



December 2025

Whole School News

Dear Oakthorpe Families and Community,

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2025!

The weather has taken another drop! Please do remember coats, hats and gloves to keep the children cosy - please ensure names are written clearly in everything! Children are known for throwing their coats down and then leaving them behind.

We had our IQM (Inclusion Quality Mark) Assessment last week. It went incredibly well - the assessor highlighted many strengths and praised the the behaviour and confidence of our children. He also praised the dedication and hard work all of the staff at Oakthorpe put in to ensure we are an inclusive setting where all children are challenged.

Thank you to all of the parents who completed our parent survey! I have shared all of your lovely comments to the team.

- 98% of parents agree that their child is happy at school
- 94% of parents agree that behaviour at Oakthorpe is good
- 99% of parents agree that their child is safe at school
- 96% of parents agree that their child does well at school

Another thank you for the feedback you have given on the ways we can be even better! This will inform our overall action planning and school improvement planning.

It's not too late to let friends and families know about coming for a tour in preparation for our next Reception cohort. We will continue to run tours until the end of December.



December

Dates for your diary

- 1st December - Year 1 visit to Aldhem's church
- 3rd December - Flu Vaccinations (catch up)
- 9th December - KS2 show (Matinee performance)
- 11th December - KS2 show (Evening performance)
- 12th December - Christmas Jumper & Dinner day
- 16th and 17th December - Reception Nativity
- 19th December - last day of the term. We break up at 1.15pm.

We cannot wait to welcome parents and carers of KS2 to our fabulous KS2 show! The children and staff have been working their socks off and I know it is going to be an absolute show stopper to end the year!

Our parents' evenings were a great success - it was a fantastic turnout as we continue to strive for 100% of children to have a parents' evening appointment with their teachers.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for when it arrives!

School starts on 5th January 2026!

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



Staffing update:

Some of you may be aware that our wonderful SENco, Mrs Sefer is retiring at the end of December. She is off to look after her grandchildren and to book in some well-deserved term time holidays!

Mrs Sefer started working at Oakthorpe 33 years ago and has supported not hundreds but thousands of children and families. I know you will want to join me in thanking her for her care, compassion and pure dedication she has brought to Oakthorpe. We will all miss her incredibly (I'm sure she will still pop in to see us!)

Please do try and catch Mrs Sefer over the next couple of weeks to wish her well.

THANK YOU MRS SEFER!



Attendance



At Oakthorpe, we want all children to maximise their learning time by having 96%+ attendance! Currently our whole school attendance has dipped slightly to 94.5%.

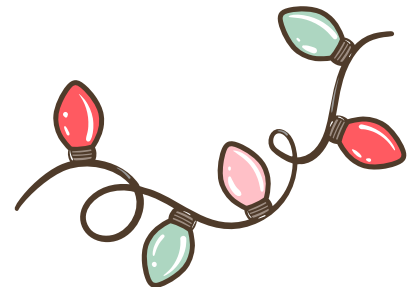


Our core values

Respect
Responsibility
Excellence
Confidence
Creativity

Value of the
month

HUMOUR



Assemblies at Oakthorpe



Assemblies are a key time during the day when children come together to reflect on our school values, celebrate each others' achievements and learn about the wider world around them.

One of the children's favourite assemblies each week is our 'Child of the Week' assembly! During this assembly, the teachers share all of the things that make each child of the week special and how they have lived our Oakthorpe values over the last week. The children get a certificate and get to wear the special medal for the week!

The child of week is someone who works hard to follow the school's rules, challenge themselves with their learning, has shown our school values and has generally worked to be the best they can be!

If your child comes home with a medal, please do help us by making sure it comes back to school!

