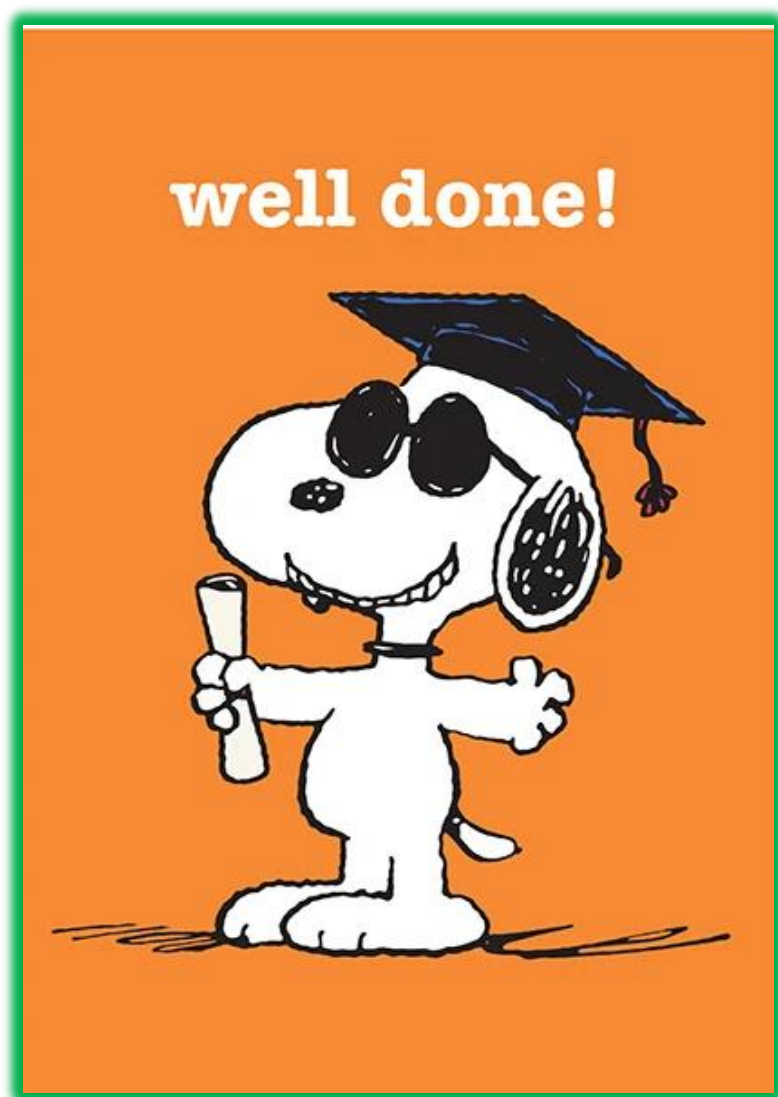




Oakfield Schools

16th May 2025



Dear all

We just wanted to congratulate all of our year 6 for showing resilience and perseverance during their SATs this week! They have been brilliant and we are very proud of them all!
Have a super weekend!

Miss Chisholm

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
w/b 19/05/25	Sports Week	All week
19/05/25	Year 3 Trip - Segedunum	
23/5/25	Saltwell Park Fun Run	
24/05/25	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	15.30 – 17.00
1-2/ 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	tbc
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

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

Arbor Portal – a plea!

Please can all parents make sure that the notifications are turned on and they check the Arbor Parental Portal regularly. We are finding that consents and general information is being missed or not being actioned correctly. This can cause a lot of extra work for the administration teams as well as upset to pupils who then miss an opportunity to participate in events. Thank you.

Year 6 pupils – Travel Permit Applications for Secondary School

Please be aware we sent out today the guidance and application process should you need to apply for Free School Travel Permit for secondary education in September 2025. The initial closing date for applications is the 27th of June for a guaranteed response for a September start.

