money given to schools each year by the government. Polite request - can parents ensure that their children are not climbing the tree behind the fence on the yard before and after school to ensure their safety.

KS2 yard and Acorn hub sensory space updates

The development of these areas continues and huge credit for this is due to Friends of Oakfield whose energy and commitment has ensured that these areas are nearly complete. We would also like to thank parents who have supported this group to help provide resources and opportunities for all children in school. In the next few weeks, the astroturf will be laid on the area on the Junior yard and we have had a commitment from a local contractor to build the gazebo to finish the area. Next week (Thursday 9th October) there will be some play equipment installed in the area around the Acorn hub, so this area is expected to be complete by mid-October. We know the children are keen to visit the areas so are working hard to finish the projects.

KS1 athletics event

Some of our Year One children were selected for an athletics event this week and were presented with a certificate for Self-Belief. There were 12 children who attended the event so well done to all. Gateshead Schools Sports partnership hold a range of events during the school year, and different children will be selected for these events to make sure there is opportunity for all children across their time in school.

KS2 Cross Country

to our amazing KS2 Cross Country team for their outstanding effort and determination in the Gateshead Schools Cross Country Competition this week. Each runner showed incredible perseverance, sportsmanship, and team spirit throughout the event. We are so proud of all our runners, they truly demonstrated the Oakfield spirit! A special mention to our medal winners...

- Logan winning gold in the Year 5/6 boy's race.
- Emily winning gold in the Year 5/6 girl's race.
- Bella winning gold in the Year 3/4 girl's race.
- Our Year 3/4 Team A winning silver overall



Year 6 Tag Rugby Festival



Congratulations to the year 6 Tag Rugby teams who competed in the area stages of the Tag Rugby Festival at Gateshead Fell Rugby Club. Both teams played some quick, competitive rugby, with Oakfield A winning their group and Oakfield B placing runner up in their group.

As the look on each player's face tells us, they had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, with both almost making the regional final. Mrs Davidson was full of praise for their sportsmanship, teamwork and togetherness. Well done all!

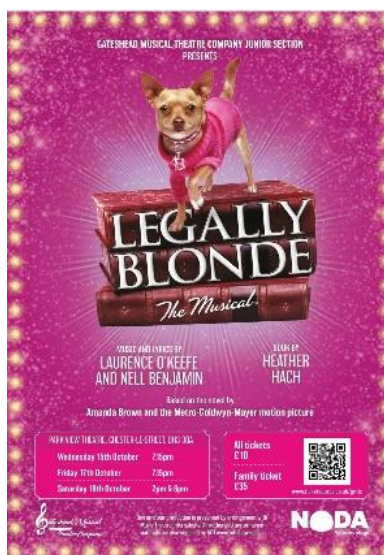
Year 6 Football

Again, huge congratulations to the Year 6 football team for making the final of Gateshead Felling FA knockout cup. In last night's semi-final group, two well deserved, yet hard fought victories secured progress to next week's final where they will go head-to-head with 3 other local schools. While we do not want to single out any one player, because their success was based on all players doing their job well on the pitch, we think it is fair to say Logan is having one of those weeks where everything turns to gold. After success in the cross country on Wednesday, he followed it up with a hat trick in one of last night's games. Good luck in the final next week boys!

20-minute Lunchtime Art

This week, children have had the option of carrying out art as part of the lunchbreak option. For those who wanted to, the idea was to collect natural materials from around the play areas and create a picture or pattern. The results (and some of the artworks names) were amazing!





Gateshead Musical Theatre Company

Gateshead Musical Theatre Company have ex Oakfield pupils performing in this fun, energetic musical on 15th October, 17th October and 18th October. Tickets can be bought via the link- www.ticketsource.co.uk/gmtc

Tickets only £10 and family tickets £35.

Sharing success

Star points total per week					
	w/b 1/9/25	w/b 8/09/25	w/b 15/9/25	w/b 22/9/25	w/b 29/09/25
R	children transitioning into school	530	515	310	269
1	294	213	132	191	82
2	350	266	222	156	145
3	335	113	219	103	444
4	232	159	190	391	143
5	463	633	307	596	672
6	576	240	427	659	239

Safeguarding



Facing unpleasant feelings can be a challenge, even for adults – let alone for children and young people, whose minds are still developing. To many youngsters, a mistake in an exam, a hurtful word or even losing in a game can sometimes feel like the worst thing in the world, causing them to react accordingly.

However, this is not always an effective way to deal with difficult emotions or life's setbacks, so it's important that parents and educators are able to impress a healthy approach to these feelings on the children in their care. This guide offers you expert tips on how to instil emotional resilience in young people, helping them to learn from unexpected feelings and situations – and to process them in a mature, effective manner.

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance									
	Autumn 1									
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4		Week 5	
	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	98.0	0.4	98.3	0.6	99.0	0.81	97.0	0.64	97.0	0.61
Infant Overall	96.0	0.1	98.0	0.14	98.0	0.26	96.5	0.31	96.3	0.51
6	98.0	0.25	97.8	0.6	99.2	0.78	99.0	0.53	97.6	0.0
5	97.0	0.9	97.9	0.7	97.7	0.69	93.3	1.25	95.6	1.15
4	99.0	0.0	99.3	0.4	99.6	1.03	99.0	0.74	96.7	0.82
3	98.0	0.5	98.3	1.0	97.8	0.74	96.2	0.17	97.2	0.55
2	98.0	0.4	96.0	0.0	99.0	0.22	94.5	0.0	97.8	0.65
1	100.0	0.0	98.2	0.4	97.0	0.31	96.2	0.82	91.2	0.6
R	-	-	98.8	0.3	97.0	0.26	99.0	0.24	98.9	0.26

Very well done to all children again this week. Attendance continues to be significantly above national average, and this only happens with the fabulous support from all our families.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

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

