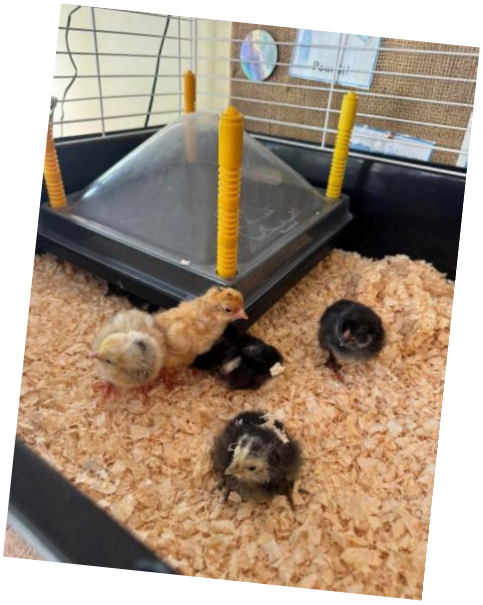
Oakfield Schools

5th June 2026

What an EGGSciting week in school!



Welcome back to our last half term of the school year. The children have been very excited by the delivery of some eggs this week and have been watching them hatch in class. They thought they could be chicks and ducklings as they were different coloured eggs, but we have had 2 yellow and 4 black chicks' hatch. More photographs and information are on our school Facebook page.

What's happening next week

Monday 8th June	**Phonics Check-Y1** Year 6 PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 1/ 2 CR KS1 Karate Club (after school) KS2 Guitar Club (after school) **Y6 Girls Cricket Tournament (all day)**
Tuesday 9th June	Reception PE Year 4 PE KS1 Little Kickers (before school) KS1 Multiskills (after school) KS2 Karate (before school) KS2 Ukulele (after school)
Wednesday 10th June	Year 1/ 2 BG PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 5B PE – 5R Swimming KS1 Happy Feet Dance (after school)
Thursday 11th June	Reception PE Year 4 PE KS2 Guitar Club (after school) **Y6 Tennis Tournament (Afternoon)** **Y6M Forst School (Afternoon)**
Friday 12th June	AM Gymnastics team event KS1/2 Year 1/ 2BG PE Year 1/ 2 CR Year 6 PE KS2 Oakfield Band (after school)

Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
1/06/26	Summer 2 begin	
w/b 08/06/26	KS1 Phonics check week	
w/b 15/6/26	Diversity Week	
15/06/26	Class photographs day	
19/6/26	Non uniform Day	
22/6/26	SEND Coffee Morning	
24/06/26	KS2 Sports Afternoon	13:15 start
01/07/26	Summer Fair	15.30
02/07/26	Y1 and Year 2 Washington Wetlands	
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	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	10/07/26

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

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Summer 1 Summer 2	12/04/27 – 28/05/27 07/06/27 – 15/07/27
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Parents Meeting for current Reception and Year One parents.

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the meeting held on Thursday 4th June. The powerpoint and information is attached for those who were unable to attend. This information has been shared with all KS1 parents following the questionnaire requesting feedback last half term.

Request from staff

We have had a lot of children bringing in small toys and items into school this week. Can we please request that they be kept at home as this causes understandable upset when they are misplaced and lost.

Update: re attendance from Gateshead Council

At Oakfield Infant and Junior Schools, we know that strong attendance is key to students achieving their best. We are continuing to work closely with families to support good attendance and ensure that every student is in school, on time and ready to learn. Please complete a LOA form at least 14days in advance. (We do know there may be exceptional circumstances)

Relating to this, we want to make all parents and carers aware of an update from Gateshead Council regarding attendance expectations and legal processes.

