



Oak CE Primary Newsletter

Friday 24th January 2025



Some quotes from our most recent Ofsted report (December 2024)

“There is ambition and determination to ensure that pupils receive an effective education, as well as purposeful opportunities for pupils to develop personally and socially”

“Teachers understand and use the school’s systems to check what pupils know and remember consistently. They check learning and adapt activities effectively, to meet pupils’ academic needs”

“There is an enthusiasm about books and reading across the school.”

“The school’s work to support pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) is notable. The ambition to provide inclusive education for all pupils is being realised. “

“The school has grown in strength of purpose and is now sharing the positive practices they have developed in early years and SEND with other schools.”

We are very proud of our most recent monitoring and look forward to our next full inspection. Mrs G.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is

96%

This week’s attendance was

94.2%

**The class with the highest attendance this week
was**

5.1 with 99%

Become a School Governor

A letter will be sent out on Monday regarding the transition from an Interim Executive Board to a Maintain School Governing Body. Please consider this opportunity to use your experience, skills and community knowledge to support our ongoing school improvement. Have a look at this short clip for more info.

[What is a school governor?](#)

Kirklees Keeping In Mind

We are really pleased to be able to share some online courses for parents. Please use this code to access them:

The courses are about: **TKPARENTS**

Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing

Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager

Understanding your child's feelings (a taster course)

This is the link to follow: <https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/courses>

ClassDojo

Well done to the following classes for having all families linked to their ClassDojo page.

We have allocated the 5pts for each child in these classes.

Reception 1 and 2

2.1 and 2.2

4.1

Follow this link to ensure you are connected and get your child 5 Dojo points!

[Oak CE Primary School ClassDojo](#)

Picture News

Just a reminder that we use the resources Picture News every week across school to inform and engage pupils in current world events and to teach British Values and Protected Characteristics. If you would like to share this learning with them at home, you can access their YouTube page to watch the sessions.

Picture News

On the next page you can see an example of some of the topics covered.

At Oak we are **Ready, Respectful & Safe**



Spring 2025 Attendance League

- Welcome to the thrilling world of the Oak Primary School Attendance League, where every percentage counts and the pupils are playing for *classroom glory*! Let's dive into the latest standings after Week 3.
- Leading the pack with a *stellar performance* is **5.1**, who've hit back-to-back victories with an *impressive* 97% and 99%, earning a solid **6 points**—a perfect start to their campaign! They're *on fire* and setting the standard for the rest of the league.
- Hot on their heels are **2.1, 2.2, 4.1, 4.2**, and **6.1**, all locked in at **4 points each**. **4.1** and **5.1** are giving us the *classic battle of the upper years*, but don't count out **2.1** and **2.2**—their *resilient showing* proves the younger years are here to compete!
- Further down the table, **1.1** and **3.1** have fought hard to notch up **2 points**, keeping them in the *mid-table scrap*, while **Snowdrops** and **Bluebells** are struggling to find their rhythm, still sitting at **0 points**. Can they rally the troops and climb up in the coming weeks? Only time will tell!
- As it stands, **5.1** look *unstoppable*, but with weeks left to play, anything can happen. Stay tuned for more action as the classes battle for attendance supremacy

How to get Attendance points

97% - 100% Attendance = 3 points

96% Attendance = 2 points

94-95% Attendance = 1 point

Below 94% = 0 points

| Class | Week 2 13.1.25 | Week 3 20.1.25 | Week 4 27.1.25 | Week 5 3.2.25 | Week 6 10.2.25 | Current Results |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Snowdrops | 86% (0pts) | 81% (0pts) | | | | 0 |
| Bluebells | 86% (0pts) | 87% (0pts) | | | | 0 |
| R1 | 95% (1pt) | 90% (0pts) | | | | 1 |
| R2 | 91% (0pts) | 91% (0pts) | | | | 0 |
| 1.1 | 94% (1pt) | 95% (1pt) | | | | 2 |
| 1.2 | 92% (0pts) | 92% (0pts) | | | | 0 |
| 2.1 | 97% (3pts) | 96% (2pts) | | | | 5 |
| 2.2 | 98% (3pts) | 94% (1pt) | | | | 4 |
| 3.1 | 93% (0pts) | 96% (2pts) | | | | 2 |
| 3.2 | 93% (0pts) | 90% (0pts) | | | | 0 |
| 4.1 | 99% (3pts) | 95% (1pt) | | | | 4 |
| 4.2 | 96% (2pts) | 96% (2pts) | | | | 4 |
| 5.1 | 97% (3pts) | 99% (3pts) | | | | 6 |
| 5.2 | 88% (0pts) | 87% (0pts) | | | | 0 |
| 6.1 | 94% (1pt) | 98% (3pts) | | | | 4 |
| 6.2 | 92% (0pts) | 93% (0pts) | | | | 0 |



