



Oakfield Schools

6th March 2026



What a brilliant start to this half term this week. We had a fantastic buzz around books on World Book Day. The children made reading dens, solved puzzles, decorated biscuits and enjoyed reading many books amongst many other activities. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting your children with finding costumes- we had a huge variety which was lovely to see. There are lots of photographs on our Facebook page to see more activities from the day. Winners of the Book in a Box competition are later in the newsletter. Special mention for Reading Champions who planned the activities on the day.



What's happening next week...

Monday 9th March	Year 6 PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 1/ 2 CR Year 5 PE KS1 Karate Club (after school) KS2 Guitar Club (after school) Year 6 Booster Club (after school) 3F rearranged parent appointments
Tuesday 10th March	Reception PE Year 4 PE KS1 Little Kickers (before school) KS1 Games Club (after school) KS2 Karate (before school) KS2 Ukulele (after school) KS2 Dance Club (after school) 3F rearranged parent appointments
Wednesday 11th March	Year 1/ 2 BG PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE KS1 Happy Feet Dance club (after school) KS2 Swimming Gala Finals
Thursday 12th March	Reception PE Year 4 PE KS2 Guitar Club (after school) 3F rearranged parent appointments Year 6 Football Match at Harlow Green KS2-Sportability Creative Performance event
Friday 13th March	Year 1/ 2BG PE Year 1/ 2 CR Year 6 PE KS2 Oakfield Band



World Book Day Competition



We had some fantastic entries into the Book in a Box competition which made judging very difficult so thank you to all of the children who took part in the competition.

The winners are-

RecBM-Jake

RecHH-Roman

1/2BG-Ronan

1/2CR-Mario

1/2KM-Nola

3BM- Imogen

3F-Rory

4G-Chloe

5B-William

5R-Jack M

6M-Ada

6D-Aoife

Comic Relief

We will be supporting Comic Relief by having a non-uniform day on Friday 20th March. The payment systems will open on Wednesday 18th March and close on Monday 23rd March for any parents who wish to donate to the charity.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are looking forward to holding our book fairs in both KS1 and KS2 starting on Friday 13th March until Wednesday 18th March. Please see the timetables below for the opening times.

Payments can be made by cash or parents can pay with a QR code whilst visiting the fair with a card. Please remember to select the correct school if you pay this way. Please do not ask to reserve books they need to be paid for whilst at the bookfair.

We do earn commission through the book sales which are then used to purchase new books for classrooms and libraries.

Key Stage 1 Opening Times

Infant School Opening Times	AM	PM
	8.30am-8.45am	3.15pm-3.45pm
Friday 13th March	Open	Open
Monday 16th March	Open	Open
Tuesday 17th March	Open	Open
Wednesday 18th March	Open	Open

Key Stage 2 Opening Times

Junior School Book Fair Main Hall	AM	Lunchtime	PM
	8.30am-8.45am	12.45pm-1.00pm	3.30pm-4.00pm
Friday 13th March	Open	Open	Closed
Monday 16 th March	Open	Open	Open
Tuesday 17th March	Closed	Open	Closed
Wednesday 18th March	Open	Open	Open

Diary Dates for 2025-2026		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
20/3/26	Comic Relief	
1/4/26	Easter Competition (details to follow)	
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	

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, 5B Swimming / 5R (indoor) (This will swap during the Spring term)
Year Six	Monday (indoor / outdoors mix) - Friday (outdoors)

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

Quicksticks

Tournament 🎨

Some of our children attended Hockey Tournament Stadium today. showed outstanding sportsmanship their very best in are incredibly proud involved. Well done team Oakfield! 🌟👏

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 – 02/04/26
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

Hockey

fantastic Year 4 the Quicksticks at Gateshead The children teamwork and throughout, giving every match. We of everyone

A special congratulations to Team A who achieved 2nd place in their final match 🏆



Star points total per week



02/03/26

Safeguarding

R

359

116

174

157

354

408

293



When children and young people experience traumatic or difficult life events, their emotional world can be shaken, and the impact may show up in

their behaviour, mood, or relationships. Whether it's bereavement, a family breakdown or witnessing something distressing, the support of trusted adults can be key in helping them feel safe again. This guide looks at how to create a nurturing environment to help young people process difficult feelings.

It also shares clear, actionable strategies to promote recovery – from building emotional literacy and creating a predictable routine to recognising signs that further help may be needed. Sensitive language, patience, and presence all play a part in empowering children to move forward at their own pace. With the right support, they can rebuild a sense of security and resilience.

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance	
	Spring 2	
	Week 1	
	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	95.2	1.11
Infant Overall	95.7	0.59
6	96.0	1.54
5	93.4	0.82
4	95.9	1.2
3	95.3	0.85
2	98.0	0.75
1	99.6	0.35
R	89.4	0.62

EVERY DAY IN SCHOOL COUNTS...

and every minute counts...



Late by these minutes per day? Here's what it means...



We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head