

OAKFIELD LIFE

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OAKFIELD ACADEMY

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Oakfield Academy
newsletter

We work hard to show Ambition, Etiquette, Honesty, Respect, Kindness and Pride

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Welcome to Oakfield



WELCOME TO OAKFIELD



A very warm welcome to Ms Mundy, Mrs Booth, Mr Brown, Mrs Hull, Miss Jeffries and Miss Woodley, who have recently joined the Oakfield Academy team.

We wish you all a fantastic start!

MEET THE TEACHER

I started working at Oakfield Academy in 2012 and am immensely proud to both lead the Humanities department and also serve as PSHE & Careers Lead.

The best part about my job as a teacher and leader is enabling students to understand the

world outside of the classroom and to actively explore their future possibilities with an open mind.

Fun fact: I'm a recent keen gardener and have spent many hours over summer with my children growing tomatoes, strawberries and developing my knowledge of seasonal plants and flowers.



GET IN TOUCH

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Facebook: Oakfield Academy-MNSP

Attendance: attendance@oakfield.mnsp.org.uk





DIARY DATES 26/27

SEPTEMBER



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| 21 Sep | Mobile Phones Pouch System launch |
| 23 Sep | Oakfield Academy Open Day/Evening |
| 24 Sep | Frome College Open Evening Year 8 & 11 |
| 29 Sep | Tutor Evening - please book through Arbor |

OCTOBER

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| 22-23 Oct | INSET Days |
| 26-30 Oct | Half Term |

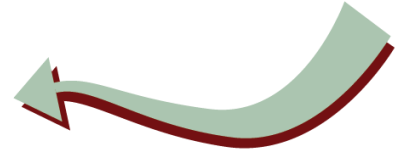
NOVEMBER

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| 2 Nov | Flu Vaccination |
| 25 Nov | INSET Day |
| 26 Nov | Year 6 Panto Trip |

DECEMBER

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| 18 Dec | Last Day of Term |
| 21-4 Jan | Christmas Holidays |

REMINDER



MOBILE PHONE POUCH SYSTEM LAUNCH

As part of our commitment to maintaining a calm, focused and socially interactive learning environment, we will be launching our new mobile phone pouch system on Monday 21 September.

The pouches are designed to help reduce digital distractions throughout the school day and encourage pupils to be fully engaged in their learning and interactions with others.

A short video explaining how the pouches will be used has been shared with parents and provides key information about the new system.

During assembly this week, pupils have been taught how to use the pouches and have had the opportunity to ask any questions they may have.

Thank you to parents and pupils for your support as we introduce this new system.



TUTOR EVENING - TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

We are pleased to let you know that you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's tutor at Oakfield Academy on Tuesday 29th September.

Bookings will open on Arbor at 8:00am on Friday 18th September and will remain open until Sunday 27th September.

We encourage you to book an appointment to discuss your child's progress, wellbeing and any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

SCHOOL DROP-OFF & PICK-UP: A SAFETY REMINDER

School Drop-Off & Pick-Up: A Safety Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and carers to take extra care when driving and parking near Oakfield Academy, particularly during the busy drop-off and pick-up times.

Please park considerately and safely, avoiding blocking entrances, driveways, pavements or access for local residents. Please also be mindful of our pupils and other pedestrians, particularly when crossing roads and entering or leaving the Academy.

Thank you for helping us to keep our pupils, families and local community safe.

MATHS IN ACTION: A FANTASTIC START

Year 8 mathematicians have been tackling some tough algebra problems head-on. They have been busy simplifying expressions by collecting like terms and getting to grips with powers and indices. Year 8's are not new to BIDMAS, but pupils are taking it a step further by using scientific calculators to solve tricky equations with square and cube roots.

Outstanding pupils: Finley W, Anajd G, Rafael F-R, Ella N, Dottie R, Elliott S, Levi A, Evie M and Jasper R.

Year 7 pupils have made a fantastic start to Key Stage 3 maths. They are currently working through their induction module to build up their confidence, using bar models to review key Year 6 topics like fractions and ratio.

