

## Weekly Newsletter 22nd June 2026



### Right of the Fortnight: Article 22:

You have the right to special protection if you are a refugee.



### Dear Parents/Carers,

As **temperatures rise**, we want to ensure that all our pupils **stay safe, healthy, and comfortable** during warmer days at school. We'll continue to **monitor heat levels** and adjust outdoor activities as needed. We'll offer more **shade** and plan more **breaks** to ensure everyone stays safe. Please help us by keeping the following in mind: **Water bottles**: Ensure your child brings a reusable water bottle each day. Hydration is key! **Sun protection**: **Apply sunscreen at home** before school and consider a sunhat for outdoor play. **Cool clothing**: Light, loose-fitting clothing helps pupils stay cool and enjoy their day.

WOW! What a week with so many achievements to **celebrate**. Our children **continue to achieve significantly above the national averages** (nat ave) for 2025 (2026 national data isn't released until the Autumn term). **76%** of reception pupils achieved a **Good Level of Development** (*68% nat ave 2025*). In the **Y1 Phonics Screening Check, 90%** met the standard (*80% nat ave 2025*). **81% of Y4s achieved 25/25 in the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check results** (*34% nat ave 2025*). *The national MTC Y4 score last year was 20.6.* **KS2 SATS results** will be available to pupils on **8th July**. For the first time, the Year 1 phonics pass mark was reduced from 32 to 31, highlighting how **particularly challenging** the check was this year. The reception and Y4 outcomes are **personal bests for Oakdene**. We would like to say how incredibly proud we are of our **amazing children**, extend our heartfelt thanks to our **exceptional teaching teams** and recognise the continued support from our **wonderful parents and carers**.

Last week, our school celebrated **National Refugee Week**, a time to honour the **strength, creativity, and resilience** of people who have been **forced to flee** their homes. Mrs Osborne shared the theme for 2026, **"Courage,"** in a whole school assembly and reminded us that when we come together, we can create **spaces of safety, belonging and hope**. Throughout the week, pupils explored what it means to be part of a **community** whether that's through **sharing stories**, learning about **different cultures**, or simply offering a **smile** to someone new. We discovered that small acts of kindness, when multiplied, can become a powerful force for good.

Enjoy the week ahead!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Last week, our Year 6 pupils embarked on a **memorable three-day residential trip**, swapping screens for streams and technology for trees. **Immersed** in nature, they embraced the **outdoors**—boosting both their **mental and physical wellbeing**. From sharing stories around the **campfire** to exploring the natural world, the children created **lasting memories** with their friends and teachers. It was a special opportunity to build **teamwork**, and **reflect** on their journey through primary school as they prepare for the next **exciting chapter**. A huge thank you to Mrs Cowan, Mr McConnell and Mrs Robson for staying overnight with the children.



## Dates For Your Diary - Summer

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 Photos
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 <a href="#">Meet my new teacher morning (new date)</a> 4.00pm - 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
Tues 14th July	Y6 Silent Disco
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 2pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y4 - Y6
Thurs 16th July	6.00pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (Tickets only - available via MCAS under the 'Product tab')
Fri 17th July	Y5 VE day
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 - <b>LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM</b>
Tues 28th July	PD Day

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

### PD Days

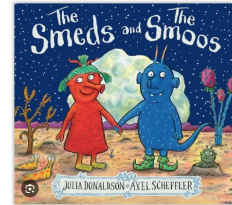
1 September 2026  
2 October 2026  
30 November 2026  
29 January 2027  
28 July 2027



Year 2 had a wonderful time celebrating **Joseph Day**, inspired by *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. The classrooms were transformed into a **vibrant** rainbow of colour, reflecting Joseph's **famous coat**, as the children took part in creative activities, singing and storytelling. It was a joyful and **memorable** day, with everyone embracing the bright colours and spirit of the story while learning about its themes of **hope, kindness and perseverance**.



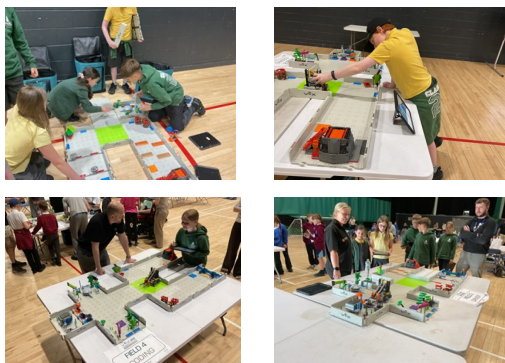
**Recommended Read**  
This week's recommended read is from  
**Miss Lambert**  
**'The Smeds and the Smoos'**  
by **Julia Donaldson**



This story shows how **diversity** can bring people together instead of pushing them apart. At first, the red Smeds and blue Smoos refuse to mix because of their **differences**, but when two of them become friends, they help both groups see that being different isn't something to fear. The story highlights how **accepting** diversity whether in appearance, culture or ideas can lead to **understanding, friendship** and a **happier** community for everyone.

In January, **Mr Horkan** (computing lead) once again gathered an **enthusiastic** group of **Year 5 and 6** pupils who **dedicated** their Tuesday evenings to an exciting new adventure: **VEX Robotics**. Throughout the year, this team learned how to **design, build, and code** robots while tackling real-world challenges like climate change through a series of **problem-solving** tasks. All their hard work led up to the VEX Robotics Competition at **Nissan** in Sunderland last week.

