



We will again be promoting our school values which will be chosen by the children and staff. It would be helpful if you could regularly discuss these at home with your child. For the next couple of weeks our values focus will be:-

**'Manners'**

**BeKind**

Be polite, be kind and  
be the best you can be!



# ...and the winner is ...

Year 5 children from across schools in the East of the city recently took part in the 'Eastern Cluster Partnership's' logo design competition. The judges we were blown away by the creativity and effort shown by every pupil.

Congratulations to Oakfield's very own Olanta who has won first prize for her fantastic design. It is 'out of this world!'

A special thank you to community partners - Principality Building Society, Cardiff Community Housing Association, The National Literacy Trust and Tesco St Mellons for donating the prizes for the talented winners.

The winning design has now been digitalised and was officially unveiled at a recent Eastern Community Partnership meeting. Congratulations Olanta



# Oakfield Has Talent



Teddy in Nursery was so excited to tell his teachers that he had started football training last week ..... and scored a goal!

When asked if he had fun, Teddy gave a big thumbs up and said, "I scored one goal!"

We are so proud of you Teddy. Keep scoring those goals!

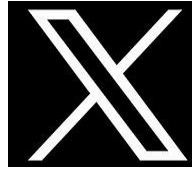
Teamwork makes the dream work! Gwych Teddy!



In a world  
where you can  
be anything,  
be kind.



# 2025/2026 Key Dates



## Classes for 2025/2026

### Teachers for 2025/2026

(2024/2025 teachers in brackets)

25/26	Class Teachers	Teacher Names
Nursery	Mrs. O Prewett Evans	(New classes)
	Miss A Stephens	(New classes)
Reception	Mrs. M Wheeler/Mrs. Fish	(New classes)
	Mr. S Johnson	(New classes)
Year 1	Miss A Rafferty (Dasan)	(Mrs. Doyle)
	Miss S James	(Mr. Johnson)
Year 2	Mrs. H Thomas/ Miss Scowen	(Mr. Davies)
	Miss. S Dalton	(Miss James)
Year 3	Mr. Davies	(Miss Rafferty)
	Mrs. N Morgan/	(Miss Shepstone)
	Mrs. S Hoskins	
Year 4	Mrs. A Doyle	(Mrs. Thomas/Miss Scowen)
	Miss S Buckland	(Mrs. Hoskins/Mrs. Morgan)
Year 5	Miss Y Hooper	(Miss Buckland)
	Miss A Patrascu	(Mrs. Fish/Miss Stewart)
Year 6	Miss M Poley	(Miss Hooper)
	Miss E Parle	(Miss Poley)

Miss Rafferty is getting married in the summer holiday, so she will return to school in September as Mrs. Dasan. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dasan!

Our planning, preparation and support team for 2024/25 will consist of Mrs. Fish and Miss Stewart.



Help our children be safe online. Monitor any online accounts carefully & make sure you stick with recommended age limits.



### Autumn Term 2025

#### Starts:

Monday 1 September 2025

#### Half term:

Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

#### Ends:

Friday 19 December 2025

### Spring Term 2026

#### Starts:

Monday 5 January 2026

#### Half term:

Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

#### Ends:

Friday 27 March 2026

### Summer Term 2026

#### Starts:

Monday 13 April 2026

#### Half term:

Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

#### Ends:

Monday 20 July 2026

### INSET Days

#### Autumn 2025

Monday 01 09 25

Friday 03 10 25

#### Spring 2026

Monday 05 01 26

Friday 27 03 26

#### Summer 2026

Monday 01 06 26

Monday 20 07 26



# Eco Warriors



Our biggest achievement this year has been to gain the Bronze Eco School award! We have been recognised for working hard to improve the school environment, helping in local community events, promoting healthy active travel and working well as an Eco Warriors committee!

We have shared our news during assembly times and created a new Eco Code. We completed two electrical audits to check if electrical items were being turned off during lunchtimes, and we have seen improvement. To help remind everyone, we made posters to encourage switching off devices and lights.