Drawing these visual models helps make tricky concepts much easier to picture and understand.

Outstanding pupils: Joshua P, Ashton S, Kallie M, Olivia S-P, Sophie B and Rose B.

Year 6 mathematicians are exploring ginormous numbers, all the way up to ten million. They are learning how to place these large numbers into place value charts, read them out loud and write them in words. Next, they will use these skills to round numbers and compare different decimals and whole numbers.

Outstanding pupils: Sienna D, Scarlet A, Frank C, Frida S, Olive C and Niah T.



SCHOOL NEWS



PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

The Performing Arts Club will begin on Monday 21st September from 3:00 to 4:00 PM in the hall with Ms Parsons.

This club is for all pupils who love to sing, act, dance and have fun performing together. There is no pressure for pupils to perform on their own and all members of the club will be given the opportunity to perform in our 'Christmas Crackers' show along with 'Oakfield's Got Talent' in the spring term.

Ms Parsons

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club is available every morning from 8.00am, providing pupils with a welcoming and relaxed start to the school day.

Spaces are available to book through Arbor. We encourage parents to book in advance to secure a place.

We look forward to welcoming your child to Breakfast Club!

HOME READING

As we start our new school year, we would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of regular reading at home.

Pupils are encouraged to read four or more times each week and record this in their reading record on the Home Reading side.

Reading records will be checked by English teachers every week, and pupils who have successfully read four or more times during the previous week will receive a raffle ticket.

At the end of each term, raffle prizes will be awarded to winning pupils in each year group.

Thank you for your continued support in encouraging a strong reading habit at home!





FOND *Farewell*

FOND FAREWELL

We would like to wish a fond farewell and all the very best to Mrs Lockyer, our Office Manager, and Mrs Lodge, our Finance Officer, who will be leaving Oakfield Academy on 25 September.

We would like to thank them both for all their hard work, support and dedication to our school community. We wish them every happiness and success in the future!

A NOTE ABOUT SAFEGUARDING...

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the school office and ask to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Thomas, or any of our Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Miss Nightingale, Mrs Green, Mrs Gardner or Mrs Stickley. You can also email any safeguarding concerns to oak-it-safeguarding@oakfield.mnsp.org.uk

The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

During the school holidays if you have a concern about a child, please contact Children's Social Care by phone on **0300 123 2224** or email childrens@somerset.gov.uk.

Out of office hours

If you would like to speak to a social worker outside of office hours, please phone the Emergency Duty Team on **0300 123 2327**.

Tell us immediately about any of the following and open the relevant option for details on how to report your concern:

- A child is suffering significant harm
- You want to protect a child from abuse or serious neglect
- You feel the child requires urgent or short-term care (acute services)

Or you can contact NSPCC Helpline via email help@nspcc.org.uk anytime or call 0800 800 5000 between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.



WELL DONE LAYLAH!



Laylah has been training with Frome Amateur Boxing Club for approximately a year and a half and has shown fantastic commitment to her training.

Recently, her efforts were recognised when she was awarded a trophy and certificate in recognition of all the hard work and dedication she has shown.

Laylah now has several fights coming up, which is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the progress she has made during her time at the club.

We are incredibly proud of her commitment and determination and wish her lots of luck in her upcoming fights!

GAMES, GAMES, GAMES!

We are looking to bolster our wet play game options for pupils at break times and would be very grateful for donations of board games, chess sets, puzzles, cards and colouring/doodling books.

If you have any games or activities that you no longer need and would like to donate, please drop them into the Academy office.

Thank you for your support!

LIBRARY UPDATES



Library Updates!



NEW LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

We are excited to announce our updated daily opening times:

- Morning Drop-in: **8:30 AM – 8:40 AM**
- Morning Break: **10:40 AM – 11:00 AM**
- Lunchtime: **12:15 PM – 12:45 PM**
- After School: **3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Come by to browse, borrow, and read!

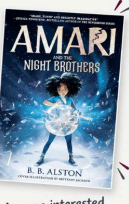
HAVE A GREAT DAY!

