Oakdene Primary

Newsletter

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Learning for Life

Autumn Term | 16th November 2026

Fabulous Fundraising

Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our parent/carer consultation evenings. These early meetings are so valuable in sharing how children have settled, celebrating their progress and identifying their next steps. It was also wonderful to see our Community Hub being put to such good use, offering families additional information and support all in one place. Thank you, as always, for working in partnership with us. Extra-curricular clubs resume this week.

Our Fabulous Fundraising is just one shining example of how kindness can make such a difference to others. I've been asked to say a huge thank you from our School Councillors and Rights Respecting Ambassadors for your generosity supporting charities during these unprecedented times. The British Legion Poppies proved to be very popular and the 'Children In Need Day' raised £254.00 for this amazing cause.

It's that time of year when we plan for the challenges that the weather may bring. Many of you have opted for your child to receive the nasal flu spray to reduce the risk of your child/ren being hospitalised due to flu and to protect vulnerable family members.

We have been asked to be prepared for the change in temperature. Please ensure your child/ren bring warm coats and suitable footwear to school each day.

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



DRAGON's DEN

What a fantastic achievement for our Year 5 and 6 pupils Albert, Eliza-Grace, Beth, Roman, Michelle, Rosie, Oakley and Tia, who used their outstanding oracy skills to secure an amazing £3,000 towards our new Trim Trail!

They presented confidently to four Dragons and represented Oakdene with enormous pride. A brilliant example of oracy in action! Lisa Yates praised the team, saying: "The children were an absolute credit to you, and we loved listening to their pitch."

A huge thank you to Mr McConnell, our PE Lead, for preparing and supporting the children so brilliantly.









WINTER WEATHER & EMERGENCY CLOSURES

With winter approaching, please remember that weather conditions can vary considerably across the region, particularly as many of our staff travel from areas including North Yorkshire, Sunderland and Durham. Any decision to close school is therefore made on the day, once we are confident that we can operate safely and provide appropriate supervision. We always aim to inform families as early as possible.

In 20 years of headship, we have closed for snow on only four school days. If an emergency closure is necessary, families will be notified via email, Stockton Borough Council's website and local media. If you are unsure about conditions before travelling, please contact school from 8.30am.

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AMAZING ATHLETICS

Year 4 pupils had a fantastic time at the Athletics Festival, taking part in a range of track and field events in the sports hall. The children enjoyed running races, jump events and javelin activities, with opportunities for replays to help them improve their performances and achieve their best. Many pupils challenged themselves by trying new activities and skills for the first time, showing great determination and enthusiasm throughout the event. Most importantly, everyone had lots of fun, supported one another, and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship.





POEMS FOR REMEMBRANCE

This year, our children joined the special Remembrance Assembly 2026, created by the Royal British Legion in partnership with the National Literacy Trust. Exploring the theme 'Service in a Changing World', pupils considered how Remembrance has changed over time, how it continues to bring communities together, and the importance of remembering all those who have served and sacrificed.

Through powerful stories and perspectives from serving members of the Armed Forces and veterans, the children were encouraged to recognise that young people are an important part of the Remembrance community today. The assembly concluded with the Two-Minute Silence, providing an important shared moment of reflection.

Our beautiful 'Pages for Remembrance' display complements this learning through books, poetry and pupils' work, showing how literacy helps our children explore, understand and remember the past while looking to the future.



WHAT'S ON?

19 NOV	HOST RISE DISCOVERY MORNING FOR DFE
20 NOV	Y2 OPEN MORNING
23 NOV	UK PARLIAMENT WEEK
23 NOV	FLU NASAL SPRAY

STOP, LOOK & LISTEN!

To launch Road Safety Week, the Cleveland Fire Brigade led two important road safety assemblies, thinking about how we can all stay safe when travelling to and from school. We revisited Stop, Look, Listen and Think, choosing safe places to cross and the importance of being clearly visible, particularly during the darker mornings and evenings.

We also talked about staying safe when travelling by car, including the importance of using the appropriate child or booster seats. Our discussion highlighted that some children were unsure about when a booster seat is still needed, so this is a helpful reminder for us all to check that children are using the correct car seat or restraint for their height and age.







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Dates For Your Diary

November

Non-Fiction November

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
Wed 25th 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
	PM Y3 Speed Stacking competition
Wed 2nd Dec	3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Christmas Fair
Fri 4th Dec	10am Y3/Y4 Tableau @ St. Luke's Church
Tues 8th Dec	AM Y6 Gifts from the Queen National Literacy Trust event
	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 13th November 2026

Class	Star of the Week	Star Speaker	Star Reader	Star Writer	Star Mathematician
Nursery Mrs Guest	Phoebe Sculley	Nova Stockport	Diggory Scotland	Olivia-Caitlin Stephenson	Rita-Denise Irving
YRD Miss Dixon	Charlotte Ayre	Remmy Green	Lucie Wilkinson-Young	Evie-Ella Hutchings	Mylah Thompson
YRM Mr McConnell	Tate Blasco	Brooklyn Butler	Everleigh Royal	Albie Docherty-Grainger	Lucas Chadwick
YIB Mrs Brown	Jensen Langstaff	Oliver Metcalfe	Sophia Peers	Alfie Lynch	Ruban Gilbey
YID Miss Duffey	Harper-Rose Hill	Aaliyah Sanchez Godt	Mason Walker	Ruby Bunn	Ollie Foster
Y2D Mrs Durham	Leighton Wardle	Frankie McCullagh	Katie Bonnett	Rose Westmoreland	Jamie Hart
Y3H Mr Horkan	Dylan Allan	Michael Smith	Willow Earle	Tommy Owens	Katy Coates
Y3C Mr Cochrane	Vinnie Westwood	Delilah Dodds-Day	Olivia-Jane Midgley	Louie Walker	Nate Oliver
Y4R Miss Robinson	Charlie Beken	Miley Dodds-Day	Gia Hindmarsh	Joseph Luker	Henry Brown
Y5R Miss Richardson	Oscar Bonnett	Rosie Daniels	Max Prout	Roman Chesworth	Charlotte Eley-Carberry
Y6C Mrs Cowan	Eliza-Grace Mack	Albert Balanescu	Beth Denmark	Daisy Thompson	Archie Donnelly



YR & KS1
Harper Bunn

Y3 & Y4
Olivia-Jane Midgley

Y5 & Y6
Charlie Owens

Amazing Achievements



Molly placed 2nd in tap, 3rd for modern and song t & 4th in the Peter Pan trio at the Yorkshire Open Dance Festival.



Blake was proudly presented with a trophy in recognition of his fantastic success in cricket.



Sisters Lola and Brieanna danced their way to success in their latest dance comp with their Mary Poppins routine..



Isabel received medals and certificates in recognition of her amazing vaults, wonderful smiles and star performer in gymnastics.



Neave achieved her stage 4 'Learn to Swim' award and level 8 gymnastics proficiency award.



Jack was delighted to be nominated 'trainer of the week' by his football coaches.



Hannah was presented with the 'Valuable Contribution' and 'Tough Cookie' awards by Velocity.



Olivia achieved her stage 1 'Learn to Swim' award.



Harry was awarded Man of the Match for scoring 4 impressive goals.