



October 2025

Whole School News

Dear Oakthorpe Families and Community,

Firstly, I want to say a massive thank you to all of the parents, staff and children at Oakthorpe for making me feel so welcome; I can't quite believe how quickly this first month has gone. What a fantastic school this is!

Thank you again for your patience whilst we fix the issues we are having with our emailing systems - if you feel you are not receiving communication, please do speak to a member of the team. We will be moving over to Arbor from Scholarpack at the end of December which will make a huge difference with communication.

I hope you enjoy the pictures of just some of our incredible displays!

We have lots of exciting things happening in October, from Black History Month events, our cultural celebration afternoon to book week! Staff are working incredibly hard to make these events very special for the children.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to see some of the wonderful things that are taking place here at Oakthorpe.

Warm regards,
Mr J Wheeler
Every child, every day.

October Dates for your diary

- 3rd: Friends of Oakthorpe meeting 2.45pm in small hall. Followed by Macmillan cake sale at 3.30pm
- 6th: Donations for Harvest Festival can begin coming to school.
- 7th: Year 6 trip to Enfield Town
- 10th: Harvest assembly for the children
- 15th: Flu vaccinations
- 20th: Book Week!
- 24th: Last day of half term.

Monday 3rd November is an INSET day.

Children return to school on Tuesday 4th November

Important Health & Safety reminders:

- Please do not park on the yellow keep clear lines located down Lister Gardens. This is to keep all families safe and also allow for vital emergency service access. Please do not park in front of our neighbours' driveways.



- Some families have access to Tile Kiln Lane during the school street restriction times to help support with drop off. Please do ensure you are not walking in the road and preventing cars from travelling.
- All children must be accompanied by an adult in the playground each morning until the doors open at 8.50am
- Children should not be riding their bikes or scooters on the playground. We have a fair few near misses! Help us to help you stay safe!

Pick ups and drop offs

We are seeing an increase in the number of pupils being dropped off late in the mornings and picked up late from the office in the evenings. This can be really unsettling for the children and disrupts a lot of learning time.

Gates open in the morning at 8.50am and shut at 9am. End of the day collection is 3.30pm.

Attendance



At Oakthorpe, we want all children to maximise their learning time by having 96%+ attendance!



Our core values

Respect
Responsibility
Excellence
Confidence
Creativity

Value of the
month

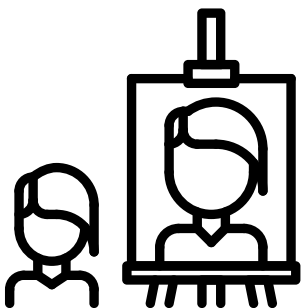
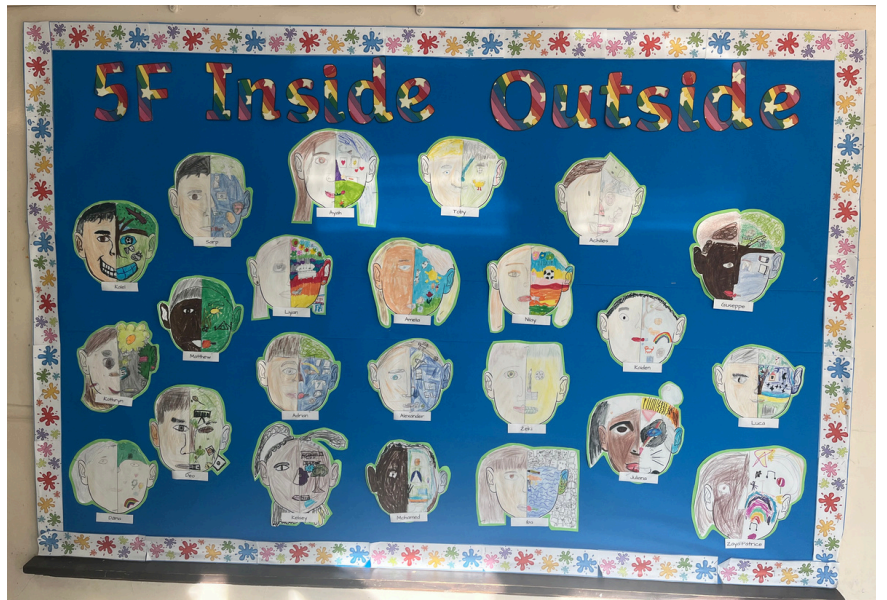
INDEPENDENCE



Donate a birthday book!

When it is your child's birthday, instead of cakes, why not consider donating a book to our wonderful school library! We will put a lovely sticker in the book to show who the birthday book has been donated by and a certificate will go up in the library! If you are going to bring in cakes for the class, please can these be pre-packaged to support us being allergy friendly!

Please see our [Birthday Book Wishlist](#), which has been carefully created by the children.



MACMILLAN CAKE SALE



Friday 3rd October
3:15pm -4.00pm

Year 2 and 3 Playground

Come and help us to raise money for this amazing charity by eating cake! You can get involved by-

- Baking and donating cakes for us to sell
- Coming to the cake sale and buying cakes
- Helping to sell cakes at the cake sale (from 3pm)

If you are able to help on the afternoon of the 3rd October please contact Mrs Wood via the main office.

Please bring donations of cakes and biscuits to the office on Thursday 2nd October or Friday 3rd October.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**SECOND HAND
UNIFORM SALE**

At the same time our school council will be having a second hand uniform sale. All our second hand uniform is clean and in good condition. Second hand uniform helps our community and our planet!

