



Oakfield Schools

7th November 2025

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
3	Fun run	22/05/26
	Panto	11/12/25
	Laing Art Gallery – Sketching	21/01/26
	Fun run	22/05/26
	Jewish Community local walk	tbc
4	Durham University Oriental Museum– Egypt	03/06/26
	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
	South shields leavers trip	10/07/26

Diary Dates for 2025-2026

New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1

13/11/25-20/11/25	Scholastic Book Fair	
14/11/25	Children in Need	
21/11/25	Non uniform Day	
24/11/25	Reception handwashing workshops	
26/11/25 – 28/11/25	Year 6 residential	
29/11/25	Christmas Fun Morning for prospective reception starters	
03/12/25	School Christmas Fayre	15.30
8/12/25	Year 1/2 Christmas sing – Year 1 parents viewing	2pm
9/12/25	Year 1/2 Christmas sing - Year 2 parents viewing	2pm
10/12/25	Reception Nativity	2pm
11/12/25	Reception trip to Northern Stage	
15/12/25	Year 4 Christmas party	
16/12/25	Year 5 Christmas party	
17/12/25	Year 3 Christmas party	
17/12/25	Reception Christmas party	
18/12/25	Year 1/2 Christmas party	
18/12/25	Year 6 Christmas party	
19/12/25	Carols under the veranda (KS2)	13.45
20/12/25	Christmas Holidays	
05/01/26	PD day – school closed for children	
06/01/26	Start of Spring Term	
13/01/26	Family learning – year 6	am
14/01/26	Family learning – year 5	am
15/01/26	Family learning – year 4	am
16/01/26	Family learning – year 3	am
19/01/26	Family learning – year 1	am
20/01/26	Family learning- year 2	am
21/01/26	Family learning – reception	am
w/b 9/02/26	Science week	
w/b 16/02/26	Parents evenings – learning plan reviews	tbc
w/b 23/02/26	Half term	
02/03/26	Spring 2 term begins	
05/03/26	World book day	
03/04/26	Easter Holidays (note: Good Friday at start of holidays)	
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
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
15/07/26	Year1/2 summer picnic	pm
17/07/25	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

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)

Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need on 14th November and are asking the children to dress in something yellow and/or spotty for the day. We will be collecting donations by on our payments systems from Monday 10th November to Monday 17th November. A suggested donation is £1.



Leave of absence requests

Please remember that all LOA requests must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the leave being requested. Failure to do could lead to the LOA being declined due to lack of time to consider the application. Leaders have specific times in their working week to consider applications which may not align if LOA forms are submitted last minute. Thank you for your continued help with this.



Year 1/ 2 trip to the Centre for Life



Year 1 and 2 children had a wonderful time at the Centre for Life this week. We took part in a Science Workshop and completed some experiments based around the senses of sight, smell, touch and hearing. We all had a wonderful time!

CHRISTMAS ADVENTURES

EVERY WEEKEND
NOV 28 - DEC 24

SNOW TUBING, CHRISTMAS CRAFTS, ELF HUNT, MARSHMALLOW TOASTING AND MORE!

FESTIVE FAMILY FUN FOR AGES 4+!
BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

 **Whickham Thorns**

www.whickhamthorns/bookactivities@whickhamthorns.co.uk

Scholastic Book Fair

We are looking forward to holding our book fairs in both KS1 and 2 next week. 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. Please come along and support us by purchasing some early Christmas presents. We do earn commission through the book sales which are then used to purchase new books for classrooms and libraries.

KS1

	AM 8.30am- 8.45am	PM 3.00pm-4.00pm
Friday 14 th November	Open	Open
Monday 17 th November	Open	Open
Tuesday 18 th November	Open	Open
Wednesday 19 th November	Open	Open

KS2

	AM 8.30am- 8.45am	Lunchtime 12.45pm-1.00pm	PM 3.30pm-4.00pm
Friday 14 th November	Open	Open	Open
Monday 17 th November	Closed	Open	Open
Tuesday 18 th November	Open	Open	Open
Wednesday 19 th November	Open	Open	Open

School Council Newsletter

On the first Friday of each month, a second newsletter will be published – this one by the children of the school council. The first edition is published today and should be with you now! It gives a pupil's eye view and perspective of school, reporting it in a pupil voice. A couple of features to highlight as you read:

- The school council are going to run a snack shop in KS2 on Fridays starting on Friday 21st November. It will stock cereal bars, dried fruit and some fresh fruit. The prices will be in next week's newsletter. It would be helpful if children can have the correct change and the school council will keep prices as low as possible. Any profit that they make will be for the children to spend on 'things' for all pupils (with a little guidance), so is entirely a child's enterprise.
- They are also holding a competition in their newsletter. Details are on the final page with a snack shop prize for the winners!

I hope you enjoy edition 1!



The new elected head boy, head girl, prefects and counsellors sat down with Mr Thomson and discussed one big idea that stood out to us...A TUCK SHOP!!! We Believe this idea could spark a delicious and healthy lifestyle within school. Should you forget your snack, we have got the perfect snack for you....you can be sure of that!

In our tuck shop we will stock a range of healthy but absolutely delicious snacks. We will keep the prices as low as possible and all the profits will go towards the school council to spend on our school: things that pupils really engage with – extra yard games, wet play activities, visiting theatre performances.

At this tuck shop we will stock something for everyone, whether you are vegetarian or have an allergy.

We will begin our tuck shop on Friday's only, starting on Friday 21st November. Tune into next weeks newsletter for all prices!

Sharing success

Star points total per week	
	3/11/25
R	223
1	319
2	461
3	140
4	20
5	316
6	97

Safeguarding



School avoidance is a sharply increasing phenomenon, with tangible negative effects on children's wellbeing and education. The factors that come together to make a child consciously avoid seeing their classmates and teachers can be much more complicated than is often assumed. A careful, mindful approach from parents, carers and educators is required to help children return to an environment that may be causing them intense anxiety.

Our guide aims to help you understand the issue of school avoidance – not only its potential roots and ramifications, but also what you can do to help children and young people navigate these obstacles and continue their education.

School Attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance	
	Autumn 2	
	Week 1	
	Attendance	% late
Junior Overall	96.5	0.78
Infant Overall	94.6	0.44
6	97.9	0.25
5	95.9	2.0
4	96.8	0.0
3	95.4	0.97
2	94.6	0.56
1	94.0	0.79
R	95.2	0.0

Very well done to all children again this week. We were excited to see the children back after excellent half term holidays.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head