Other weekly assemblies include:

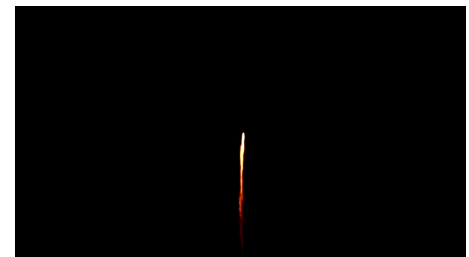
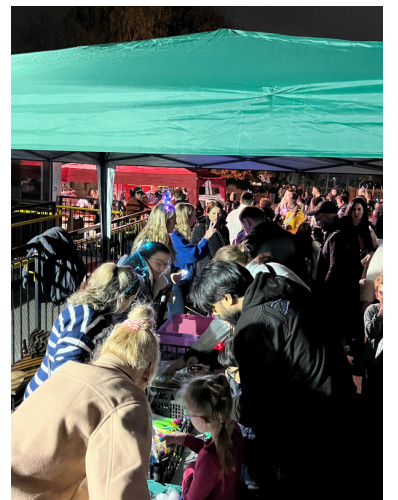
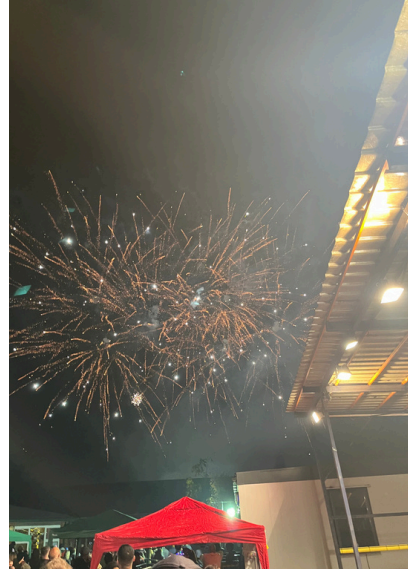
- Singing assembly
- Values assembly
- Commendable assembly (KS1)

We also hold lots of topical assemblies throughout the year!



Our annual fireworks night was a huge success! This event would not be possible without the help from Friends of Oakthorpe (FOO) and our dedicated team of staff who stay behind to help! Thank you all!

Please do try and give your support to FOO where you can to help ensure events like these can continue!





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.

 [LINK](#)

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?

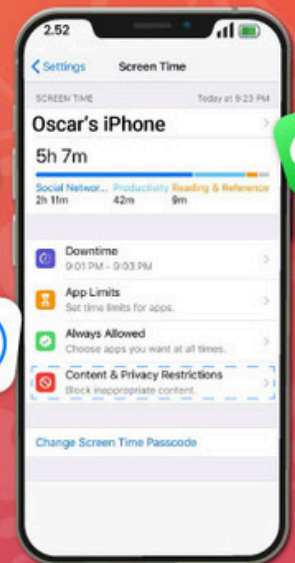
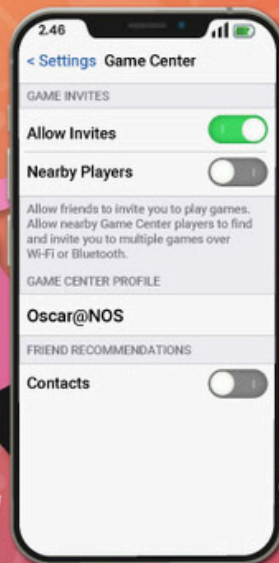
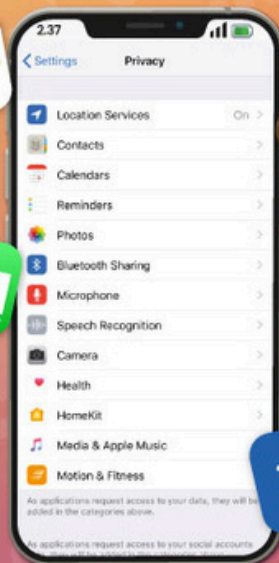
Do you have any friends or family who have a child ready for Reception in September 2026?

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!

