Oakdene Primary

Newsletter

Autumn Term 9th November 2026

Bath, Book & Bed

Dear Parents/Carers,
As the nights draw in and the air turns crisp, it's the perfect time to enjoy a cosy Bath, Book and Bed routine. A warm bath followed by snuggling up with a good book is a lovely way to help children wind down, enjoy precious reading time and get ready for a good night's sleep.

This month we are celebrating Non-Fiction November 2026, with this year's exciting theme, 'Reading is an Adventure'. The theme encourages children not only to discover new facts, people, places, animals and nature through books, but also to take their learning beyond the page and turn reading into real-life adventures.

Non-fiction is everywhere, from fact books, newspapers and biographies to recipes, magazines and even the back of a cereal box! Why not read about wildlife and head outside to see what you can spot, discover somewhere new and plan a visit, or read about a new skill and have a go yourself?

And, as bedtime approaches, continue the adventure with your Bath, Book and Bed routine. Where will tonight's book take you?

Have a lovely week and keep reading!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne







Simply the Best

We are incredibly proud to share that the latest Department for Education national attendance report ranks Oakdene 1st out of 21 similar schools for both overall attendance and the lowest persistent absence. Our attendance of 96.4% is significantly above both the national average of 94.8% and the average for similar schools.
Even more exceptionally, the DfE report identifies no areas for improvement, as Oakdene's attendance is consistently higher than similar schools.
For us, this is about much more than a number. Our children clearly love coming to school and being part of Oakdene. It reflects the happy, welcoming and inclusive culture we work so hard to create, alongside the fantastic commitment of our children, families and staff.
Thank you to our whole Oakdene community for making every day count. What an exceptional achievement!

Children In Need Day

Once again, the Rights Respecting Steering Group would like to support Children in Need Day on Friday, 13th November 2026. Non-uniform or pyjamas are welcomed.
Whatever your child chooses to come dressed in, please just make sure that it is appropriate for the school day, for example, sensible shoes for outdoor breaktimes.
We would like to encourage every child to bring in a voluntary donation (£1 suggestion) to contribute towards this fundraiser.



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Y3 visit Danelaw Viking Village

Y3 pupils enjoyed spending the day as Vikings in a replica Viking settlement based on the outskirts of York. The unique educational environment formed part of the history curriculum on their study of Invaders and Settlers.

Danelaw Dark Age Village contains a number of houses, workshops and fields, offering an atmospheric and hands-on learning environment. During the course of the day, the Y3s were farmers, hoeing the field and craftsmen, making clay oil lamps.

Children dressed up in period-costumes and carried out a range of activities. They performed household tasks that involved collecting firewood and grinding wheat to make bread. Guard training was given to help the new settlers protect the village from marauding Saxons.











WHAT'S ON?

9,10& 11 NOV	PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS
12 NOV	Y3 & 4 ATHLETICS
12 NOV	TEES ACTIVE DRAGON'S DEN
12 &13 NOV	JUDO TASTER SESSIONS

Y1 Open Morning

It was fantastic to welcome so many parents & carers of Y1 pupils during the Autumn-themed open morning. The children welcomed everyone by performing a poem based on Percy the Park Keeper with lots of props to showcase their outstanding presentational skills.

The Y1s followed a simple recipe to make Percy's favourite shortbread leaf biscuits, applied mathematical skills for Percy's problem solving activities, browsed our reading book scheme and found out more about the expectations for reading in Y1 in preparation for the phonics screening check. The children also used their creativity to produce seasonal artwork .






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Learning for Life



Dates For Your Diary

November

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/c16th Nov	Road Safety Week
Fri 20th Nov	9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y2 Pupils
w/c 23rd Nov	UK Parliament Week
Mon 23rd Nov	Flu Nasal Spray (pupils from Rec-Y6)
Tues 24th Nov	Individual & Sibling Photographs
Thurs 26th Nov	9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y5 Pupils
Mon 30th 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 8th Dec	2.15pm Nativity Performance
Wed 9th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 10th Dec	2.15pm Nativity Performance
Fri 11th Dec	9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Nursery Pupils
Tues 15th Dec	9.10am Y5 & Y6 Christingle, PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties
Wed 16th Dec	PM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties
Thurs 17th Dec	AM and PM Little Sycamores and Nursery Christmas Parties
	PM Reception Christmas Parties
	PM Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties
Fri 18th 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

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Monday, 21st Dec – Friday, 1st Jan

Stars of the Week

Week Ending 6th November 2026

Class	Star of the Week	Star Speaker	Star Reader	Star Writer	Star Mathematician
Nursery Mrs Guest	Arlo Langstaff	Kristen Bowman	Grayson Hall	Eliza Robinson	Phoebe Sculley
YRD Miss Dixon	Ethan Adekunle	Freya Handley	Ralphie Dodds-Day	Jameel Abiona	Archie Robinson
YRM Mr McConnell	Rosie Ferguson	Grace Bellew	Max Edditts	Jessica Wilson	Isabelle Harding
YIB Mrs Brown	Rory Baker	Theo Grimwood	Harrison Howdle	Willow Watts	George Liddle
YID Miss Duffey	Max Kendall	Lucas Bailey	Lola Langridge	Ebony Lane	Archer Dixon
Y2D Mrs Durham	Coen Beadle	Darcie Murray-Denby	Dexter Dobson	Leighton Wardle	Rose Westmoreland
Y3H Mr Horkan	Scarlett Van Wyk	Jason Adekunle	Lucas Milne	Jack Bourne	Isla Featherstone
Y3C Mr Cochrane	Olivia-Jane Midgley	Thomasin Scotland	Vinnie Westwood	Darcy Hammond	Bonnie-Rae Ferguson
Y4R Miss Robinson	Saga Svedlund	Holland Finley	William Nimmo	Esmea Skipp	Louis Ferguson
Y5R Miss Richardson	Tia Cain	Skyla Wilks	Niamh Bellew	Lola Pearce	Ellie Tasker
Y6C Mrs Cowan	Aalia Dobson	Harley Wallace	Lily Charlton	Anna Cooley	Sophie Squires



YR & KS1
Katie Bonnett

Y3 & Y4
Henry Brown

Y5 & Y6
Roman Chesworth