



Oakfield Schools

4th July 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
09/07/25	Year 2, soon to be new Year 3 parents, coffee morning – Junior Hall	9.00 am
09/07/25	Reports out to parents	
10/07/25	Reception trip to Wallington Hall	
10/07/25	Year 3 trip – Oriental Museum	
11/06/25	Year 6 Leavers Trip – South Shields	
14/07/25	Key Stage 2 Concert – Junior Hall	9.00 am
15/07/25	Year 6 leavers concert	17.30
15/07/25	Reception Summer Picnic	1.30
16/07/25	Year One Summer Picnic	1.30
17/07/25	Year Two Summer Picnic	1.30
17/07/25	Last day of term	
18/07/25	Occasional day – School closed	

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

2024 - 2025 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
Summer 2	02/06/25 – 17/07/25

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
Year Six	Wednesday (Swimming) and Friday

KS2 Athletics Festival

Our KS2 athletics team had a fantastic day at the Gateshead Schools Athletics Festival at Gateshead Stadium. We are incredibly proud of how all of the children demonstrated determination, resilience and team spirit. Well done to all!

Our medal count:

🥇 gold in Year 5/6 boys 600m

🥉 bronze in Year 3/4 boys hurdles

🥈 silver in Year 3/4 boys 3 spring jumps

🥇 gold in Year 3/4 girls 3 spring jumps

🥉 bronze in Year 5/6 boys 80m sprint

A huge thank you to Gateshead School Sports Partnership for running this very well organised event!



Smile Through Sport Summer Activities

Gateshead School Sports Partnership have sent the following information to schools about Summer sporting activities available to children with disabilities of all ages. Should you wish to access this opportunity or know of another family who may benefit, please pass on the link below.

Smile Through Sport was founded to provide the opportunity for disabled people of all ages across the North East to access high quality sport and physical activity.

There are various sporting opportunities for children to get involved with over the Summer, from adapted cycling, Boccia, multi-sports, outdoor games and much more! These sessions are for children and young people with SEND, offering a relaxed and friendly environment for all to be involved with, from as little as £3.00 a session. Siblings are also welcome to join as well.

[Click here to access the Summer timetable to book your sessions!](#)

Session ages are guidelines, should you have any questions regarding the sessions and the suitability to your child please contact Smile Through Sport direct at info@smilethroughsport.com



Summer Holiday Activity Programme 2025

**Activity sessions for children with SEND.
Relaxed & friendly sessions full of sports, games
and activities to get involved in.
Siblings welcome too!**

**Session ages are a guide, please contact
us to have a chat to discuss your
individual child's needs.**

**We are not postcode restricted, so please
book onto any sessions/events you are
able to travel to!**

Tyne & Wear

County Durham

Northumberland

**For more information visit:
www.smilethroughsport.com/whats-on**





School Games Mark Success

We are overjoyed that Oakfield Junior School have been awarded the Bronze Schools Games Mark. This is in recognition of the broad and inclusive opportunities that pupils have to be active and access sport, within everyday school life, the PE curriculum, inter school sports competitions and local competitions through the SSP, FA, Durham Cricket and other sporting bodies.

Class Photographs

You should have all received an email with a link to purchase your child's class photo. Tempest offer a free "deliver to school" option that is open for a limited time, but you will need to order before Monday 7th July, alternatively, home delivery is available at a cost of £5 postage and packing.

Head Boy and Head Girl Elections

We are currently well under way with campaigns for Head boy and Head girl for the next academic year. Current year 5 pupils have the opportunity to put themselves forward as candidates; this part of the process is now closed and they are well underway with canvassing pupils in Years 2 – 5 for their support.

On Monday of next week, each candidate will have the opportunity to deliver a 2 minute presentation about their qualities and what they stand for. This then leads finally to voting day on Wednesday 9th July. The results will be shared with the candidates in advance of the rest of the school, so that they have time to process the news while not feeling too much in the spotlight. Providing the ballot boxes arrive to election HQ on time, the result will be declared on Thursday 10th July.

Transition

It was wonderful to walk around school on Tuesday and Wednesday this week observing lots of smiling children meeting their new teachers. The children returned to their current teachers to share news about the the activities they are looking forward to in September.

Year One/Year Two classes (September 2025)

Further to previous information already shared with parents, Mrs McNall will be teaching her new Y1/2 class in the room currently housing the school computers from September 2025. This means that all of Reception and Key Stage One classes will be based in the main school building. Miss Hartness will be teaching her group of Year 2 children in the top prefab classroom for English and Maths every morning. The computing curriculum will be taught using IPADs as is appropriate for Key Stage One.

Staffing Update (Y1/2)

Due to Mrs Torbohm's continued absence from school we are pleased to announce that Miss Glenwright has been appointed from September to be the 3rd teacher in the Year 1/2 class groupings. She is familiar to the children already and we are confident that she will be a good addition to the staff team. The teachers from September will therefore be:

- Miss Glenwright
- Mrs Cassin / Miss Rose
- Mrs McNall
- Miss Hartness (English and maths teaching)

Reading Plus

We are delighted to share that following Year 5's participation in an evaluation of Reading Plus for EEF (an organisation that evaluates the impact of projects and programmes on children's attainment), we have been able to purchase this for all children from Year 3 to Year 6. Reading Plus is a programme that focuses on children's reading comprehension, silent reading fluency and overall reading attainment. We would like to congratulate the Year 5 children for their keen participation which has been reflected in their enthusiasm for reading as well as attainment. Huge congratulations to Aoife who was a finalist in the Reading Plus awards for her engagement with the programme outside of school.

Toys in School

We understand that all of our children love their toys! Please can parents discourage children from bringing their toys into school. The latest craze seems to be labuboo figures, while Match Attack cards continue with the boys. They cause both a distraction for children, as well as leading to disagreements over ownership. Thank you for your support in this.

Safeguarding



iPads are a familiar fixture in many households and classrooms, offering access to educational tools, entertainment, and the internet in one sleek package; however, with great versatility comes notable risk. From accidental spending and data privacy breaches to excessive screen time, there's plenty for parents and educators to consider before handing over the device. While Apple offers built-in safeguards such as 'Screen Time' and 'Family Sharing', these features must be correctly set up and actively managed to be effective.

Our #WakeUpWednesday guide walks you through these options and highlights some of the more surprising ways children can get around restrictions – including with Siri – while offering practical advice on how to help keep young users safe and healthy online.

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance									
	Summer 2									
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4		Week 5	
	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	95.2	0.79%	95.1	1.03%	96.1	0.93%	96.0	1.31	96.1	0.74
Infant Overall	98.6	0.58%	96.0	0.43%	96.2	0.43%	93.1	0.49	97.3	0.41
6	95.1	0.77	95.3	0.67	94.3	0.48	97.1	0.0	93.5	0.71
5	94.5	0.75	93.0	0.88	98.0	0.88	96.0	0.25	95.0	0.55
4	96.7	1.17	96.0	1.02	96.1	1.28	94.4	0.58	99.3	1.0
3	94.5	0.51	96.4	1.56	95.7	1.12	96.0	0.51	97.4	0.71
2	99.0	0.48	95.8	0.21	96.4	0.21	93.5	0.48	97.5	0.17
1	99.7	0.56	98.0	0.49	97.3	0	96.9	0.28	99.2	0.78
R	94.0	0.79	94.4	0.69	94.4	1.39	86.9	0.79	94.4	0.28

Thank you for supporting us with our school attendance!

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head