

# Weekly Newsletter 15th June 2026



**Right of the Fortnight: Article 22:**  
**You have the right to special protection if you are a refugee**



## Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, our feet haven't touched the ground with so many events and activities taking place recently and we wouldn't have it any other way at Oakdene!

### Statutory Tests

Reception is a national priority for the government. As a **RISE Reception Networks Lead School**, we help schools improve provision and contribute to the ambition for 75% of children nationally to reach a Good Level of Development (GLD) by **2028**.

We are delighted to share that **76%** of our **Reception** pupils have achieved a **Good Level of Development** this year, an **Oakdene record!** This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the **strong foundations** our youngest learners have built. We are incredibly proud of the children and grateful to our staff and families for their continued support in helping them thrive.

Last week, our **Year 1** children (along with a few **Year 2** resits/new pupils) took part in the **Phonics Screening Check**, with each child assessed individually by Mrs Brown. It was a challenging paper and we've been absolutely blown away by the **progress** made – a real testament to the hard work of both pupils and staff. We look forward to sharing the final results with you as soon as we are able.

A huge well done to our Year 4 children, who completed their **Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checks** last week. That final push during **Times Table Rockstars Day** clearly paid off! Miss Robinson was very impressed with the children's quick recall of multiplication facts. The children should all be very proud of themselves and we look forward to sharing the final results with you as soon as we are able.

### Picture News

Each term, we make great use of a resource called **Picture News** in our classrooms, linking current events to our learning in a meaningful and engaging way. During the **World Cup**, children have explored stories from around the globe, discussing not only the matches but also the cultures, teamwork and values that the tournament represents.

Through these discussions, pupils developed their **oracy skills**, shared their opinions **respectfully** and gained a better understanding of **world events**. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they connected what they were learning in school with something happening on a **global stage**.



Enjoy the week ahead!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

## Dates For Your Diary - Summer

Mon 15th -Wed 17th June Y6 Residential

Wed 17th June Y5 visit Northfield  
Thurs 18th June VEX Competition @ Nissan  
Y2 Joseph Day

Tues 23rd June PM - Y5 Dodgeball competition  
Wed 24th June Y2 Literacy Trail @ Wynyard Woods

Mon 29 June Transition Day 1 for Y6 Northfield Pupils  
Tues 30 June Transition Day 2 for Y6 Northfield Pupils  
Wed 1st July Rec & Y6 Height & Weight Checks  
Whole-Class Photographs

Mon 6 July- 17 July Y6 Swimming Block (targeting those who cannot swim 25m)

Mon 6 July Transition Day 1 St Michael's  
Tues 7 July Transition Day 2 St Michael's (children attend both days)  
[Meet my new teacher morning \(new date\)](#)  
4.30pm - Meeting for Parents and Carers of September  
2026 New Reception Pupils

Wed 8th July Y5 visit Eden Camp  
Thurs 9th July Y1 visit Saltburn-By-The-Sea  
Fri 10th July KS1 Workshops

Wed 15th July Y2 visit North York Moors, Danby 'Lost Words'  
Y4 visit Sunderland Winter Garden Museum  
ELT Northern Hub 20 pupils from Y3 Singing Event at  
Yarm School Auditorium

Thurs 16th July 2pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y4 - Y6  
6.00pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (Tickets Only)

Mon 20th –Wed 22nd July Y6 Northfield Pupils Attend Summer School

Mon 20th July Meet My New Teacher Event  
Tues 21st July 2.15pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y1-Y3  
Wed 22nd July AM - Reception Pupils' Olympic Celebratory Event  
3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Summer Fayre  
Fri 24th July Little Sycamores and Nursery Teddy Bears' Picnic

Mon 27th July Fun Day - **LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM**  
Tues 28th July PD Day

## Dates For Your Diary - September 2026 to July 2027

### PD Days

1 September 2026  
2 October 2026  
30 November 2026  
29 January 2027  
28 July 2027



Last Tuesday, our Y6 pupils took part in an exciting **cricket** event. The children showed fantastic **teamwork**, **determination** and **enthusiasm** throughout the day. It was wonderful to see everyone supporting each other, whether **batting**, **bowling** or **fielding**.

Many pupils demonstrated impressive skills, with some **excellent runs** scored and great **catches** made. Most importantly, everyone played with a positive attitude and great **sportsmanship**, encouraging their teammates and celebrating each other's efforts.

