



Oakfield Schools

6th February 2026

Next Week

Science Week



Children's Mental Health Week

Safer Internet Day

**SAFER
INTERNET
DAY**

TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2026

**Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK**

Next week promises to be another busy week, full of opportunities and new experiences. It is our Science Week, which this week takes the theme of – Being curious: My Amazing Body. Over the week, pupils will have the opportunity to investigate different ways that their body works; meet and talk with professionals who work within scientific disciplines; participate in a range of exciting workshops.

On Tuesday, pupils will be participating in the National Safer Internet Day which includes an assembly, a nationally broadcast live lesson and follow up activity. The theme this year is 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.'

Finally, it is also Children's Mental Health Week. This will launch on Monday with a live online assembly and conclude on Friday with Dress to Express Day. On this day, children can attend school wearing an outfit that expresses who they are or something about their characteristics. This will also help support the theme of, 'This is my place.'

[This is My Place | Children's Mental Health Week 2026](#)

Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
w/b 9/02/26	Science week	
13/02/26	Dress to Express Day	
w/b 16/02/26	Parents evenings – learning plan reviews	tbc
20/2/26	Wear Red for CHUF day	
w/b 23/02/26	Half term	
02/03/26	Spring 2 term begins	
03/03/26	Year 1 trip to Cromer Church	
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 01/06/26	Learning plan review week	tbc
w/b 08/06/26	KS1 Phonics check week	
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
	South shields leavers trip	
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	tbc

2025 – 2026 Term Dates	
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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 – 02/04/26
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 KM	Mondays and Wednesdays
Year One / Two CR	Mondays and Fridays
Year One / Two BG	Wednesdays and Fridays
Year Three	Wednesday (Outdoors) Friday (indoor)
Year Four	Tuesday (Outdoors) Thursday (indoor)
Year Five	Monday (Outdoors) Wednesday, SB Swimming / SR (indoor) (This will swap during the Spring term)
Year Six	Monday (indoor / outdoors mix) - Friday (outdoors)

Parent appointments

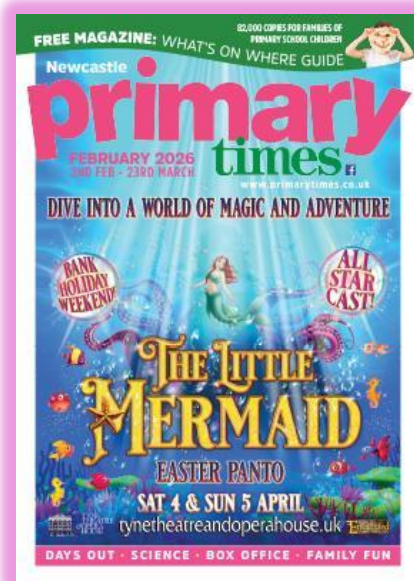


Just a reminder to book your parents evenings appointments on Arbor ready for w/b 16th February. We are looking forward to meeting with you all and discussing the amazing things your children have been doing!

The Primary Times

The February Issue of Primary Times Newcastle is now available for parents to view at

<https://www.round-sun-digital.com/>



Key Stage 2 Boccia Festival



Huge congratulations to our fantastic KS2 team for representing Oakfield so brilliantly at the Gateshead SSP Boccia competition. The pupils demonstrated outstanding teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the event, giving their very best in every match. For many, this was their first experience of playing Boccia, and they thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity. We are incredibly proud of everyone involved, well done!

Year 5 Visit – The Centre for Life



On Tuesday, 27th January, Year 5 visited the Centre for Life as part of their new Science topic on Earth and space. The children had an amazing day engaging in all kinds of workshops and activities. They became budding astronauts in the laboratory by controlling a robot to repair the International Space Station. In addition, they observed the planets and stars in the planetarium and watched a fantastic science show. There were many other space themed workshops on offer for the children to sample and they came

away enthused about the subject. Well done Year 5!



Ticket Offer – Sunderland AFC Women

EN Educate (formerly AK Teaching) is delighted to share the **first discount of the new year** for an exciting local sporting event that may be of interest to staff, students, and families.