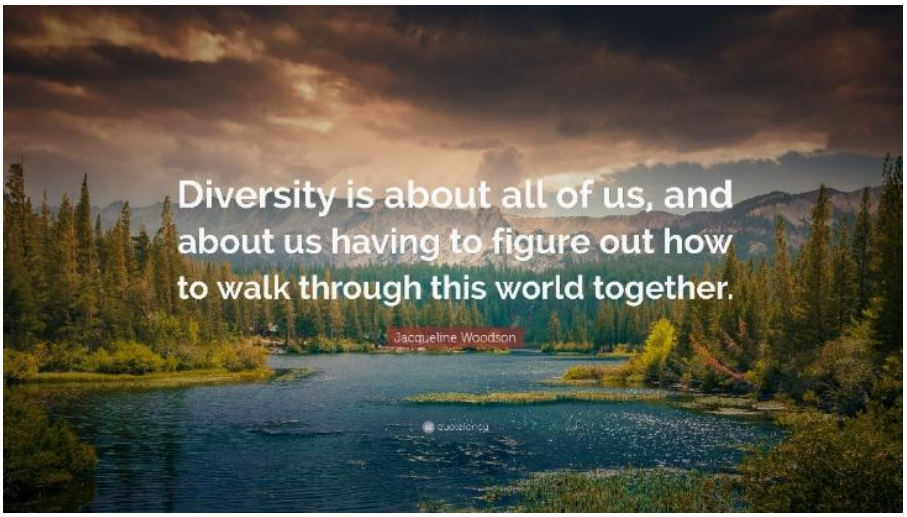
Under new national guidance, a Penalty Notice may be issued where a student has 10 unauthorised absences within a rolling 10 school week period. **Gateshead Council has confirmed that they will begin taking referrals based on the previous 10 weeks from 10 April.**

An unauthorised absence is where a student is absent from school without approval. This may include:

- Absence where no reason is provided by parents/carers.
- Absence where the reason cannot be approved by the school.
- Term-time holidays or leave that has not been authorised.
- Arriving late to school after the register has closed.
- Parental requests for students to leave school without evidence of a medical appointment or exceptional circumstance.

We are sharing this with you so that, where needed, improvements can be made so that this threshold is not reached. For clarity:

- A Penalty Notice may be issued after 10 unauthorised sessions within 10 school weeks.
- A session is a half day at school.
- The fine is £160, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
- A second notice within three years is charged at £160 with no reduction.
- After two notices, further action such as prosecution may be considered.
- Penalty Notices are issued and collected by Gateshead Council. Any income generated from Penalty Notices is retained by the local authority; schools do not receive any financial benefit from the issuing of fines. If payment is not made, this may result in legal proceedings.



Reminder-Diversity Week

During our Diversity week beginning 15th June we will be focussing on Buddhism, Chinese Culture & Meditation/Relaxation. The children will be learning about Buddhism and taking part in activities such as Forest bathing and Sound baths. On Friday 19th June the children should come into school wearing old clothes (t-shirts, leggings, joggers) as we will all be working outdoors on Friday afternoon to improve, garden, tidy and clean our outdoor spaces.

Year 3 Visit – Durham University Oriental Museum

Year 3 had a fantastic day visiting the Oriental Museum, where they immersed themselves in the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt! The children enjoyed handling authentic Ancient Egyptian artefacts, studying a real mummy and even taking part in a role-play activity to learn about the mummification process of a pharaoh.

We were incredibly impressed by the children's curiosity, enthusiasm, and thoughtful questions throughout the day. A truly memorable day of discovery and learning!

Rearranged KS 2 Sports Day - Wednesday 24th June.

Following the postponement of the Year 3-6 Sports Day prior to half term, I can confirm the rearranged data as **Wednesday 24th June.**

On this afternoon, the competitive athletics sports day for years 3 – 6 will take place, again between 1.15pm and 3.15pm. In a change to previous years, all pupils will compete in all the running, jumping, and throwing events in a round robin way. 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.

Key Stage 2 Music Extravaganza

On the morning of Monday 13th July, we are holding our annual music extravaganza. Parents are invited to share in this and have the opportunity to watch the pupils who play violin, brass, woodwind, guitar, or ukulele perform a range of pieces. The event will take place in the junior hall, with doors opening at 9.00am for a 9.10am start. It is always a fantastic event!

Star points total per week	
	Summer 2
	Week 1
R	387
1	140
2	161
3	914
4	231
5	187
6	36

Swimming Lesson Opportunities

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Safeguarding

Staying safe on our roads is not just a skill — it is a lifelong habit. It is crucial to learn key strategies for helping children navigate streets safely and confidently, from practising journeys together to teaching them how to choose the safest crossing points.

We have collaborated with THINK! to offer real-world advice on issues like the dangers of parked vehicles, reversing cars and mobile phone distractions — it is an invaluable tool for parents and educators who want to help young people travel independently without compromising their safety.

School attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance	
	Summer 2	
	Week 1	
	Attendance	% marks late
Junior Overall	91.6	0.4
Infant Overall	96.1	1.0
6	92.7	0.8
5	88.8	0.0
4	91.1	0.7
3	93.0	0.0
2	92.6	0.0
1	100.0	1.0
R	97.0	2.4

Thank you very much for supporting our attendance and congratulations to year 1 who achieved 100% this week.

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