Well done to all involved for representing the school so brilliantly; we are very proud of you!



### Invitation for Y1 Parents & Carers

You're invited to our

# Vincent Van Gogh

## ART GALLERY

Come and celebrate your child's *creativity* in a beautiful gallery inspired by the world of Vincent Van Gogh.

A celebration of imagination, expression and our amazing young artists!

FOR JUST **£6** TAKE HOME THIS SPECIAL VAN GOGH ART SET!

FRAMED PIECE OF ART + CLAY PINCH POT (SUNFLOWER DESIGN) + MINI MUG

**Gallery Date:** WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 3:30PM ONWARDS

IN THE MAIN HALL We can't wait to see you there!

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### Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from **Mr McConnell**  
**'Football Rising Stars'**  
 by **Harry Meredith**



This collection is an engaging and accessible look at the next generation of football talent. Meredith blends short player profiles with lively anecdotes, making it easy for readers, especially younger fans to get excited about emerging names in the game.

Y5 pupil, **Daisy Thompson**, has done a fantastic job in completing her **Stage 1 Learn to Swim Award**. She has shown great enthusiasm and confidence in the water, working hard to develop her basic swimming skills. Daisy can now move safely in the water, float with support and demonstrate simple movements with growing independence.

Well done, Daisy!



Y2 pupil, **Willow Earle**, has worked brilliantly to achieve her **Rainbow Distance awards**, swimming **10 metres backstroke** and an impressive **100 metres**. She has shown determination, confidence, and a positive attitude in the water. Willow's **technique** and **stamina** are continuing to improve, and she should be very proud of her excellent progress. Well done, Willow!



Week Ending 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	CeCe Jahangiry	Joshua Collier	Matilda Curry	Jonathan Johnson
YRC Miss Dixon	River French	Mabel Dodds-Day	Ava Fleming	Ruban Gilbey
YRK Miss Dignen	Lola Langridge	Aaliyah Sanchez Godt	Ruby Bunn	Parker Purvis
Y1B Mrs Brown	Nathaniel Jefferies	Elijah Wilson-Hill	Joey Blasco	Grace Harris
Y2DT Mrs Durham	Nate Oliver	Hallie Richardson	Abdulmaleek Abiona	Scarlett Van Wyk
Mrs Thompson	Katy Coates	Caleb Jefferies	Elliot Hardy	Isla Featherstone
Y3H Mr Horbar	Noah Selvon	Yasmeen Awan	Neave Bateman	Esmee Skipp
Y4R Miss Robinson	Freddie Bell	Max Prout	Oakley Purvis	Adriev Vinestha
Y5SW Mr Brown	Daisy Thompson	Blake Playle	Erin-Jayne Harrison	Cason Tierney
Mrs Wilson	Theo Smith-Sewell	Scarlett Allon	Edward Gardiner-Jukes	Aalia Dobson
Y6C Mrs Cowan	Finley Orley	Leighton Harvey	Sophie-Alysa Minter	Brooke Love
Y6M Mr McConnell	George Reeve	Lily Daniel	Hollie Dale	Kain Carmichael



YR & KSI  
Lexi Manze

Y3 & Y4  
Lily Archer

Y5 & Y6  
Archie Hall

# Congratulations to ...

**Arabella Sedgwick** in Y3 who has achieved Trampoline Proficiency Award level 5.



**Michael Smith** in Y2 who has been chosen to be Assistant Lodge Leader at Beavers.



**Niamh Bellow** in Y4 who has passed Level 6 in the Developing Phase of ice skating.



**Darcie** in Y1 has achieved 5, 10 & 25 metres in swimming!



**Mylah** in Nursery who has completed Ducklings 1, 2, 3 & 4 in swimming.



**Theo Smith-Sewell** in Y5 who was awarded Player of the Term at Kiddykickz.



**Isaac Cummings** in Y5 placed 9th out of 16 in the Elite AAA World Ice Hockey Championship Tournament in Austria. This was a huge tournament & the team worked really hard.



**Brodie McLaughlin** in Y2 who won the Cup Final with Wynyard Village.



**Roman Chesworth** in Y4 who won the Cup Final with Billingham United.



**Harry Robinson** in Y2 who won this trophy in a football competition.

# on your achievements!