

Weekly Newsletter 15th December 2025



Right of the Fortnight: Article 14:
Your Right to Follow your own Religion



Dear Parents/Carers

After an enormously **successful** term, we have finally made it to the **Christmas holidays**. The children have had a wonderful time preparing for Christmas and taking part in Christmas activities over the last few weeks. The Christmas **Nativity, Tableau** and **Christingle Services**, have been absolutely amazing and we were delighted with the amount of parents and carers joining us each day.

We are delighted to share that, thanks to your generous donations at the end of our recent gatherings, we raised **£182.32** for **Kingstone Primary School** in **Uganda**. Your support will make a real difference to the children and their education—thank you for helping us extend our **community spirit across the globe!**

Santa visited our Early Years children and made a quick delivery of selection boxes for every child in our school, kindly donated from **The Teesside Family Foundation**. **Fujifilm** also invited school to nominate children **for gift donations** and we had a visit from **four elves** with high quality presents.

We feel so blessed to lead such an **exceptional team** and it's heartwarming to hear how you appreciate staff for going the extra mile for the children. On behalf of the whole team, we would like to **thank** everyone for their Christmas cards, messages and kind gifts, which the Oakdene team received for the festive season. We would like to **wish each and every one of you, a truly special Christmas**. We also want to acknowledge and extend warm wishes to those marking other beautiful festivals of light, such as Hanukkah and Diwali. May this season bring joy, peace, and togetherness to all our families.

The children have been a credit to you and we look forward to seeing you all safe and well on **Monday, 5th January 2026**.

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Nursery Open Morning

The attendance at the open session was fantastic and a festive time was had by all. The children demonstrated their creativity and imagination whilst making a **tree decoration, Christmas cards** and beautiful **calendars**. Everyone enjoyed playing **Christmas-themed number games and puzzles** and creating a **melting snowman cookie**.



Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

Tues 16th Dec	9.10am Y5 & Y6 Christingle, PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties
Wed 17th Dec	Y2 Victorian Christmas Visit to Preston Hall Museum PM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties
Thurs 18th Dec	AM and PM Little Sycamores and Nursery Christmas Parties PM Reception Christmas Party PM Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties
Fri 19th Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM

Christmas Holiday: Monday, 22nd December 2025 - Friday, 2nd January 2026

Children will return to school on Monday, 5 January 2026

Mon 19th Jan—Fri 30th January Swimming Block 2 for Y5 pupils

Fri 30th Jan **PD Day 4 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)**

HALF TERM

Monday, 23rd February - Friday, 27th February

Children will return to school on Monday, 2nd March



Keep the magic of reading going throughout the Christmas break with the **Winter Mini Reading Challenge**.

Taking part is simple **read 3 or more books** between **1st December– 20th February** and add them to your profile (remember to choose your own avatar!).

Reaching your goal will unlock a limited edition **online badge** and **certificate of achievement**.

You will also be entered into a **PRIZE DRAW** to win amazing books!

We will also reward you with 10 **dojos** to launch 2026—the **National Year of Reading!**



Last week, our **Year 5** pupils stepped into the magical world of key author **Roald Dahl** as they attended a spectacular stage production of **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**. Inspired by the much-loved classic, the show brought Willy Wonka's mysterious factory to life with dazzling scenes of chocolate waterfalls, nutty squirrels, and even the famous Great Glass Elevator!

The performance, delivered by Level 3 Stage and Screen students from **Stockton Riverside College**, captured the wonder and excitement of Dahl's story, reminding us all why his tales continue to inspire generations.

Week Ending 12th December 2025

Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematicia 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Hugo Stephens	Ethan Adekunle	Eleanor Sutheran	Matilda Curry
YRC Miss Dixon	Jensen Langstaff	Ruban Gilbey	Jessie-Rae Allison	Oliver Metcalfe
YRK Miss Dignen	Max Kendall	Rory Liddle	Lola Langridge	Edith Lewis
Y1B Mrs Brown	Molly Robson	Annie Tunney	Coen Beadle	Elsie Balogun
Y2D Mrs Durham Mrs Thompson	Hallie Richardson	Delilah Dodds-Day	Bonnie-Rae Ferguson	Altay Arslan
	Willow Earle	Isla Featherstone	Jenson-John Murray	Izzy Matthews
Y3H Mr Horkan	Miley Dodds-Day	Aidan Turner	Ariana Wilson-Hill	Keesha Griffin
Y4R Miss Robinson	Charlotte Eley-Carberry	Theo Plimmer	Freddie Bell	Darcie Berry
Y5SW Mrs Smith Mrs Wilson	Eliza-Grace Mack	Edward Gardiner-Jukes	Jacob Edgar	Scarlett Allon
	Evie Richardson	Charlie Owens	Jessica Dunn	Sophie Squires
Y6C Mrs Cowan	Dolly Rogers	Leah Cooley	Frankie McQuilling	Charlie Kibbler
Y6M Mr McConnell	Toby Chocholko	Archie Purvis	Harry Laws	Ben Bainbridge



YR & Y1
Lottie Cooper

Y2 & Y3
Joseph Luker

Y4, Y5 & Y6
Ava Hammond