We have purchased new bird feeders, litter pickers, and binoculars to help us take care of our environment and wildlife and hopefully get a close-up look at different birds too!

Next year we would like to apply for the Silver Award for Eco Schools. We will need to carry out an environmental audit in September, then create an Action Plan. We will use that to decide on what we need to work on. This may include further promotion of Active Travel, ensuring recycling is being done correctly and how we can save electricity. Watch this space!

# STEM Stars



During the Autumn term STEM Stars have worked hard on organising equipment and test faults. Through this we discovered some issues with our VR headsets.

During the Spring/Summer term some of our STEM stars had the opportunity to be part of training with Technocamps where we got to build our own jumping from and code a video game. We look forward to working with Technocamps next year. Our Y6 STEM stars got hands on learning with Magma Maths when they came in to show us how it works. We loved every minute of it and they even left us some iPad pens.

Looking ahead to next year we would like to work more closely with outside agencies to support the development of STEAM from N-Y6. We will be requesting agencies to work with every year group developing skills as we progress.

We would also like to use our equipment more consistently across the school, have more meetings as STEM Stars and be trained in specific equipment to use in our Year groups!

# Learning Squad



The Learning Squad have been instrumental in supporting pupil's learning opportunities and experiences across the school.

Learning Squad meetings start with all members sharing any updates/ ideas that they have written in their journals, or checking pupil voice ideas from the class post boxes. These ideas are shared and discussed.

The Learning Squad have also had the opportunity to complete a learning walk across the school. This created a lot of discussion linked to learning experiences and the resources that are used in each year group.

Next year the Learning Squad would like to focus on:

- Questions to ask the children about their learning and ways to further improve it
- Y5 and Y6 members supporting Mr. Harris and Mrs. Mears when they complete learning walks
- Continuing to listen to the views of all children to make sure that learning is fun and engaging for all!

# Rights Knights



Our Oakfield Rights Knights have worked extremely hard towards achieving our 'Gold' Rights Respecting Schools award. Our aim is to make pupils, parents and our local community aware of a wider range of Children's Rights. This year we have completed lots of Learning Walks to ensure our school environment is 'Rights Respecting Ready' and experience the amazing Rights Respecting opportunities that are available to our peers. We want to make a positive impact in our community, and we are working hard as a team!

The Rights Knights experienced an incredible opportunity to visit the Senedd Cymru Welsh Parliament building where we got to witness how key decisions about our country's future are decided upon via a democratic approach. This inspired us to decide how to use our Senedd group funding towards indoor and outdoor resources for the whole school to use.

We have supported and led initiatives which provide more awareness and help to others on a global scale, with events including Children in Need, Show Racism the Red Card and celebrating the wonderful work of UNICEF through World Children's Week.

## **We have big plans for next year!**

We would like to develop and introduce Tocynnau Ty's that incorporate Rights Respecting Language - this way we can further support and embody the Rights of the Child throughout our community.

Assemblies are an important feature of our learning at Oakfield, and we plan to lead assemblies based on our Oakfield Values and Right of the Fortnight so that we can help our peers become more confident in speaking about Rights.



# Healthy Heroes



The Healthy Hero Senedd group at Oakfield has played a vital role in improving the health and wellbeing of the school community. They have successfully managed the daily running of the fruit tuck shop, encouraging healthy snacking habits among pupils. Their efforts also supported the development of a partnership with Greggs, which now proudly sponsors the school's breakfast club—ensuring that all children start their day with a nutritious meal. In addition, the group has been instrumental in the development of the school's edible garden. Thanks to their hard work, a variety of delicious fruits and vegetables have been grown and harvested throughout the school, promoting hands-on learning and healthy eating.

### Next year we would like to take it up a notch!

We would like to work alongside the Eco Warriors to purchase and organise regular little picking sessions in the school and local area.

