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OAKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
 & NURSERY UNIT

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Monday 15 September 2025

### Important Term 1 Diary Dates

School Development Day (No children to attend as this is a staff training day)	Friday 26 September 2025
Parent Teacher Interview Week	Monday 20 October 2025 – Friday 24 October 2025
Autumn Half Term	Monday 27 October 2025 – Monday 3 November 2025
P1-P3 Christmas Celebration	Wednesday 3 December 2025 Performance 1 9.30am-11.30am (for parents of P1McI and P2T) Thursday 4 December 2025 Performance 2 9.30am-11.30am (for parents of P2K and P3G)
Nursery - Christmas Jamboree	Friday 5 December 2025 (9.30am-11am)
Open Morning (for parents and prospective NU and P1 pupils for 2026-2027)	Saturday 6 December 2025
P4-P7 Christmas Carol Service	Friday 12 December 2025 @ Joymount Presbyterian Church
Christmas Holidays 2025-2026	Monday 22 December 2025 - Monday 5 January 2026
Open Day - School Tours	Friday 9 January 2026 (parents only)

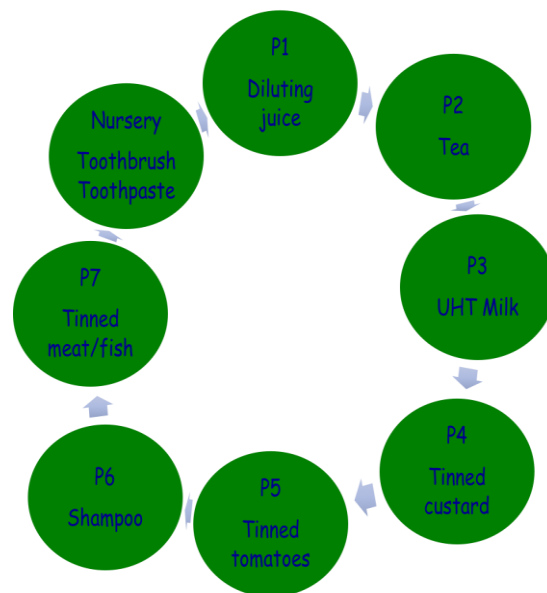
### Harvest Thanksgiving 2025 – Foodbank Appeal

For harvest thanksgiving this year we are continuing to support the local Carrickfergus foodbank. This foodbank provides emergency food and support for local people in crisis and it is part of The Trussell Trust's UK-wide foodbank network.

Each year group has been allocated with an item to bring into school by **Friday 3 October 2025**. See image for further details. Many thanks for your generosity.



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### No Jewellery in School

Parents are again reminded that there is to be **no jewellery** worn in school by any pupil. Pupils who have had a piercing(s) recently pierced should cover each piercing(s) every day with a plaster until the healing period is complete. After such time pupils will be expected to come to school without wearing jewellery as requested.

### **Flu vaccination information**

P1 – P7 children will have received information from the Northern Health and Social Care Trust about the upcoming flu vaccinations. Please ensure all replies are returned to school by **Wednesday 17 September 2025**. Our school nurses are hoping to complete the P1-P7 flu vaccinations on the morning of **Wednesday 22 October 2025**.

### **Parental Guidelines for using Seesaw**

Seesaw is a super online tool in which children, teachers and parents can share work and announcements in a safe, secure and private connected environment.

We respectfully ask all of our parents/guardians to understand that Oakfield staff will only be available on Seesaw to respond to relevant and appropriate queries during school operational hours (Mon-Fri - 8.40am-9am and 3pm-3.30pm). If you need to contact a member of staff during teaching hours (9am-3pm), please be advised that they are teaching, and therefore Seesaw is not accessible to them, and they will be unable to respond to and answer your messages. If you need an urgent message delivered to school during the school day (9am-3pm), please do not use Seesaw for this purpose. Rather, please telephone our school office on 028933351532 and speak directly to our office staff - Mrs Craig (Mon-Wed) or Mrs McBrien (Thurs-Fri). They will then relay any urgent message to the class teacher and/or pupil.

Your support and co-operation with these arrangements is crucial to ensure Seesaw is used properly and safely by everyone.

### **Extra-Curricular clubs**

We are delighted that our breakfast club and Sleepy Hollow club have been so positively supported during the first few weeks of September 2025. We look forward to starting other after school clubs too with Chris McKee coaching and Uplift Performing Arts.

We will also be fielding an Oakfield PS football team as part of the Carrickfergus U11 Primary School league. We wish our team every success.



### **Holiday list 2025/26 reminder (Please note that all dates are inclusive)**

- Exceptional Closure: Friday 26th September 2025
- Autumn Half Term Break 2025: Monday 27th October 2025 – Monday 3rd November 2025
- Christmas Holidays 2025/2026: Monday 22nd December 2025 – Monday 5th January 2026
  - Spring Half Term Break 2026: Monday 9th February 2026 – Friday 13th February 2026
- Exceptional Closure & St Patrick's Day Holiday 2026: Monday 16th March 2026 & Tuesday 17th March 2026
  - Easter Holidays 2026: Thursday 2nd April 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026
    - May Day Holiday 2026: Monday 4th May 2026
- Whitsun Bank Holiday 2026 & Exceptional Closure: Monday 25th May 2026 & Tuesday 26th May 2026
  - School Year Ends: Tuesday 30th June 2025 @ 12 noon

*Any amendments to the above closures will be notified to you in advance via our fortnightly parental newsletters, school website and Facebook page. Guidance from the Department of Education gives clear instructions that School Principals have no authority to sanction In-term family holidays. If at all possible, please arrange your holidays to coincide with school closures.*

### **School Information for Parents : Oakfield Safeguarding & Child Protection Team**



Miss L Gilmour  
Designated  
Teacher



Mrs J Barrow  
Deputy Designated  
Teacher (Primary)



Mrs K Wylie  
Deputy Designated  
Teacher (Nursery)



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