Reception 2026



**Was your child born between
September 2021 and August 2022?
Join our Reception Classes in
September 2026!**

At Oakthorpe, we believe that every child, deserves the best education possible, every day! From the moment your child starts with us in Reception, they will be supported, challenged and inspired to thrive! Come and see our fantastic school. Join our 2026 cohort and start your child's journey with us!

 **Date:** Tours in October, November and December 2025

 **Time:** 1.30pm on Wednesdays and 10am on Fridays

 **Location:** Oakthorpe Primary School, Tile Kiln Lane, NI3 6BY

**To book your tour, please call the
school office on
020 8807 4689
Or email
office@oakthorpe.enfield.sch.uk**



Is your child due to start Reception in September 2026?

Do you have any friends or family who have a child ready for Reception in September 2026?

Make sure to tell them to book their tour date in with us ASAP!

Please do support us by sharing the above flyer with friends, family and on social media!



Dear Parents,

The week beginning Monday 20th October 2025 is Book Week!

Our theme this year is: **Emotions**

The week will be filled with crazy characters, awesome adventures and lots of laughter!

As always, we will be dressing up on Monday 20th October as our **favourite book characters**.

We look forward to seeing a gaggle of Gangster Grannies, a hoard of Harry Potters and a posse of princesses! Choose your favourite book character from **any** story. The week will be filled with special visitors, assemblies and opportunities to be creative.

We will also have our old favourites in Book Week: Reading Buddies, Round Robin, the Annual Staff Play and we will Drop Everything And Read!

Once again we are excited to continue the collaboration between Book Week and Black History Month and we will be looking at significant black individuals who link to the emotions in the books that we read.

We will also be celebrating the different heritages and cultures within our school at our cultural celebration afternoon, which will be happening on Friday 24th October (see additional flyer for more information).

As we are sure you can appreciate, organising resources, books and visitors during Book Week can be costly. We are therefore asking for a contribution of **£3** to help us to cover the cost of this action packed week. Please pay via ParentPay as soon as possible.

We are holding a **Book Fair** during the week. Please come along after school on one (or each!) of the days to check out the titles we have on offer! The Book Fair will take place in the big hall on **Thursday 16th, Friday 17th, Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st October** after school until 4.00pm. To see what choices are on offer, please see the Scholastic website. Thank you so much for your continued support. We look forward to seeing your brilliant costumes on Monday 20th October!

Keep Reading!
Miss Ramsden and Miss Ridgway



At Oakthorpe, we are always looking at ways to reduce, reuse and recycle! We are teaming up with 'The Little Recyclers' to help unwanted clothes and fabrics ending up in landfill!

In the run up to and over the Christmas Break, please do bag up any of your old, unwanted items (use the list below!) and bring them to school on Friday 9th January 2026!



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -
more funds for
your organisation
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED ON:

9 JANUARY
FRIDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

✓ WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

✗ WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

Raise free donations for Oakthorpe Primary School when shopping online with easyfundraising. It won't cost you a penny extra. All you need to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oakthorpeprimaryschool/> and join for free.
2. Install the app and Donation Reminder extension.
3. Activate your donation before shopping online and the retailer will automatically donate to us for free!

Thank you for your support.

8,000+ retailers will donate to us whenever you shop with them



Plus, you'll get...



Exclusive retailer offers



Competitions



A warm feeling inside!

Over
£60m
raised for UK good causes

£0
extra cost to anyone




 Advertise with Us!

Would you like to promote your local business or community group to Oakthorpe families?

Our monthly school newsletter reaches a wide and engaged audience of parents, carers, and staff—making it a great opportunity to share your services or events.

To find out more or to book an advert, please contact the school office at:

 office@oakthorpe.enfield.sch.uk

 020 8807 4689

All proceeds go towards supporting enrichment activities for our pupils

Keep Your Child Safe Online



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TALK

Talk to your child about their internet use and safety

Have meaningful conversations about how they use the internet

Praise your child for safe online behaviours

Welcome your child if they want to ask you a question or tell you about a problem, even if they've done something unwise themselves

EDUCATE

Learn as much as you can about games, platforms, parental controls and the benefits and risks of online activity

Teach your child about specific issues and concerns

Teach your child about safe and unsafe relationships and how to repair friendships following disagreements online

CO-VIEW

Co-view your child's online activity at least 1x/week

Interact with your child online

Model appropriate online behaviour

Co-operate with each other to promote the well-being of all



HOUSE RULES

Set clear routines, rules and boundaries ("house rules")

Keep to age ratings and guidance for apps, games and devices

Restrict online activity to daytime and communal areas

Use filters and parental controls

Spend regular screen-free time with your child



AGE
11+

for a basic phone or highly restricted smart phone without internet access or social media

AGE
14+

for a smart phone with parental controls

*Agree a contract with your child to encourage responsible phone use



Online
Course

Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart **For Father/Male Caregivers only. Group starting 30 October at 1:00pm**



- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?



6 online sessions



6 group discussions



Certificate on completion

What to expect...

- Information on strategies to identify and reduce arguments.
- Hear from other parents and carers.
- Downloadable worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and interactive activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Weekly support from our course experts.

Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Identifying and managing disagreements.
- Understanding how conflict affects your children.
- Enhancing parent-child relationships.
- Managing stress, anger and emotions.
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to some of the questions you might have
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home.
3. Address other difficulties relating to your relationships.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.

Find out more or register for the course by scanning the QR code or emailing us at: sfscparent@racefound.org.uk



strengthening families
strengthening communities



How to Register



1

Go to: www.strengthening-families.net/reducing-parental-conflict/



2

Select a course, either **Parenting Together** or **Parenting Apart**



3

Select a day of the week and time for your **group discussion** from the options available



4

Complete your contact details



5

Answer a short questionnaire



6

Click on 'Your profile' and you can start your course