

Autumn Term

5th October 2026

## Showcasing Success

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed the extended weekend following our second Professional Development Day of the year. It provided a well-earned opportunity for children to rest and recharge after working so hard during another busy and successful start to the half term.

Our Professional Development Day focused on two key priorities within our Academy Improvement Plan. Staff continued to develop our approach to oracy as we enter our third year of implementation and work towards achieving Voice 21 Centre of Excellence status. We explored how purposeful talk can further enhance learning, confidence and outcomes for every child.

We also continued to strengthen our Strong Foundations approach. As part of this work, we were delighted to celebrate and host our second face-to-face RISE Reception Lead Network Open Day, welcoming colleagues from across the region to see Strong Foundations in action. Visitors were particularly impressed by our Forest School provision and the rich, engaging learning experiences on offer for our youngest children. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the expertise of our team and celebrate the exceptional practice taking place at Oakdene.

Have an amazing week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



### y6 Open Morning

It was fabulous to see how many parents, carers, grandparents and siblings attended the y6 Open Morning last Wednesday. Activities included creating a Victorian tile in the style of William Morris and rugby. Methods for mathematics and Mrs Osborne shared our approach to reading in y6. This included opportunities to consider how reading for pleasure for 10 minutes each day can help you feel calm, relaxed, reduce stress levels and improve your memory and concentration. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive.



### National Poetry Day

On Thursday 2nd October, the whole school came together to celebrate National Poetry Day, embracing this year's inspiring theme, 'Wonder'. Across the school, children explored a range of engaging poems and creative activities. In Early Years, pupils enjoyed playful poetry inspired by Woodlice by Simon Mole. KS1 shared Six Ways of Looking at a Leaf by Kate Wakeling, Lower KS2 explored The Great Big Clean Up by Christopher Foley, and Upper KS2 reflected on Citizen Science & the Climate Detectives by Liv Torc. It was a fantastic day of imagination, creativity and a shared love of language.

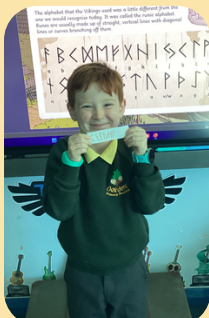


## EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Thank you to Miss Dixon who organised our European Day of Languages' which was enjoyed by all. Each class studied a country, some of these made connections with topics.

KS2 children were also super excited to participate in the Lingotot European Day of Languages Festival on Tuesday, 29th September! The children had a fun-filled day with Monsieur Rooney, our specialist language teacher, who led activities based on everyday life in France.

| Year Group and Language | Suggested Ideas and Activities                                                |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| E1                      | Learn the words for 'hello' and 'goodbye' in a language from another country. |
| Reception               | Learn the words for 'hello' and 'goodbye' in a language from another country. |
| Year 1:                 | Learn the words for 'hello' and 'goodbye' in a language from another country. |
| Spanish                 | Learn the words for 'hello' and 'goodbye' in a language from another country. |
| Year 2:                 | Learn the words for 'hello' and 'goodbye' in a language from another country. |
| French                  | Learn the words for 'hello' and 'goodbye' in a language from another country. |
| Year 3:                 | Learn the words for 'hello' and 'goodbye' in a language from another country. |
| Norwegian               | Learn the words for 'hello' and 'goodbye' in a language from another country. |
| Danish/Swedish          | Learn the words for 'hello' and 'goodbye' in a language from another country. |
| Year 4:                 | Learn the words for 'hello' and 'goodbye' in a language from another country. |
| Italian                 | Learn the words for 'hello' and 'goodbye' in a language from another country. |



## 100%

## CLUB

Congratulations to the 38 children who achieved 100% attendance throughout the last academic year. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects outstanding commitment, resilience and dedication to learning. To recognise their excellent attendance, pupils enjoyed receiving their special rewards worth £50 in Celebration Assembly. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and thank our families for their continued support in helping children attend school every day and make the most of every learning opportunity.



### Halloween Disco -

Thursday, 22nd October 2026

The Halloween Disco has been planned for Thursday, 22nd October. The DJ is booked!

Tickets will be available from the class teachers from Monday, 12th October to Friday, 16th October for £4.00 in CASH. This includes the price of a hot dog, fries, a drink and sweets.

As usual, this event will be organised as two separate discos.

KS1 (Y1, Y2) and Y3's disco will be 4.00-4.50pm and  
Y4-Y6 will be 5.00-6.00pm.

We have tried to invite reception and nursery pupils historically, however, they became too distressed.

All children will need to be dropped off at the main entrance, KS1 at 4.00pm and KS2 at 5.00pm. KS1 (Year 1 and 2) & Y3s pupils should be collected at 4.50pm from the dining hall (KS2 yard) to avoid congestion as the KS2 pupils arrive.

Pupils in Y4-Y6 should be collected from the main entrance at 6.00pm.

It's going to be frighteningly fantastic!



