




Oakfield Schools Federation


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The extraordinary life of QUEEN ELIZABETH II


1926
Princess Elizabeth is born in London.




1945
Towards the end of World War II, 19-year-old Elizabeth joins the Auxiliary Territorial Service and trains as a driver and a mechanic.




1947
Princess Elizabeth marries Prince Philip, an officer in the Royal Navy.




1948
The princess gives birth to her first child, a boy named Charles who will grow up to be King.




1966
Her Majesty is at Wembley to see England beat West Germany (as it was called before the Berlin Wall came down) 4-2 in the World Cup final, presenting the trophy to victorious captain Bobby Moore.




1957
Her Majesty gives the first televised Christmas broadcast to the nation. 'The Queen's Speech' goes on to become a permanent and powerful tradition of the festive season.




1953
The new Queen is crowned at Westminster Abbey – the first coronation to be televised. Sales of TVs soar as many families buy one for the first time to watch the ceremony. The eventual worldwide audience is around 277 million.




1977
Britain and the Commonwealth celebrate the Queen's silver jubilee (marking 25 years on the throne). A chain of balloons is lit around the country, and thousands of street parties are held.



2015
Having ruled for 63 years, Queen Elizabeth became the longest-reigning monarch in British history – overtaking her great great grandmother, Queen Victoria.




2022
The nation celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with more events and street parties. Sadly, however, Her Majesty's health declines and she passes away months later, aged 96. After 70 years of rule, Queen Elizabeth II leaves a legacy of lasting affection and respect from people not only in the UK, but around the whole world.




Did you know?... **Rest well, Your Majesty – and thank you.**

The Queen received her first Corgi, Susan, as an 18th birthday present. She loved that breed of dog throughout her life, going on to own another 30 of them.




In 1982, a mentally ill man broke into the palace and searched the Queen's bedroom. Reports suggest Her Majesty calmly kept him talking for 10 minutes until the security team arrived.



As Britain was still recovering from the effects of the war, the young Princess Elizabeth had to save ration coupons to buy the material for her wedding dress.



It was Queen Elizabeth who, in 1993, decided to open up Buckingham Palace to visitors from the public for the first time.




The Queen took the unusual step of inviting a TV documentary crew into Buckingham Palace in 1969. The first people see the Royal Family in a way they'd never been able to before.



To help launch the 2012 Olympics in London, Her Majesty featured in a short film where she meets super-spy James Bond, as played by Daniel Craig.





National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you again for reading our newsletter and discovering all of the things which are happening at Oakfield Schools Federation. First, I need to remind you all that as per DFE direction school will be closed on Monday 19th September as a mark of respect for HRH Queen Elizabeth II state funeral. I wish you all well in whichever way you chose to spend this day.

The federation has begun its new year with gusto, and it has been a joy seeing all our children in their new uniforms, excitedly returning to their school lives. We are excited for what this new school year will bring.

One of our key objectives is to make communication easier for parents. I understand that currently we have emails, text message, Microsoft forms, differing payment systems and paper documents which I understand can be onerous to keep track of. I am in the process of researching different school coms systems which will hopefully result in the school having one app that parents can go to. I thank you for your patience at this time whilst we ensure we get the right product for us and yourselves.



Kate Chisholm – Executive Headteacher

New events added are highlighted in yellow		
Date	Event	Time
12/10/22	Gateshead Music Workshop	
21/10/22	Half Term	
22/10/22 (Sat)	Flag baring at Sunderland Football Club	
31/10/22	Autumn 2 begins	
9/11/22	Growing and changing talk – year 6	
10/11/22	Flu immunisations	
7-9/12/22	Y6 Residential	
14-15/12/22	KS2 Pantomime visits	
22/12/22	Carols under the veranda	
22/12/22	Last day of term	
23/12/22	School Closed - PD day	
Upcoming events	Christmas Fair Reception Nativity KS1 and KS2 carol concerts Carols under the veranda Christmas Parties	TBC

2022-23 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
Autumn 1	07/09/22 – 21/10/22
Autumn 2	31/10/22 – 22/12/22
Spring 1	09/01/23 – 17/02/23
Spring 2	27/02/23 – 31/03/23
Summer 1	17/04/23 – 26/05/23
Summer 2	5/06/22 – 21/07/23

PE Days		
Year Group	Indoor	Outdoor
R	Tuesday	Friday
1	Wednesday	Thursday
2	Monday	Friday
3	Wednesday	Friday
4	Tuesday	Thursday
5	Swimming - Tuesday	Monday
6	Monday	Wednesday

Reading books

Your children will bring home a reading book and a reading for pleasure book. Reception children will bring home a reading book after they have learned their first group of letter sounds and are blending the sounds together to read simple words. Reading for pleasure books are for children to share with their parents. Please sign your child's reading diary after they have read three times a week.

Reception craft

We have been offered the opportunity to run a free Family craft session for the families of our Reception children on Tuesday 4th October from 9.20 to 11 am. There are limited places available.

Please click [here](#) to register your interest in attending.

Reading raffle

We will be launching our popular reading raffle tickets again to encourage the children to read frequently at home. We are asking you to sign your child's reading record every week to show they have read 3 times at home. The children then receive a raffle ticket which gives them an entry into the prize draw. There is a winner from each class who receives a book. We would be very grateful for your support with this.

Slight change to the dinner menu Infant and Junior school

On Tuesday 20th September Tuesday menu will be replaced by Monday's menu. The menu will return to normal after this.

Seesaw

All Y3 children will be bringing home an envelope today with details of their login for Seesaw. Please follow the instructions on the sheet. Your child will be told when work is put onto Seesaw.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for Oakfield Infants and Juniors

There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to donate – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

At this particularly challenging time for us all, please don't forget that over 4,100 shops and sites will donate to Oakfield Schools Federation for FREE every time you use easy fundraising to shop with them. This means you can support the schools, when you get your groceries, order a takeaway, renew your insurance policies or buy anything else online – at no extra cost to yourself! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE to use.

Just visit:

- <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oakfieldiajschool/>

Safeguarding and attendance

Mental health edit: Tips to supporting children dealing with grief



It's important that trusted adults feel able to help children and young people cope with grief – particularly at the moment, when we are mourning the loss of a public figure who was cherished by so many. Children are seeing bereavement and sadness being featured heavily the national news and in their favourite online spaces, and hearing it being talked about extensively among families and in the community. How can we help them in processing grief healthily at this potentially upsetting time? In the guide, you'll find tips such as understanding what grief is, encouraging coping strategies and reaching out for support.

Thank you for continuing to support us in our attendance.

School / Year	Autumn 1			
	Attendance	Minutes late	Attendance	Minutes late
	Week 1		Week 2	
Junior Overall	98.9	24 min	97.4	36 min
Infant Overall	95.8	7 min	97.7	27 mins
6	98.6	15 min	93.3	13 min
5	98.6	9 min	98.5	15 min
4	98.6	0 min	97.9	5 min
3	99.6	0 min	99.6	3 min
2	94.3	7 min	99.0	20 min
1	97.8	0 min	97.9	7 min
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Thank you again for taking the time to read our newsletter. Whilst we are working on school coms can you please encourage engagement with the newsletter as this is the main source of information for the Federation at this current time.

Warmest regards

Miss Chisholm – Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head