Accompanied by **Mr Horkan** and **Mr Mc Connell**, our team entered the event with hopes of **learning** and having **fun**, since it was Oakdene's second time **competing** against many North East schools. But the Year 6s **exceeded** all expectations and achieved a very respectable **4th place, and 1st place out of all Stockton Schools**. The VEX Robotics pathway opens the door to competitions on a local and regional level, with opportunities to reach the **UK National Championships** and even the World Championships. We couldn't be prouder of what our **young engineers** have already achieved.



Four pupils from Year 3 and Year 4 had an exciting visit from **Animex**, where they learned about animation and how their favourite cartoons are created. The children explored different techniques, such as drawing characters and making simple animations, which sparked their **creativity and imagination**. They especially enjoyed bringing their own ideas to life and seeing how small drawings can turn into moving images. It was a fun and inspiring experience that helped them understand the skills and teamwork involved in animation.



Our **mixed** boys' and girls' football team, made up of pupils from **Years 2 to 4** demonstrated **exceptional teamwork, determination** and **skill** at a sports partnership competition last week.

The team showed great sportsmanship throughout, playing with **enthusiasm** and **confidence** in every match.

We are especially proud to share that they **won** their final game, finishing the competition **unbeaten!**

An **amazing achievement** well done to all the players for their hard work and positive attitude



Well done to KS1 pupils **Nellie Puckering** and **Bonnie-Rae Ferguson**, who both achieved fantastic success, scooping medals and certificates at an inter-club competition held at Stainsby Gymnastics.



Congratulations to Y5 pupil **Lily Charlton** on achieving her **Brownie Bronze Award** an excellent accomplishment **demonstrating commitment, teamwork** and **effort**. Well done, Lily!



Y2 pupil **Brodie McLaughlin** proudly shared his latest football achievements, winning two medals – one for **victory** in the **AJX** tournament and another as his **Wynyard** team secured **third** place.

Congratulations Brodie!

Congratulations to Y2 pupil **Jaxon Moutrey** who was chosen as **Beaver of the Year** at **Synthonia Scouts**, an achievement that means so much to him. What made the moment even more special were the kind and thoughtful words shared by his Beaver leader during the presentation evening. Hearing how highly he is thought of made us incredibly **proud** and reminded us just how lucky we are that Jaxon is part of the Oakdene family.

"Tonight, I have the real pleasure of talking about someone who has made a very **special impression** on our Beaver Scout Colony this year. Jaxon, our Beaver of the Year.

Jaxon has been an absolute credit to the Beavers. Over the past year, we' ve seen real **growth** in him not only in the skills he has developed and the **badges** he has earned, but in the way he conducts himself within the group. He has shown **determination, resilience** and a **willingness to try**, even when things have been challenging.

What stands out most is how Jaxon treats others. He is kind, friendly, and inclusive, always making an effort to get along with everyone and helping to create a welcoming atmosphere in the Colony. That doesn' t go unnoticed he sets a **wonderful example** for the other Beavers.

Jaxon truly deserves this recognition. He is Beaver of the Year not only for what he has achieved, but for who he is becoming and the **positive impact** he has had on those around him. Very well done!



Y2 pupil **Scarlett Van Wyk** proudly celebrated achieving her **Stage 2 gymnastics** certificate at **Velocity**.

This is a fantastic achievement and reflects her **dedication** and **hard work** in gymnastics.



**Darcie Murray Denby**, a Year 1 pupil, has made **phenomenal progress** in swimming, proudly sharing a collection of certificates including **100m** and **5m butterfly** last week. This week, she added even more achievements, earning certificates for **200m** and **25m backstroke**. Wow!

Week Ending 26<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	Leo Hudezicki	Sophie Balogun	Jessica Wilson	Jameel Abiona
YRC Miss Dixon	Theo Grimwood	Sophia Peers	Oliver Metcalfe	Jessie-Rae Allison
YRK Miss Dignen	Max Kendall	Mason Walker	Theo Bell	Harper-Rose Hill
Y1B Mrs Brown	Elsie Balogun	Junior Ferguson	Molly Robson	Jamie Hart
Y2D Mrs Durham	Abdulmaleek Abiona	Liam Turner	Olivia-Jane Midgley	Jenson-John Murray
Mrs Thompson	Elodie Richardson	Isla Featherstone	Destiny Murray	Jack Bourne
Y3H Mr Horban	Sava Ali	Amani Mohammad	Holland Finley	Ariana Wilson-Hill
Y4R Miss Robinson	Lillymae Morgan	Charlotte Eley-Carberry	Darcie Berry	Oliver Coates
Y5SW Mrs Smith	Sebastian Eley-Carberry	Albert Balanescu	Sophie Squires	Megan Squires
Mrs Wilson	Scarlett Allon	Aalia Dobson	Rupert Culley	Harley Wallace
Y6C Mrs Cowan	Skye Stainsby	Seb Bostock	Ava Hammond	Logan Daniels-Owen
Y6M Mr McConnell	Hollie Dale	William Culley	Annie Murray	Feame Fisher



YR & KS1  
Elodie Richardson

Y3 & Y4  
Mia Hudezicka

Y5 & Y6  
Daisy Thompson