**Changing childhoods.
Changing lives.**

Sessions for Parents and Carers with a focus on Neurodiversity

~~Thursday 17th October 2024 at 2pm: Behaviour~~

~~Monday 11th November 2024 at 2pm: Boundaries and demands~~

~~Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 1.30pm: Food~~

~~Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 1.30pm: Sleep~~

Monday 3rd February 2025 at 2pm: Executive Function

**All sessions are completely free of charge and are led by experts
from Barnardo's Children's Charity.**





Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd February 2025: Year 4 Safety Rangers

Tuesday 4th February 2025: Reception Parents Open Morning – Fine motor skills

Tuesday 4th February 2025: Y6 SATS parents information meeting

Thursday 7th February 2025: Bob Marley Singalong

Wednesday 12th February 2025: Y2 Maths Workshop

Wednesday 12th February 2025: Vision Launch for parents

Thursday 13th February 2025: 3.1 Mrs Sunderland Competition

Friday 14th February 2025: School Closes for Half Term

Monday 24th February 2025: School reopens

Tuesday 25th February 2025: Young Voices

Friday 7th March 2025: Y5 visit to Royal Armouries

Week beginning 17th March 2025: Reception Health Screening

Friday 4th April 2025: School Closes for Easter

Wednesday 23rd April 2025: Class Photos

Friday 2nd May 2025: Y6 Residential

**Don't forget every Thursday is Coffee Morning
8.45-9.45am**

New data has shown that 2024 was the Earth's hottest year on record, warming by 1.5°C. Around 200 countries had agreed to help keep the temperature rise below this figure because scientists say that increases could cause more extreme weather. This includes events such as heatwaves, storms, and wildfires.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share what you know about climate change with others at home, and ask others to share their understanding.
- > Do you think more could and should be done to tackle climate change? If so, what and by whom?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Who should be involved in key decisions for the world?

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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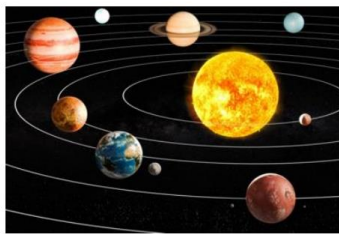
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IN THE SPOTLIGHT 2 NEWSPAPER

27th January
- 2nd February

Planetary Parade

It is an exciting time for skywatchers, as throughout January and February, six planets of our solar system will align in the sky. Saturn, Venus, Jupiter, Mars, Uranus and Neptune will form a planetary parade. During this period, you may be able to see Venus, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn with the naked eye in the northern hemisphere! You will need a telescope to see Uranus and Neptune. The celestial event doesn't occur every



Pictured: The solar system. **Source:** Canva.

year - the next one won't happen until 2040! The planets will appear to be in a line. They are always on the ecliptic plane (an imaginary line in the solar system on which the planets orbit around the sun), though we typically can't see them! Famous astronaut, Buzz Aldrin, posted on social media, 'We may be in the depths of winter, but the coming planetary alignment is something to look forward to at the end of January. We should be able to start seeing things on the 18th and moving into February. I know it's great when the "stars align" but it's something else when the planets get in order!'

Are you interested in planets?

Would you like to see the planets align?



Pictured: Looking through a telescope. **Source:** Canva.

Endangered 'Dancing' Bird Thriving in Captivity

The Angkor Centre for Conservation of Biodiversity (ACCB), in Cambodia, has announced their Bengal florican population is 'thriving in captivity'.

The birds are being reared in a special facility, where they can develop their wild instincts. The critically endangered birds are ground-dwelling and the largest member of the bustard family. Their numbers are decreasing as the grasslands they live in come under threat. The species are well known for the male birds' elegant courtship displays. Described as an 'aerial dance', they hum, strut, fluff their necks, and can jump up to 2.4 metres in the air to strike impressive poses! Bengal florican eggs laid in the wild are being carefully hatched and then

raised at a conservation centre, as the subspecies was predicted to be extinct by 2023. It is hoped that the semi-captive birds will be able to be reintroduced to the wild.

Do you know any facts about Bengal floricans?

Have you seen the birds' 'aerial dance'?



Pictured: Bengal Florican Management Programme. **Source:** Angkor Centre for Conservation of Biodiversity on Facebook.

Should you be allowed to build homes anywhere?



No, because some people are building homes in deserts, beaches and forests and taking animals home!

