



Oakfield Schools

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Further safeguarding streaming concerns

Since our newsletter last week, it has been brought to our attention of another significant safeguarding threat which children across school appear to have access to at home. **'Hazbin Hotel'** is an American adult animated musical comedy series on Prime. It is rated 18+ as it includes high levels of severe profanity, sex and nudity, violence and gore, alcohol, drugs and smoking use and has frightening and intense scenes.

We apologise for having 2 newsletters in a row which are focussed so much on e-safety but the risks surrounding children having access to adult content and the subsequent trauma / risk to mental health are a very serious concern for us. Please ensure any device your child has access to has all appropriate child locks, parental controls, and filters and that you are present in the same room as your child when on a device so to ensure they are monitored and subsequently protected. Can I also remind you that any merchandise which is related to inappropriate content (pencil cases, lunch boxes, T-shirts, water bottles etc.) are not permitted in school. We thank you again for your continued support in this.

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
12/02/25	Year 5 Family learning (English)	9.00-10.30
13/02/25	Year 4 Family learning (English)	9.00-10.30
14/02/25	Year 3 Family learning (English)	9.00-10.30
17/02/25	Reception Family learning (English)	9.15-10.15
18/02/25	Year 1 Family learning (English)	1P- 9.15-10.15- 1CR- 10.30-11.30
19/02/25	Year 2 Family learning (English)	2M 9.15-10.15 2C- 10.30-11.30
21/02/25	INSET DAY – CHILDREN NOT AT SCHOOL	
22/02/25	Spring Half Term	
12/3/24	Year One visit to Cromer Church	
	Spring 2 Term Start	
04/03/25	Year 4 trip – Discovery museum	
06/03/25	World Book Day- Witches, Wizards and Muggles	
21/3/24	Comic Relief	
23/03/25	Friends of Oakfield - Quiz night Gold medal	19.00
w/b 07/04/25	Year R – 5 Parents' evenings (face to face)	
11/04/25	Year 5 trip – Centre for Life	
	Easter Holidays	
	Start of Summer 1 term	
30/04/25	Year 4 trip – Jarrow Hall	
05/05/25	Spring Bank Holiday	
w/b 12/05/25	SATS week	
w/b 19/05/25	Sports Week	
19/05/25	Year 3 Trip - Segedunum	
23/5/25	INSET DAY – CHILDREN NOT AT SCHOOL	
	Whit Half Term	
	Start of Summer 2 term	
3/6/25	Year 1 trip to Gibside	
5/6/25	Year 2 trip to Washington Wetlands	
June 2025 (TBC)	Year 1 / 2 phonics check	All week
17/06/25	Summer Fayre	14.00 – 17.00
2-3/ 07/25	Transition days	
10/7/25	Reception trip to Wallington Hall	
10/7/25	Year 3 trip – Oriental Museum	
11/07/25	Reports out to parents	
15/07/25	Year 6 leavers concert	17.30
16-17/07/25	Infant Summer Picnics	tbtc
17/07/25	Last day of term	
18/07/25	Occasional day – School closed	

2024 - 2025 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
Autumn 1	04/09/24 – 25/10/24
Autumn 2	04/11/24 – 20/12/24
Spring 1	06/01/25 – 20/02/25
Spring 2	03/03/25 – 11/04/25
Summer 1	28/04/25 – 23/05/25
Summer 2	02/06/25 – 17/07/25
PD days for the year	02/09/24 03/09/24 25/10/24 21/02/25 23/05/25

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 (Swimming)
Year Six	Tuesday and Friday

School Swimming Gala

This time last year our swimming team reached the dizzy heights of becoming swimming county champions: a fantastic effort. This week, our Gala Y5/Y6 Swimming Team began the defence of that crown and competed in the South of Tyne heats this week. The children were amazing and were a great team, achieved the following medals:

- 🥉 3rd place for boys' front crawl
- 🥈 2nd place for boys' backstroke
- 🥈 2nd place for girls' breaststroke
- 🥈 2nd place for boys' medley relay
- 🥉 3rd place for boys' freestyle relay
- 🥉 3rd place for canon relay

The teamwork was brilliant and led us to finish the event in 3rd place overall. We now need to wait until the other Gateshead heats take place to see if we have qualified again for the County finals.