## WHAT'S ON?

5  
OCT

**WORLD MENTAL  
HEALTH DAY**

7  
OCT

**Y4 OPEN MORNING**

8  
OCT

**PEER MENTOR TRAINING**

13  
OCT

**Y4 VISIT BINCHESTER  
ROMAN FORT**

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Learning for Life

# Dates For Your Diary

## October

Oracy October



- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Oct Big Breakfast Lunch & National Poetry Day  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct PD Day 2 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)  
w/c 5<sup>th</sup> Oct World mental Health Day: Take 10 to Read  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y4 Pupils  
Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Oct Y4 visit Binchester Roman Fort  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y3 Pupils  
PM Y6 Rugby Festival  
3:20pm Hallowe'en Costume Shop  
Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Oct Y6 Visit Beamish Museum  
AM Reception Taster Session Stockton FC  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Oct Fire Brigade visit Reception  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Oct AM Y5 Sports Festival  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct Hallowe'en Disco (No extra-curricular clubs)  
4-4.50pm - Y1-Y3  
5-6pm - Y4-Y6



We hope that our Year 6 pupils and their families have enjoyed visiting secondary school open evenings over the past few weeks and have had the opportunity to explore the exciting options available.

A gentle reminder that the deadline for submitting secondary school applications is 31st October 2026.



# H A L F T E R M

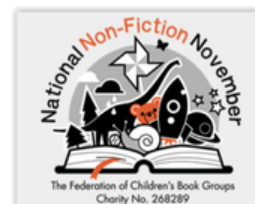
Monday, 26th Oct – Friday, 30th Oct



# Dates For Your Diary

## November

Non-Fiction November



Mon 2nd Nov Y3 visit to Danelaw Viking Village  
 Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Nov PM Y1 Sports Festival  
 Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y1 Pupils

Week Commencing 9th Nov: Parent Consultation Evenings

Wed 12th Nov Dragon's Den event for Y5 & Y6 pupils & 18 pupils from Y3 Y4 attend Indoor Athletics event  
 Fri 13th Nov Children In Need Day  
 w/c 16th Nov Road Safety Week  
 Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y2 Pupils  
 w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov UK Parliament Week  
 Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Flu Nasal Spray (pupils from Rec-Y6)  
 Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Nov Individual & Sibling Photographs  
 Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y5 Pupils  
 Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Nov PD Day 3 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)

## December



Tues 1st Dec Y2 Victorian Christmas experience at Preston Hall  
 Wed 2nd Dec 3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Christmas Fair  
 Fri 4th Dec 10am Y3/Y4 Tableau @ St. Luke's Church  
 Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.15pm Nativity Performance  
 Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Lunch  
 Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.15pm Nativity Performance  
 Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Nursery Pupils  
 Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.10am Y5 & Y6 Christingle, PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties  
 Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec PM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties  
 Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec AM and PM Little Sycamores and Nursery Christmas Parties  
 PM Reception Christmas Parties  
 PM Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties  
 Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec LAST DAY OF TERM  
 Christmas Holiday: Monday, 21st December 2026 - Friday, 1st January 2027  
 Children will return to school on Monday, 4th January 2027

C H R I S T M A S B R E A K

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> Jan

# Stars of the Week

Week Ending 2nd October 2026

| Class                  | Star of the Week<br> | Star Speaker<br> | Star Reader<br> | Star Writer<br> | Star Mathematician<br> |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nursery<br>Mrs Guest   | Bonnie Sexton                                                                                         | Leo Hudzicki                                                                                      | Gracie Van Wyk                                                                                   | Damon Cunningham                                                                                   | Rita-Denise Irving                                                                                        |
| YRD<br>Miss Dixon      | Lucie Wilkinson-Young                                                                                 | CeCe Jahangiry                                                                                    | Arla Watts                                                                                       | Remmy Green                                                                                        | Charlie Kelly                                                                                             |
| YRM<br>Mr McConnell    | Lyla Danks                                                                                            | Hugo Stephens                                                                                     | Jessica Wilson                                                                                   | Joshua Collier                                                                                     | Tate Blasco                                                                                               |
| YIB<br>Mrs Brown       | Ava Fleming                                                                                           | Dougy Chocholko                                                                                   | Alfie Lynch                                                                                      | Lewis Daniels-Owen                                                                                 | Mabel Dodds-Day                                                                                           |
| YID<br>Miss Duffey     | Ebony Lane                                                                                            | Lola Langridge                                                                                    | Edith Lewis                                                                                      | Max Kendall                                                                                        | Harper-Rose Hill                                                                                          |
| Y2D<br>Mrs Durham      | Katie Bonnett                                                                                         | Molly Robson                                                                                      | Junior Ferguson                                                                                  | Elsie Balogun                                                                                      | Coen Beadle                                                                                               |
| Y3H<br>Mr Horkan       | Alfie Cain                                                                                            | Lucas Lee                                                                                         | Elodie Richardson                                                                                | Louie Lane                                                                                         | Jason Adekunle                                                                                            |
| Y3C<br>Mr Cochrane     | Hallie Richardson                                                                                     | Olivia Curry                                                                                      | Abdulmaleek Abiona                                                                               | Delilah Dodds-Day                                                                                  | Vinnie Westwood                                                                                           |
| Y4R<br>Miss Robinson   | Ariana Wilson-Hill                                                                                    | Oliver Hall                                                                                       | Fionn Baker                                                                                      | Sava Ali                                                                                           | Noah Selvon                                                                                               |
| Y5R<br>Miss Richardson | Lillymae Morgan                                                                                       | Ivy-May Fiddes                                                                                    | Mark Bershadskyi                                                                                 | Riley Titlestad                                                                                    | Michelle Adekunle                                                                                         |
| Y6C<br>Mrs Cowan       | Edward Gardiner-Jukes                                                                                 | Beth Denmark                                                                                      | Milo Hancock                                                                                     | Lily Scott-Mullin                                                                                  | Hannah Liddle                                                                                             |



YR & KS1  
George Liddle

Y3 & Y4  
Hunter Lake

Y5 & Y6  
Ellie Tasker