Ella May

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Geralt from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. Machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure any young player knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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Timetable

January – April 2025

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| Your Maths, Their Maths, Our Maths Short course for parents to understand the maths taught in primary schools to help children with homework | Headfield Junior School, Dewsbury starts Monday 13 th January 9-11.30am MPYFL2425023 |
| Preparing To Work/Volunteer In Schools Course to increase your knowledge of working in a school including supporting children with SEND. Learn how you can get experience as a volunteer to start your career. | Newsome Childrens Centre HD4 6LU starts Tuesday 25 th February 2025 9.30-12.30 (6 weeks) FL2425043 |
| Reading Friends Volunteering in Schools Volunteer in a school supporting children with reading. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Batley Library WF17 5DA starts Monday 13th January 10-1pm (4 weeks) FL2425027 Carlton J&I School WF13 2DQ starts Thursday 16th January 9-12pm (4 weeks) FL2425033 Shelley First School HD8 8HU starts Wednesday 5th February 9-12pm (4 weeks) FL2425032 New Mill School, HD9 1LS starts Wednesday 12th March 9.15-12.15 (4 weeks) FL2425037 |
| Speech Stars Volunteering Volunteer in a school supporting children with speech, language and communication. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chestnut Centre HD2 1HJ starts Tuesday 14th January 10-1pm (5 weeks) FL2425030 Gomersal St Marys CE(C) Primary School BD19 4NA starts Thursday 16th January 9-12pm (5 weeks) FL2425031 |
| Speech Stars At Home For parents to support their child with speech and language at home | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dewsbury Health Centre, WF13 1HN starts Tuesday 14th January 9.30-12.30pm (4 weeks) FL2425025 Lowerhouses CE Primary School HD5 8JY starts Tuesday 25th February 9-12pm (4 weeks) FL2425036 |
| Knitting For Wellbeing For complete beginners or improvers, all materials provided. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mirfield Community Centre WF14 9SG starts Tuesday 14th January 10-12.30pm (5 weeks) for beginners and continues from Tuesday 25th February for intermediates. FL2425026/28 Windybank Community Centre WF15 8LE starts Wednesday 15th January 12.15-2pm (continues up to Easter) FL2425040 |
| Rise & Redefine! Change how you think about yourself, boost your confidence and move towards the future you deserve. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Glass Box Huddersfield, HD1 1RD starts Tuesday 14th January 10-2pm (3 weeks) FL2425034 Dewsbury Town Hall WF12 8DG starts Tuesday 28th January 10-2pm (3 weeks) FL2425035 The Glass Box Huddersfield HD1 1RD starts Tuesday 4th March 10-2pm (3 weeks) FL2425042 |

Slaithwaite Library, Saturdays, 10.30am till 12.30pm

Slaithwaite Town Hall, Cross Street, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield HD7 5AF

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Free craft activities, board games and jigsaws, or get creative and build exciting things with Lego at this fun and free family drop-in session. Boxes of Lego provided. Children of all ages welcome.



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Exhibitions

25th January - 23rd February 2025
Saturdays and Sundays 12.00-4.00pm



Prints made in the Colne Valley

Jane Horton

'Beyond the Skyscrapers:

A portrait of humanity'

Alex Blakey





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You can join our amazing MakerWorld community!

Our regular drop in sessions are:

Saturday MakerWorld and MakerNoise choir, Piazza Centre, Huddersfield
Every Saturday from 11am-3pm for children of all ages.

Little Makers, Huddersfield
Every Friday, 10am-12 noon for pre-schoolers.

There is no need to book – just come along!

Find out more about Makerworld on website:

<https://thechildrensartschool.co.uk/makerworld>



Food and Fire at the Allotment

Nurturing healthy lives outdoors

Free adult sessions – priority to residents of
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Monthly on Wednesdays 10am – 12pm

29th January, 26th February, 26th March,
23rd April and 21st May

Wakefield Road Allotments, Dalton, Huddersfield HD5 9XN

Enjoy food cooked at the allotment, relax around the fire
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Contact Rachel for more information or to book a place.

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Activities for Adults (18+)

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Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am – 1pm

Wakefield Road Allotments, Dalton, HD5 9XN

Cooking sessions on Tues 21st and Thurs 23rd January

Food and Fire at the Allotment

Socialise and enjoy food around the fire food

Wednesdays 10am – 12pm on 29th Jan, 26th Feb and March

Wakefield Road Allotments, Dalton, HD5 9XN

Activities for Families and Young People

Contact Jess on info@growingworks.org.uk or 07883905899

Sprout at Crow Nest Park - For SEND/SEMH families

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Crow Nest Park, Dewsbury WF13 2SG

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Weekly Activities

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2025

MAINROOM

**9:30 -
11:00**

Men's Group - Chat and Support

**11:30 -
12:30**

Exercise Tasters Including Chair-Based Options (for all abilities)

**1:00 -
2:30**

Art/Crafts/Other Tasters - all resources will be provided

**9:30 -
11:30**

Meet Your Community Connector - Drop-In (for all your 1-2-1 needs)

FRONT ROOM

**10:00 -
11:00**

Fibromyalgia Support Group - with the Social Prescriber

**11:15 -
12:15**

Meet The Wellness Team, eg Stop Smoking, Wellbeing support

**1:00 -
3:00**

Step By Step - IT, Employment, Training, and Benefits Support

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