A vibrant collage of science-related icons. The central word "SCIENCE" is written in large, bold, black capital letters. Surrounding it are various colorful illustrations: a green book with a red bookmark and a flower-like symbol on its cover; a blue and red horseshoe magnet; a molecular model with blue, red, and yellow spheres; a red spiral-bound notebook; a purple microscope; a glowing yellow lightbulb; a red virus-like particle with spikes; a blue and white pair of safety goggles; a round-bottom flask containing yellow liquid; a magnifying glass with a purple handle; a clipboard with a white sheet of paper and a blue pen; a petri dish with a yellow background and green dots; a yellow pencil; a petri dish with a white background and green dots; a blue and white beaker containing blue liquid; a purple and green molecular model; a blue and white DNA double helix; a blue and white atom model with a central nucleus; a green test tube containing green liquid; a yellow question mark; a green cell-like structure with a nucleus and organelles; a yellow and black radiation symbol; and a rack of three test tubes containing red liquid.

If you have a career or background in science and think you could spare some time to share your enthusiasm and passion for science and demonstrate how it can be applied in the real world it would be fantastic if you could come in and talk to a year group or speak to the children in an assembly. Please contact the school office if you could and our science lead, Mrs Brown will get in

In the past, talks from parents and carers have been invaluable and have given our children a wonderful, enriched experience, where they can ask questions and learn at first-hand about a particular job.

We are very grateful for your support with your child's reading at home. Could you listen to them read at least 3 times every week and put a comment in their reading diary to help staff know how they are doing at home.

Our Benefits of Reading report

For those wanting to attend the Sports days on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, a reminder of organisation. Parents are welcome to attend for a 1.15pm start with access available from 12.45pm via the Junior drive gate. Could parents please enter school by the Junior school driveway and then be seated on/next to the bank overlooking the field.

Fun Run – Saltwell Park – Friday 23rd May

All schools have received the following spectator information from the SSP regarding next Friday's Fun Run at Saltwell Park.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Travel information for spectators / parents & guardians

We hope that your child is looking forward to taking part in the above-named event. The MSF #INSPIRE Gateshead Schools Fun Run is now considered an annual showcase and one of the biggest school fun runs on record!

To assist with the smooth running of the event and in particular, parking and travel, it would be appreciated if you could consider the points outlined below (should you plan to attend as a spectator):

- **Spectator parking will NOT be permitted or available.** The small number of spaces available will be reserved for self-drive minibuses, event staff and other park users.
- Respect and consider the needs of local residents paying attention to **YELLOW LINES** and zones that require a **PARKING PERMIT**.
- With the above point in mind, please also **AVOID** parking outside of residential properties and in particular across drive/gateways.
- Saltwell Park is situated in close proximity to Saltwell Crematorium, which **WILL** be operational on the day of the event. Please ensure that you cause no disruption to services at this venue.
- The use of **PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS RECOMMENDED** and Saltwell Park can be reached directly via a range of services. Visit the [Go North East website](#) for further information and timetables.

Thank you for your co-operation in relation to the above. We hope that your child enjoys participating in this Gateshead School Sport Partnership event.

Kindest Regards,



The Gateshead SSP Team

Year 5 Girls United Football



Wow, what an afternoon we had last week at Gateshead SSP's Girls United Football competition. We entered two teams of seven which included every girl who showed an interest in football; as is the norm, we, like all other schools, had a mixture of a small number who play club football at weekends, and a larger number wanting the experience of football. Our two teams were joined by 21 other teams on what was a very warm afternoon.

Initially, the teams played in a group stage which meant a minimum of four games. From this, one of the teams progressed to a quarter final match. It is fair to say that for all who participated, it was a roaring success. Every single player put their heart into each game, supported each other incredibly, and fully enjoyed the experience. Well done girls!

Whole School Multi-Sport Competition



Yesterday, a multi-talented cross Key Stage 2 team attended Gateshead Stadium to compete in a Multi-Sport competition; an event that is always fun and challenging. Pupils had to work as individuals or within their team on a range of throwing, problem solving, speed and accuracy challenges – events they completed excellently working together. All members were complemented on their sportsmanship and competitive nature, and all were a credit to Oakfield.



Safeguarding



Marvel Rivals is a highly popular multiplayer shooter that pits iconic superheroes against formidable villains. The game is free –to play on PC and current-generation consoles but does feature microtransactions that allow players to spend real money on cosmetic items for their characters.

While Marvel Rivals has been deemed suitable for children aged 12 and over, there are several risks associated with the title that parents and educators should be aware of. This free guide offers more information on these safety concerns and lets you know how to ensure that children playing the game can have a fun and age-appropriate experience.

Primary Times Newsletter

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head