KS3 BOOK CLUB

THERE IS STILL SPACE IN KS3 BOOK CLUB!

Our current book is **Amari and the Night Brothers** by R. B. ALSTON

Anyone interested can sign up on Arbor



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS BACK!

in school later this term

Get ready for a fantastic selection of books, gifts and more from Scholastic!

Please keep an eye out for further announcements.

- Great Books
- New Adventures
- Bigger Dreams
- All at Your School

Junior National Reading Champions Quiz

Our Quiz Team

We're delighted to announce our Junior National Reading Champions Quiz team!

Felix Robin Ella

Emily Bella (reserve)

The heat will take place on **Tuesday 13th October**

We wish them lots of luck!

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BEYOND THE GATES



"A fantastic school where our child has grown in confidence, flourished and truly found their potential."

Current Parent

No1 Comprehensive Secondary School in the Southwest 2026

**THE SUNDAY TIMES
SCHOOLS GUIDE
2026**



Please register via our website
www.ralphallenschool.com



Whole School Open Evening
Thursday 24 September, 5.45-8pm
Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 5 November 5.30-8pm

Tours, subject talks and the chance to meet our students and staff.



FREE* Courses & Workshops!

Learning Together: Family Nature Crafts - Starter

Foster a love of nature in your children this autumn

With the indoor and outdoor space at The Key Centre, Frome, as the perfect setting, come and enjoy some nature craft activities together with your child(ren), with time to reflect and spend quality time in nature.

Explore the benefits of connecting with nature through creativity and crafts and discover how to bring nature to your own doorstep.

Suitable for children aged 5 to 12. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. Older and younger siblings welcome

Naturecraft activities will include:

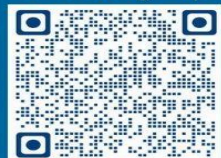
- Scavenger hunts for natural materials
- Sensory exploration of the natural world
- Art making with natural objects, paint and clay
- Making poems and stories about nature
- Making a bug house and a bird feeder
- Planting seeds for spring flowering

**Tuesday 22nd Sept to 13th Oct
4pm**
The Key Centre, Frome, BA11 5AJ

*Eligibility applies



Scan to sign up!



Visit ssalcourses.co.uk or call 0330 332 7997 for more information

HOLIDAY ADVENTURE CLUB

5-11 year olds

Wednesday 28th October
10am - 3pm

Greyfield Wood, High Littleton
£35 p/child p/day £25 p/sibling p/day



www.ecowild.org.uk/book-now



**OPEN
EVENING
24TH SEPTEMBER
2026 YEAR 8 & 11**

- ✓ 5-8pm Thursday 24th September 2026
- ✓ Awarded Dyslexia Friendly Quality Mark in 2025
- ✓ Ofsted rated 'Good'
- ✓ Safe and Supportive Learning Environment



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**FREE* Courses
& Workshops!**

Understanding Neurodiversity: ADHD Awareness - Starter

Want to better understand ADHD and how it affects those who have it?

This course offers a clear, supportive introduction to ADHD - its possible causes, common characteristics and the strengths and challenges people may experience. Whether you are learning for yourself, or to support someone else, you'll gain valuable insight in a respectful and confidential online space with plenty of time for discussion and reflection.

Follow the QR code below for details

- Key behaviours and characteristics
- Brain differences in ADHD
- ADHD and mental health
- Sensory sensitivity, stimming and masking
- Recognising differences, strengths and misconceptions

When: Thursdays 10:00 – 12:30
24th Sept - 15th Oct 2026

Where: Online

*Eligibility applies

Scan to sign up!



**Somerset
Council**

Visit sslcourses.co.uk or call 0330 332 7997 for more information



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You are invited to our **Open Evening 2026**

Wednesday 23rd September 2026

We invite prospective parents and carers to visit Oakfield Academy and discover what makes our school special.



Daytime Tours
Available all year round
8.45am & 11.15am
(by appointment)



Open Evening
6.00pm - 7.30pm



Welcome Presentation
6.00pm



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