



Oakfield Schools

6th June 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
Wb 8/06/25	Year 1 / 2 phonics check	All week
W/B 16/06/25	Science Week	All Week
17/06/25	Summer Fayre	15.30 – 17.00
W/B 23/6/25	Diversity week	
1-2/ 07/25	Transition days	
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	
10/7/25	Reception trip to Wallington Hall	
10/7/25	Year 3 trip – Oriental Museum	
11/06/25	Year 6 Leavers Trip – South Shields	
14/06/25	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 1	28/04/25 – 23/05/25
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

Summer Fayre

A reminder our Summer Fayre will be held on Tuesday 17th June at 3.30. We have many stalls including refreshments, sweets, cakes, splat the teacher, games, tombola, raffle, plants, forest activities and many more. If parents are able to support us with raffle prizes, we would be grateful for any donations of gift vouchers or items to raffle. If you have any donations for the raffle, please contact the Infant School office with your donation. Thank you for all of the donations sent in this morning. We are incredibly grateful for your support with this.



School Athletics – Gateshead School's Fun Run

On the last Friday before half term, all pupils from Years 2-6, attended Gateshead Schools Fun Run at Saltwell Park, and what a day it was!

The first challenge is walking nearly 300 children to Saltwell Park. With the encouragement of honking horns from passing vehicles to spur them on, the walk was full of joy and engagement with the local community. This was capped when the following email was received regarding the engagement with people we met on the way:

Hi

On Fri 23rd May your children were walking to Saltwell Park along Saltwell Road south.

They saw me and my husband going into my daughter's house with a balloon for my Grandsons 2nd birthday and spontaneously started singing Happy Birthday. We brought him to the front door, and they all cheered and carried on singing.

We all thought this was so lovely that I felt I had to do contact you to let you know how much we all loved this.

Thank you!

Regards

Once at the park, it was down to the business of the day: an elite athlete's race; a fun run with friends; a picnic; games in the sunshine, before the equally noisy procession back to Oakfield. It is fair to say that everyone was superb at all they elements they participated in. Everyone completed the fun run and felt incredibly proud of themselves. Everyone completed some exceptionally large picnic lunches and felt incredibly full. Everyone who played enjoyed the fact it was sunny, and in the park. Finally, the 9 children who competed with the elite athletes were superb, superb to the extent we got first and second places in the boy's race, and third in the girls! Wow!



School Athletics – Year 3/4 Quad Kids Competition

Yesterday, two teams of athletes attended Grace College for the central Gateshead Quad Kids competition, quad kids is indoor athletics involving sprinting, jumping and throwing where the wall can come in handy for a directional change. Each and every child gave their all in a sporting manner and returned to school proud of their achievements. One of the teams even managed to finish second overall, so silver pin badges await in celebration assembly – well done everyone, we are all proud of you!



Developments in school

We have all been keenly following the developments on the Junior yard and around the bungalow on site with much excitement. Friends of Oakfield have been working closely with staff to transform these areas into calm and sensory spaces for the children to enjoy. Huge thanks to Friends of Oakfield and their supporters who are backing school with this. It will make a huge difference to the children particularly at playtimes and lunchtimes. Please watch this space and Friends of Oakfield on Facebook to follow the developments.

Kidsafe

The Reception children will be receiving an age-appropriate safeguarding programme delivered in class by Miss Hartness over this half term. Please see the attached letter for further information. The programme has been run throughout school for many years and helps support children to keep themselves safe. Letters will follow each session so parents can see the content being taught.

Robotics Workshops

Friends of Oakfield have supported school to fund the first of 3 days of Robotics workshops this week provided by Martin Bailey. The children had an amazing time exploring coding and the remaining classes will have the opportunity over the next two days of workshops.



Safeguarding



Emojis are not just digital decoration — they are often used as a coded language that young people use to express identity, humour and emotion. Without context, they can easily be misunderstood by adults, leading to confusion or missed signals. Some emojis may even mask risky behaviours or emotional struggles.

This guide helps decode this ever-evolving language, empowering parents and educators to have more open, informed conversations with the children in their care. It also highlights the meaning of some common emojis and offers practical tips for staying clued-in without snooping or suspicion.

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance	
	Summer 2	
	Week 1	
	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	95.2	0.79%
Infant Overall	98.6	0.58%
6	95.1	0.77%
5	94.5	0.75%
4	96.7	1.17%
3	94.5	0.51%
2	99.0	0.48%
1	99.7	0.56%
R	94.0	0.79%

Congratulations on great attendance this week!

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head