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OAKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Monday 2 March 2026

WORLD BOOK DAY 2026

World Book Day is a super celebration of books and reading and we are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day this Thursday 5th March 2026. The focus for World Book Day this year is "Reading For Pleasure". Children will be participating in lots of fun activities during the week, including:

- Dress up as a word - What are books full of? **WORDS!!** Do you have a favourite word or can you use the dictionary to find an unusual or very descriptive word? Have you found a brilliant new word in a book you have been reading?
- This year, instead of dressing up as a book character, we are having **A VOCABULARY PARADE!** Weather permitting, we will have a whole school Vocabulary Parade around our school grounds at 9.10am. We welcome all grown ups to come and stand in the school car park and watch/cheer/clap as we all walk around the path surrounding the staff car park to show off our fabulous words.



All children should come to school displaying an extraordinarily amazing word. You could have a sign around your neck, a hat with the word on or dress up as the word. See the attached images for ideas or google 'vocabulary parade' for a plethora of other ideas. A describing word would work better than a noun so for example, if you wanted to come in your football kit, you could be 'skilled' rather than 'footballer'. If you fancied coming in your Brownie uniform you could be 'reliable' or 'helpful', rather than 'Brownie'. See how creative you can be!

Accelerated Reader Presentation – Key Stage 2 children have been very busy quizzing on their Accelerated Reader Books over the last few months. We want to recognise the hard work and effort that they have all put in to read these challenging books! So all children who took part in quizzes will receive a certificate

showing how many AR points they gained in Term 1. Points are based on the total number of words read with 1 point equalling 1 word. The highest score during Term 1 was a massive 365,048 points!! Will we have any word millionaires in Term 2?

Scholastic Book Club Magazine has now gone paperless and can be viewed online at <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/catalogues>. Children will all receive a £1 off book token which can be redeemed against any purchase. We are also paperless, so when you are ready to place your order go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/oakfield-bt38/digital-book-club> to order online. When you order through the school site, books are delivered to school and you will not be charged additional postage and packaging. Another perk is that for **every £1 you spend, our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards towards much needed new books for our school library. Please place your **order online by 21st March 2026**.



MORNING START TIME

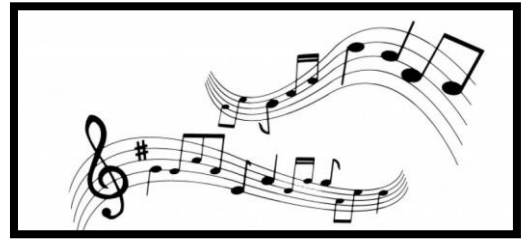
It has come to our attention that some pupils are arriving to school much too early each morning. Our breakfast club is available each day from 8am for parents who wish their children to avail of this early morning service. For children not attending breakfast club there is no supervision until 8.45am. We respectfully ask parents to ensure their children **do not arrive on the school premises before 8am for breakfast club and before 8.45am**

for normal school day. Unsupervised pupils on the playground or near the school entrance can be at risk due to no staff supervision and a busy car park. We appreciate your co-operation in helping us to keep all our pupils safe.

BALLYCLARE MUSIC FESTIVAL

This is festival season, and we are delighted to be participating in Ballyclare Music Festival from Monday 9 March 2026 – Friday 13 March 2026. All participants have practised lots beforehand to develop their musical skills and confidence in performing as a soloist.

It is such a good experience for our young musicians and we extend our good wishes to them as they take to the stage.



DEMOCRACY WEEK 2026

The pupils from P5 – P7 have been learning about different authors who live in Northern Ireland. The children will then participate in a voting process for their favourite author, run by Mid and East Antrim Council as part of 'Democracy Week 2026'.

Our ballot box will then be collected and taken to The Braid Centre in Ballymena for our votes to be counted along with the other schools who have also participated.

We look forward to receiving the results about these local authors in the coming days.

PARENTS MEETING

Oakfield parents and guardians are warmly invited to join us on Wednesday 25th March from 7.00pm-9.00pm in the school assembly hall to discuss the school uniform and mobile phone policies.

Refreshments will be provided.

The evening in March will be one of two parent evenings this year.

Our second evening will be held in June (date to follow) and will update parents on the finalised ethos, vision and values statements as well as seeking parental input on the positive behaviour policy. It is hoped that by working together we will be able to make a difference in the lives of all our young people in school. Looking forward to seeing you there!



PARENT EVENING

Wednesday 25th March
7.00pm - 9.00pm

CONSULTATION ON:

UNIFORM POLICY

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

School Assembly Hall



OAKFIELD SPORTS REPORT

All children should experience a sense of fun, enjoyment and achievement through a variety of progressively challenging and innovative sporting activities. They should understand and appreciate the benefits of physical activity and the relationship between physical activity and good health.

We have a wonderful selection of P.E. and sporting opportunities happening in Oakfield again this year. Girls and boys football, rugby, hockey, multi-sports and swimming are all underway right across the school. It is wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm and competitive spirit in action, particularly during Carrickfergus league matches and tournaments. Many goals have been scored, swimming distances have been achieved and our school teams have represented Oakfield confidently. We are looking forward to more future successes.

Many thanks go to Miss Logan and our sports coaches for organising many of these sporting opportunities for us all.



Updated Holiday List

Oakfield Primary School & Nursery Unit will be closed on the following dates. All dates are inclusive.

- Staff Training & 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 Bank Holidays – Monday 4 May 2026 & Monday 25 May 2026
- **Staff Development Day & Transform Ed Teacher Training Days – Tuesday 26 May 2026 – Thursday 28 May 2026**



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School Information for Parents : Oakfield Safeguarding & Child Protection Team