Oakfield

Friday Letter

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Friday 9th October

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Oakfield Families,

What a lovely autumn week we have had at Oakfield! As the leaves begin to change colour and the mornings become a little chillier, it has been wonderful to see our children continuing to enjoy their learning with such enthusiasm and positivity. There has been a real buzz around school this week, with lots of smiles, exciting learning and plenty to celebrate.

As we head into another busy and exciting few weeks at Oakfield, please do take a moment to look at the important dates coming up. We have lots of lovely events and activities planned for the children and our school community, and we wouldn't want you to miss out! Please pop these dates into your diaries so you can join us where possible. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, with the opportunity to enjoy some autumn sunshine, perhaps a walk through the crunchy leaves, and some special family time. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!

Best wishes,
Helen Hartness
Acting Headteacher

What's happening next week

Monday 12th October	Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 1/ 2 CR PE Year 3 Outdoor PE Year 6 Indoor PE Parent Appointments
Tuesday 13th October	Reception PE Parent Appointments
Wednesday 14th October	Year 1/ 2 BG PE Year 1/ 2 KM PE Year 4 Outdoor PE 5M Indoor PE (Until February) 5D Swimming (Until February) Parent Appointments
Thursday 15th October	Reception PE Year 4 Indoor PE Year 6 Outdoor PE (Forest School) Parent Appointments
Friday 16th October	Year 1/ 2 BG PE Year 1/ 2 CR PE Year 3 Indoor PE Year 5 Outdoor PE Parent Appointments

OUR SIX CHARACTER THEMES

RESPECT We value ourselves and others.

FAIRNESS We treat people fairly.

RESPONSIBILITY We own our choices.

CARING We show kindness.

CITIZENSHIP We contribute

TRUSTWORTHINESS We are honest and reliable.

★ CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Star points total	
	This Week
R	610
1	2,348
2	1,438
3	347
4	545
5	473
6	540

✷ SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Hot Chocolate with the Head Teacher

Well done to Oscar, Millie, Imogen, Poppy, Joey, Evie, William B, Alfie C, Charlotte S, Esther, Poppy M

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Parents Evenings Reminder

Staff are looking forward to sharing how your child has settled into their new class and their achievements. Please be mindful that these appointments are for ten minutes only to ensure staff can keep to times.

Items we need	Examples
Tinned Veg	Tomatoes Plum & Chopped, Peas, Carrots, Sweetcorn, Potatoes
Tinned Fruit	Peaches, Pineapples, Fruit Cocktail, Pears, Mandarin Oranges
Soup	Tinned or Instant Vegetable, Tomato, Chicken, Broth, Lentil, Potato & Leek
Cooking/ Baking Ingredients	Sugar-Caster & Granulated, Flour – SR & Plain, Jam, Coconut, Cocoa, Dried Fruit, Cooking Oil, Lentils, Broth Mix, Spices
Snacks	Pot Noodles, Pot Pasta, Crisps, Biscuits, Chocolate, Sweets, Cereal Bars
Drinks	UHT Milk, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Cartons of Juice, Fruit Squash
Desserts	Rice Pudding, Jelly, Angel Delight, Instant & Tinned Custard, Evaporated Milk, Golden Syrup, Black Treacle
Tinned Meat	Ham, Corned Beef, Chilli, Curry, Minced Beef, Bolognese, Stewing Steak
Cooking Sauces	Indian, Thai, Chinese, Italian, Mexican, Coconut Milk
Condiments	Tomato Ketchup, Brown Sauce, Mayonnaise, Salt, Pepper
Pasta & Rice	Lasagne, Egg Noodles, Rice
Stock and Gravy	Vegetarian, Beef, Chicken, Onion
Toiletries	Soap, Mens Spray Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner,Shower Gel, Razors, Toothpaste and Brushes, Sanitary Products
Cleaning/Other	Washing Up Liquid, Washing Powder, Books, DVD's, DVD Players/ Small -Medium Flat Screen TV's
Rough Sleepers	Sleeping Bags, Rucksacks, Handwarmers, Flasks, Unlocked Mobile Phone
Pet Food	Dog & Cat Food – Wet, Dry and Treats
Clothing	Trainers, Waterproof Jackets, Joggers, , Jeans, Sweat Shirts, T Shirts, Socks, Gloves, Scarfs, Hats

We are grateful for your kind donations – We do not accept food if it is opened.
Clothing does not need to be new, but we ask for it to be in good condition and clean.
We do not need used duvets, suits, dress shirts, or summer clothing.

Harvest Festival Reminder

As part of our commitment to supporting our wider community, we are collecting donations for **The People's Kitchen**, a local charity. We would be very grateful for any donation's families are able to contribute. Useful items include **tinned foods, pasta, rice, cereals, biscuits, tea, coffee, toiletries as you can see from the list above.** Please send any donations to school from 12th October to 19th October, where they will be collected together before being passed on to The People's Kitchen. There is absolutely no expectation to donate, but every contribution, however small, will make a difference. It is also a lovely opportunity for our children to see our school values in action and understand the importance of caring for and supporting others in our community.

Year 1 and 2 children will be hosting our Harvest Festival celebration in school on Wednesday 21st October at 2pm. We ask that no more than 2 attend the event and we look forward to seeing you there.