Sunderland AFC Women vs Sheffield United

📍 *Stadium of Light*

📅 *Friday 6 February 2026*

🕒 *Kick-off: 7.00pm (stadium opens 5.30pm)*

Sunderland Women return to the **Stadium of Light for a Friday night** fixture under the lights as they continue their Barclays WSL2 campaign, facing **Sheffield United** — a side they defeated 4–0 on the opening day of the season.

The evening promises a fantastic atmosphere, with **family-friendly activities** in the concourse before kick-off, including face painting and live music. This match is also part of the WSL's *Alcohol in the Bowl pilot*, allowing drinks to be enjoyed in the stands.

🚫 **EXCLUSIVE SCHOOL OFFER – 50% OFF**

Use code **50% SAFCW** at checkout to receive:

- **Under 22s: £1.50**
- **Adults: £5.00**

👉 Book tickets here:

<https://tickets.safc.com/en-GB/categories/womens-home-tickets>



World Book Day

Our Reading Champions are very busy planning World Book Day events for Thursday 5th March and have decided that **Whimsical characters** will be the theme. If your child would like to dress up they can dress as characters such as magical beings, fairies, gnomes, trolls, wizards or favourite characters such as Paddington Bear. The scope is wide for children to use their imagination! More details to follow about the activities planned on the actual day to follow. The Reading Champions have set the World Book Day competition as Book in a box. If your child would like to enter, please bring the entry to school on Wednesday 4th March to be judged on the actual day. Please remind your child to put their name on the box. We will be holding a World Book Day costume swap shop on Wednesday 18th February at 3.30 after school. If you would like to donate costumes for this, please drop them to either school office by Friday 13th February.

Reminder- Wear Red for CHUF day for the Children's Heart Unit Fund.

Following a request from a parent we have agreed to support a Wear Red for CHUF day which is to support the Children's Heart Unit Fund. This is a wonderful local family who supports children with heart conditions. To support this, we will be asking children to wear red on Friday 20th February. The charity provides families of children on Ward 23 with items such as food vouchers, comfy chairs to sleep on by the bedside for children recovering, they also have a small refreshment shop outside of the ward to give parents respite without being too far from their sick child. The schools will open their payment systems on Monday 19th February and will close them on Monday 26th February for any charitable donations that parents would like to send. Thank you in advance for your support.

Star points total per week					
	05/01/26	12/01/26	19/01/26	23/01/26	2/02/26
R	232	396	224	404	245
1	187	483	333	514	422
2	218	606	352	520	431
3	61	177	245	608	477
4	139	273	279	664	604
5	106	303	289	256	300
6	197	624	218	443	182

Safeguarding



Exam stress – sometimes referred to as test anxiety – is of course a long-running issue for children and young people. Many experts have suggested that the enforced break to traditional testing during the pandemic (specifically the relative lack of familiarity with exam situations) has exacerbated this problem for those who are currently in education.

The possible impact of exam stress on children's mental, emotional and physical wellbeing is difficult to overstate – and students' need for support is seldom greater than during these periods of their academic life. Our guide offers you ten practical tips for helping young people to manage exam stress and minimise its potentially detrimental effects.

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance									
	Spring 1									
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4		Week 5	
	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	96.8	1.0	96.2	0.89	96.1	1.0	95.1	0.91	95.8	0.58
Infant Overall	95.3	0.94	96.0	0.71	96.3	0.85	98.5	0.5	95.1	0.46
6	98.6	1.0	97.2	1.12	98.2	1.2	95.6	1.0	96.6	0.88
5	90.2	0.8	93.9	0.58	94.2	1.1	92.7	0.2	94.1	0.0
4	97.7	0.3	96.6	1.57	97.2	1.2	96.7	1.73	95.7	1.14
3	99.6	1.6	96.6	0.31	94.7	0.4	95.3	0.65	96.6	0.28
2	94.4	0.4	94.3	0.73	95.6	0.36	98.5	0.18	94.9	0.0
1	98.9	2.22	96.4	1.26	97.4	1.0	97.9	1.0	95.1	0.93
R	94.4	0.48	97.6	0.22	96.3	1.3	98.2	0.43	95.2	0.6

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head