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

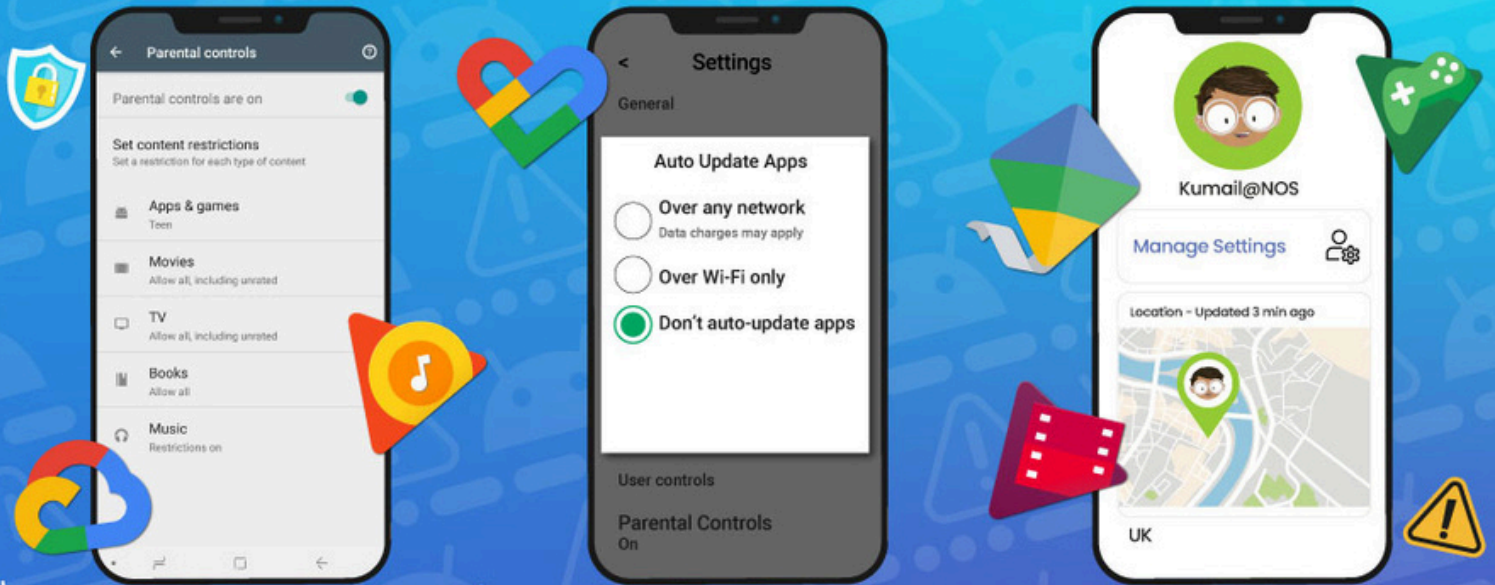
How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)



How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS Android Phone

On Android phones, restricting access to particular apps usually requires going onto Google Play. From there, it's fairly easy to navigate your way through the settings to manage the parental controls and authentications relating to any apps on the device. These features can prevent your child from downloading or buying anything unsuitable for their age. Updated versions of apps or games that your child has already installed may occasionally contain something inappropriate, so we've explained how to stop those, too.



How to Block App Downloads (This Also Disables In-app Purchases):

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Scroll down to the Family section and tap Parental controls
- 5 Toggle 'Parental controls are off' to 'Parental controls are on'
- 6 Create a PIN and tap OK
- 7 Confirm your PIN and tap OK again
- 8 Tap Apps & Games
- 9 Set the age limit you wish to set
- 10 Tap Save to apply your changes

How to Stop Auto-updates

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Auto-Update Apps
- 5 Select 'Don't auto-update apps' and then tap Done

Restricting Apps Through Google Family Link

- 1 Open Google Play Family Link for parents
- 2 Tap the three horizontal lines in the top left
- 3 Select your child's account
- 4 Tap Manage
- 5 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 6 Tap Apps & Games
- 7 Select the age limit you wish to set



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

