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OAKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

& NURSERY UNIT

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Monday 16 March 2026

### WORLD BOOK DAY 2026

What fun we all had during our World Book Day **VOCABULARY PARADE** on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026. All our children were very creative with their fabulous words and costumes. Thank you to everyone who came out to encourage us on our parade! There was a lovely happy buzz around the school grounds.



### DEMOCRACY WEEK 2026

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

Our ballot box was collected and taken to The Braid Centre in Ballymena for the votes to be counted



The results are in!

BAILEY, HILARY:	131 VOTES
CROOKS, ANDREW:	300 VOTES
DONNELLY, PADDY:	403 VOTES
KIELTY, DEREK:	149 VOTES
KIRTLEY, SOPHIE:	97 VOTES
MCQUOID, JUDITH:	53 VOTES
MCSHANE, MARIANNE:	87 VOTES
RANKIN, ELLAN:	266 VOTES
SULLIVAN, MORNA:	37 VOTES
WILKINSON, SHEENA:	52 VOTES

## SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

Oakfield School Council would like to raise funds to purchase outdoor toys for every class. Mrs Morgan has very kindly created a lovely Easter Chick Hamper for our fundraising activity.

But..... what is the chick called?

Each child has been given a ticket to take home and return with their name guesses.

- £1 per guess
- Maximum of three guesses per child

All name guess tickets and money must be returned to school by Wednesday 25th March.



The poster features a light blue background with colorful Easter eggs and bunnies. At the top left is the Oakfield Primary School logo. The word 'EASTER' is written in large black letters, with 'Competition' in pink cursive below it. A central text box contains the following information:

**Guess the NAME of the Easter Chick!**  
Competition 9<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
P1 - P7  
**£1** for every guess!  
The winner will be drawn on Friday 27th March!  
\*\*Money raised will be used for NEW **OUTSIDE TOYS** !\*\*

On the right side of the poster is a circular image of a yellow stuffed chick sitting in a basket filled with Easter eggs and candy.

## PARENTS MEETING

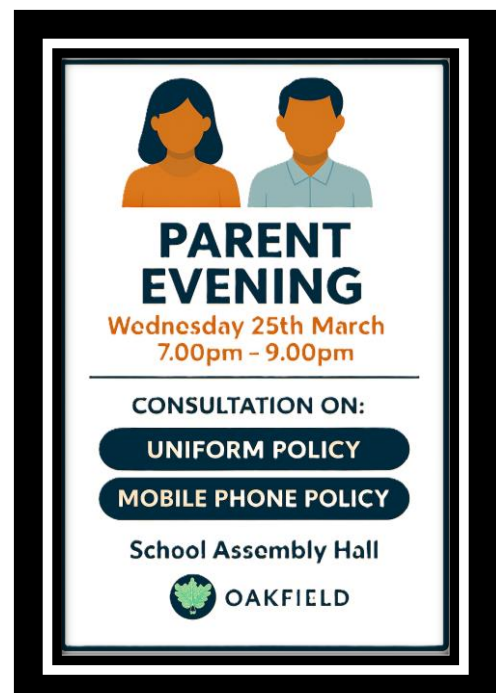
Oakfield parents and guardians are warmly invited to join us on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 7.00pm-9.00pm in the school assembly hall to discuss the school uniform and mobile phone policies.

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!



The poster features a white background with a black border. At the top are icons of a woman and a man. Below them, the text reads:

**PARENT EVENING**  
Wednesday 25th March  
7.00pm - 9.00pm

CONSULTATION ON:

- UNIFORM POLICY
- MOBILE PHONE POLICY

School Assembly Hall  
OAKFIELD

## BALLYCLARE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Oakfield pupils successfully participated in Ballyclare Music Festival from Monday 9 March 2026 – Friday 13 March 2026. Our children learn so much from opportunities like this – the importance of regular practice, how to perform for an audience, resilience, determination to succeed and the chance to hear and learn from others. James played in the Year 7 solo strings class and achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place, with 16 participants in total. In the Year 6 solo strings class of 23 participants Evangeline was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Daisy's performance was commended. Oakfield strings ensemble placed second in a class of 5 strings groups.

Ana played in the primary woodwind solo class and was delighted to gain 3<sup>rd</sup> prize playing her clarinet.

We are so proud of every child who took part.



### 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

### Please note additional closure:

**Staff Development Day & Transform Ed Teacher Training Days  
Tuesday 26 May 2026 – Thursday 28 May 2026 (3 days)**



Miss L Gilmour  
Designated  
Teacher



Mrs J Barrow  
Deputy  
Designated  
Teacher  
(Primary)



Mrs K Wylie  
Deputy  
Designated  
Teacher  
(Nursery)



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