Ukulele Club (Year 3 and Year 4)

Mr Renwick and Mrs Robinson are planning to run a 6-week Learn to Play Ukulele for Christmas club after school on a Tuesday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. The club will run from 10th November to 15th December. We would like to give priority to parents, grandparents or carers to learn alongside their child with the aim of playing a few Christmas songs during the Carols under the Veranda performance, which is held in the Junior School on the last day of term before the Christmas holidays. The idea is that an adult will attend the club with their child.

There will be a small cost of £2 per person to pay for the ukuleles and playing materials. School Ukulele Club will run concurrently and continue at the same time for all children who play the ukulele already. If you are interested, please return this expression of interest on Arbor.

Introducing our new MFL teacher

Our amazing new teacher 辛宛宸 Xin WanChen has arrived from China and begun teaching at Oakfield Junior School! Miss Xin is from Heilongjiang in the North of China where the famous international Ice Festival is held. She loves skiing, snowboarding, travel and K-Pop. She has already taught most classes already and settled into her role as our KS2 MFL teacher.

Year 6 Football Update

A huge well done to the second of our year 6 football teams for their determination, attitude and willingness to engage when they took part in the Gateshead Felling FA Europa cup last night. For many of the team, it was the first time they had played in a competitive game against children from a different setting. Despite not qualifying for the final, the enjoyment and grins (even after colliding with bigger opposition) is the reason I enjoy taking them. Well done all and keep up the huge effort at the final training session of the term tonight

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A snapshot of learning from across Oakfield this week

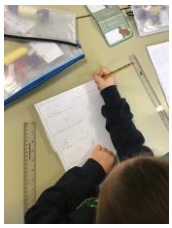
Reception

Reception have been looking at number 4 this week! We have been looking at all the different shapes 4 can make and recreating them ourselves.

Year 1 / 2

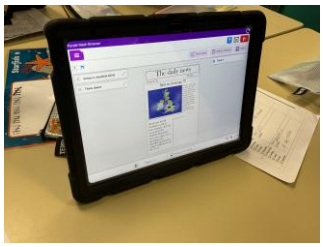
Year 1 have been exploring 2D shapes. They have been making a variety of animals using tangrams and colouring objects made from different shapes.

Year 3



Year 3 have been bridging 100 this week in maths! We have been practising our resilient attitudes when we have found it challenging.

Year 4



Year 4 have been journalists in Computing. Last week we made notes in the newsroom and received emails and calls from members of the public who were concerned about a Tiger escaping from the Zoo! This week we put our notes into a newspaper report.

Year 5

Year 5 have been putting their place value knowledge to the test this week as they explored **ordering and comparing decimals to three decimal places!** Through a fun game, the children practised comparing numbers, spotting the smallest and largest values, and using their understanding of place value to put those tricky decimals in the correct order. Lots of thinking, reasoning and mathematical discussion along the way — proving that maths can be challenging AND fun! Well done, Year 5! Keep up the fantastic work!

Year 6

Year 6 are enjoying their new class novel which is set during World War 2. We can't wait to hear what happens next! Thank you for all of your messages and reading photos and clips on 'Learning with Parents'. We are so proud that you are enjoying reading at home too. Keep up the good work Year 6!

2026-2027 Term Dates	
Term	**Dates**
Autumn 1 Autumn 2	02/09/26 – 22/10/26 02/11/26 – 18/12/26
Spring 1 Spring 2	04/01/27 - 12/02/27 22/02/27 – 25/03/27
Summer 1 Summer 2	12/04/27 – 28/05/27 07/06/27 – 15/07/27
PD days & other non-school days	01/09/26 23/10/26 03/05/27 – bank holiday 16/07/27 - occasional day

School attendance and Punctuality

School year	Attendance	
	This Week	
	Attendance	% marks late
Junior Overall	96.2%	0.47%
Infant Overall	97.8%	0.73%
6	96.4%	0.00%
5	97.5%	0.85%
4	97.5%	0.35%
3	93.1%	0.67%
2	96.8%	0.89%
1	97.7%	1.1%
R	99.2%	0.00%

Safeguarding

We have a duty of care to safeguard all children and pass on any concerns to Children's Services.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr. M. Thompson. Deputy safeguarding leads are Miss H Hartness, Mrs. J McCormack, Mrs. D Simpson, and Mrs. C Allan. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

H. Hartness, Acting Head Teacher

Thank you for your continued support!

Diary Dates for 2026-2027		
New / amended events added are highlighted in yellow after week 1		
	Autumn Term	
W/B 12/10/26	Parents' Evenings	
19/10/26	Tempest Photographs	
21/10/26	Year 1/ 2 Harvest Festival	2pm
23/10/26	Half term holiday	
9/11/26	Year 3 Family Learning	
10/11/26	Flu Vaccinations	
11/11/26	Year 4 Family Learning Rec Family Learning	
12/11/26	Year 5 Family Learning Year 1 Family Learning	
13/11/26	Year 6 Family Learning Year 2 Family Learning	
13/11/26	Non uniform day (Donation of Chocolates or Bottle)	
18/11/26	Year 6 at Lockerbie	
1/12/26	Christmas Fayre	
8/12/26	Reception Nativity	2pm
9/12/26	Year 1/ 2 Christmas Singalong	2pm
10/12/26	Year 1/ 2 Northern Stage Trip	
10/12/26	KS2 Pantomime	
14/12/26	Year 5 Christmas party	PM
15/12/26	Year 4 Christmas party	PM
16/12/26	Year 3 Christmas party	PM
17/12/26	Year 6 Christmas party	PM
18/12/26	KS2 Carols Under the Veranda	TBC
	Spring Term	
15/3/26	Year 1 Walk to Cromer Church	