Run regular assemblies based on making healthy choices encouraging healthy lunch boxes and snacks.

Improve the hydration stations across the school to encourage more people to drink water.

# Criw Cymraeg



Throughout the Autumn Term, Criw Cymraeg worked hard to promote the 'Ymadrodd yr Wythnos' across the school. They have played a key role in encouraging the use of incidental Welsh, helping to create a more bilingual Oakfield.

In the Spring Term, Criw Cymraeg began leading Welsh Wednesdays alongside Miss Buckland. This led to a boost in pupils' confidence in using the Welsh language in a fun way.

As we moved into the Summer Term, Criw Cymraeg launched the 'Pod Siarad' which is a dedicated Welsh speaking area set up on the playground. Led by the Criw Cymraeg, this space encourages pupils to practice Welsh conversations.

Looking ahead to next year, Criw Cymraeg will continue to promote the use of Welsh throughout the school. They plan to maintain the Pod Siarad and continue to develop Welsh playground games to further the use of the Welsh language in Oakfield.

Gallai eich plentyn gael **Cinio Ysgol Am Ddim** a hyd at **£200** ar gyfer **Hanfodion Ysgol**, ynghyd â chyllid ychwanegol i'ch ysgol.



Chwiliwch am: **Hawliwch Help gyda Chostau Ysgol**

Your child could be eligible for **Free School Meals** and up to **£200 for School Essentials**, plus **extra funding for your school**.



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# End of Year Celebrations

Morning session **10.15am**  
Gates open 10am  
Afternoon session **2.15pm**  
Gates open 2pm

**Monday 07 07 25**  
Morning Nursery  
Afternoon Nursery

**Tuesday 08 07 25**  
Morning Reception  
Afternoon Year 1

**Wednesday 09 07 25**  
Morning Year 2  
Afternoon Year 3

**Thursday 10 07 25**  
Morning Year 4  
Afternoon Year 5

**Friday 18 07 25**  
Morning Year 6

## Year 6 Parents

Walk your child to school one last time on the final day, even if they do not want you to!

Laugh about the sticks & leaves they used to collect or the paintings they carefully carried home to go on the fridge.

Talk about the sports days, the Christmas concerts and of how proud you are to see them grow up to be ready for high school. Remember the first day in nursery? Well, also remember this day today!

**It goes so quickly!**



**YC Sports**  
86-90 CRWYS Road  
Cathays,  
Cardiff CF24 4NP

[www.ycsports.com](http://www.ycsports.com)  
02920 237968

**Please remember that all children will be required to wear uniform every day, including school trips, unless you are otherwise notified. You can now make an order in the following ways:-**

- \*Purchasing directly from the shop
- \*Ordering online
- \*Ordering by telephone

If you have old uniform that is not needed, in a good clean condition, then please consider donating it back to the school for us to re-use.

**Please remember that all children in Year's 5 & 6 (upper school) will be able to purchase a black polo shirt & red hooded top.**

[School Uniform | Oakfield Primary School](#)

We are a Rights Respecting School and expect that all visitors to our school are courteous and polite to our neighbours.

**One School One Community**

Respect  
MANNERS  
COURTESY  
Respect

If unable to walk to school, please park sensibly and safely.  
*Diolch!*

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**Ydy'ch chi'n gweithio 16 awr neu ragor yr wythnos?  
Ydy'ch plentyn chi'n 3 neu 4 oed?  
Do you work 16 hours or more per week?  
Is your child aged 3 or 4 years old?**

Os felly, mae'n bosibl eich bod chi'n gymwys i fanteisio ar 30 awr yr wythnos o Ofal Plant ac Addysg Feithrin y Cynod Sylfaen  
If so you might be eligible for up to 30 hours per week of combined Childcare and Foundation Phase Nursery Education

Am ragor o wybodaeth ewch i / For more information [www.merthyr.gov.uk/childcareoffer](http://www.merthyr.gov.uk/childcareoffer)