Thank you to Gateshead Schools Partnership and South Tyneside School Sport Network



Purple Mash

There is a Fruities and Veggies competition being run by Purple Mash which children can access at home and with "berry exciting prizes up for grabs!" Children can access Purple Mash using their log ins already provided. Please see the parent guide attached with further details. Entries should be submitted by March 7th. Please click [here](#) for the parent guide.

Chinese New Year

Oakfield School Band rocked the Glasshouse International Music Centre on Monday, playing a mash up of a Chinese song and an original about the Angel of the North. Singers, ukelele players and guitarists from across KS2 played as part of the Chinese New Year celebrations at the invitation of the Confucius Institute and North-East Chinese University Students Association. What a night! You made Mrs Robinson, Mr Renwick, and Simon proud!



Safeguarding



According to Ofcom, 69% of under-18s use a smartphone as their main method of going online. Additionally, 49% of children use them for online gaming – putting smartphones only behind consoles (59%) as the device of choice for playing games on. Most people will not require such statistical evidence, however, to acknowledge the huge importance of phones to young people.

Given that Santa's recent visit is likely to have bestowed smartphones on an even greater number of young people, it is a particularly opportune moment to ensure that children can use their handsets responsibly – and, above all, safely. From passcodes to parental controls, and from screen time to scams, our #WakeUpWednesday guide has the essential advice.

When Apple unveiled the iPad in early 2010, they almost single-handedly rewrote people's idea of what of a portable computing device was capable of – and sparked a tablet revolution. There are several very respectable imitators on the market now, but the iPad remains the standard bearer for tablet computers and still routinely shifts upwards of 40 million units every year.

Their immense popularity, of course, has made the iPad a familiar companion for children and young people: an auxiliary TV; an aid for schoolwork; and a blessing on long car journeys. That said, there are still some aspects of Apple's flagship tablet that parents and carers should bear in mind to help protect their child from online risks – as our #WakeUpWednesday guide explains.

This guide highlights possible hazards including the risk of age-inappropriate content, physical damage to the device and potential screen addiction.



School Attendance and Punctuality

As a member of Smart Academy Trust, we revisited and aligned our Attendance and Absence policy with all schools within the trust, in line with latest national guidance. It also reflects Gateshead's legal procedures with regards to absence.

The policy also covers punctuality and lateness. Oakfield Schools are adjusting the way we record this.

The school doors close and registration is completed at:

- 8.55 am in the infant school.
- 8.50 am in the junior school.

Any child who is not in their classroom at this time must then enter school by the main school entrance. (Please be aware that if you knock on the Year 2 doors after this time, you will be redirected to the main school entrance). Your child must then be signed in by the parent/carer with the reason for lateness recorded. The register will be updated and meal options logged. If a child arrives late but is not accompanied by an adult, the school's administration team will contact parents and seek a reason for the poor punctuality.

School year	Spring									
	Spring 1									
	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	95.5	2.22%	97.0	1.69%	96.5	1.78%	96.2	1.89%	97.0	1.31%
Infant Overall	95.6	0.98%	96.3	1.0%	97.0	0.92%	94.0	0.68%	95.7	0.6%
6	93.6	1.28%	96.0	1.25%	96.2	2.3%	98.2	2.0%	98.2	0.89%
5	98.2	3.0%	97.1	1.75%	97.0	2.5%	94.5	2.26%	99.0	1.97%
4	92.8	2.3%	97.5	2.5%	94.2	1.1%	94.5	1.79%	93.2	0.52%
3	97.0	2.2%	97.6	1.55%	97.5	0.9%	97.3	1.48%	97.0	1.72%
2	93.1	0.95%	94.5	0.5%	97.4	0.9%	91.7	1.19%	97.0	0.42%
1	99.1	1.14%	98.6	1.4%	97.5	0.32%	95.1	0.29%	97.2	0.25%
R	95.2	0.79%	96.1	1.3%	95.8	1.9%	96.4	0.4%	91.6	1.39%

Thank you all for continuing to support with our attendance.

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head