

Dates For Your Diary - Summer

Tues 28th April Y4 Quad Kids Event @ Northfield

Mon 4th May **BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed**
 Tues 5th May Bowling event for 10 KS2 pupils at Hollywood Bowl
 Thur 7th May Reception pupils visit Hardwick Park
 Fri 8th May Experienced Y3/Y4 Football Tournament @ Stockton Town FC

Mon 11th May -Thurs 14th May **Key Stage 2 SATs** are timetabled
 Fri 15th May Y3 Striking & Fielding Skills Festival
 Y6 Bowling at Larry's Lanes

Wed 20th May Y5/Y6 Athletics Competition @ Middlesbrough Sports Village
 Thurs 21st May ELT Song & Dance for Uganda Day

Half-term holiday runs from:

Monday, 25th May to Friday, 5th June inclusive (two weeks).

The children will break up on:
Friday, 22nd May and will return to school on Monday, 8th June.

Week commencing 8th June - School to Administer checks for:
Y1 Phonics Screening, Y2 Resits and Y4 Multiplication Table

Tues 9th June Rec & Y6 Height & Weight Checks
 Y6 Cricket

Mon 15th -Wed 17th June Y6 Residential
 Thurs 18th June VEX Competition @ Nissan



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

Mon 6th July- 17th July Y6 Swimming Block (targeting those who cannot swim 25m)
 Tues 7th July 4.30pm - Meeting for Parents and Carers of September
 2025 New Reception Pupils
 Wed 8th July Y5 visit Eden Camp

Wed 15th July Y2 visit North York Moors, Danby 'Lost Words'
 ELT Northern Hub Y3 Singing Event @ Yarm School
 2pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y4 - Y6
 Thurs 16th July 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

One of the nursery shelters was transformed into a **barn** as we welcomed four new arrivals to Oakdene. Mrs Jackson kindly brought the **lambs** in to enhance the reception children's farm topic.

The whole school fell in love with them and had the opportunity to make a **connection** with these beautiful animals.

The children enjoyed **handling, feeding** and **observing** their playful personalities.



On the last day of the Spring term we held another highly successful **Open Morning** for the parents & carers of nursery pupils.

The theme of the activities was based on Easter and **STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths)** and activities included:

Science - using a pipette with vinegar to dissolve the baking soda Easter Eggs.

Technology - making edible Easter treats,

Arts - creating Easter Cards and **Mathematics**—engaging in Easter themed maths activities

The children also enjoyed playing Easter games including egg and spoon races.

Year 2 visit **Washington Wetland Centre** each year to launch their Summer Term science topic. During this inspiring visit, the children met characters from a **digital storybook**, including Ava, brought to life as a giant **puppet** in her nest. Guided by Ava, they explored the wetlands, listened to animal voices using **magical devices**, and took part in **nature-connection activities** that showed their care for the **environment**.

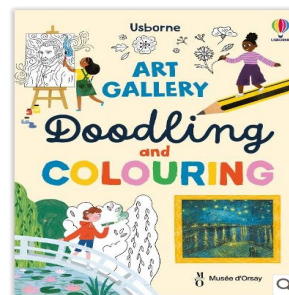
As a **reward**, the animals shared their secrets and the day ended with the children helping Ava begin her journey to **West Africa** to reunite with her family.

Back at school, pupils and families can follow Ava's adventures online and complete nature **challenges** to earn badges and become **Guardians of the Wild**.



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from
Miss Anderson
'Art Gallery Doodling and Colouring'
by **Rosie Dickens**



A fun and **creative** activity book for children (and grown-ups too!). Discover amazing pictures by some of the world's most **famous artists**, with fun facts and things to look out for. Then get creative by drawing, doodling and colouring your own **masterpieces**.

The book includes 23 artworks by artists such as **Vincent van Gogh, Claude Monet, Edgar Degas, Berthe Morisot, Paul Gauguin** and **Rosa Bonheur**.

There are also **safe internet links** to help children find out even more about **the artists** and their work.

Perfect for World Art Day!

Congratulations to ...



Lilymae Morgan
in Y4 who has
achieved Levels
10 & 11 in
Gymnastics.



Olivia Curry in Y2 who has been
awarded her **Level 5** in Gymnastics.

Izzy Matthews
in Y2 who has
achieved Levels
8 & 9 in
Gymnastics.



Ava Hammond in Y6
achieved Distinctions
in Tap & Ballet and
Merits in Free-Style
& Contemporary.
Plus trophy for
Dancer
of the
Month!



Rosie in Y4 & **Poppy** in
Y1 who achieved lots of
success in the 1 Day Redcar Dance
Competition which lasted for 13
hours. **Keep Dancing Girls!**



**Sebastian Eley-
Carberry** in Y5
who was
awarded
**Player of the
Week.**



Finley Orley in Y6 was
proud to share that
Billingham United
were **Easter Cup
Winners**. He is also
excited to be put into
District Trials.



Theo & Kian from Y4 who
were mascots for the Boro v
Portsmouth game. **UTB**



Scarlett Allon
in Y5 who has
achieved **Level 6**
in Gymnastics.



Dylan Allon in Y2 who was chosen as
Player of the Match for **Wolviston FC.**

**Thomasin
Scotland** in Y2
who has
achieved **Level 1** in
Roller Skating.



on your achievements!

Week Ending 2nd April 2026

Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 	Star Explorer 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Maisy Atkinson	Isabelle Harding	Grace Bellow	Rosie Ferguson	Albie Docherty-Grainger
Y1C Miss Dixon	Dolly Browning	Oliver Metcalfe	Harrison Howdle	Lewis Daniels-Owen	Archer Dixon
Y1K Miss Dignen	Theo Bell	Lottie Cooper	Oscar-Jay Edgar	Lucas Bailey	Ruby Bunn
Y1B Mrs Brown	Aubree Kitchin	Grace Harris	Leighton Wardle	Joey Blasco	Eddie Smithson
Y2D Mrs Durham	Dylan Allon	Brodie McLaughlin	Louise Walker	Olivia-Jane Midgley	Jason Adekunle
Mrs Thompson	Jason Moutrey	Elliot Hardy	Willow Earle	Michael Smith	Katy Coates
Y3H Mr Horlock	William Nimmo	Saga Swedlund	Arabella Sedgwick	Lily Grantham	Henry Brown
Y4R Miss Robinson	Lincoln Rose	Oakley Purvis	Darcie Berry	Michelle Adekunle	Max Prout
Y5SW Mrs Smith	Edward Gardiner-Jukes	Gracie Dale	Daisy Thompson	Lily Scott-Mullin	Milo Hancock
Mrs Wilson	Eliza-Grace Mack	Lily Charlton	Charlie Owens	Rupert Culley	Eve-Jayne Harrison
Y6C Mrs Cowan	Kayci Scott-Mullin	Leighton Harvey	Seb Bostock	Skye Stainesby	Ava Hammond
Y6M Mr McConnell	Ameez Ali	Landon Quinn	Annie Murray	Autumn Lonsdale	Ben Bainbridge



YR & KS1
Nellie Puckering

Y3 & Y4
Roman
Chesworth

Y5 & Y6
Nancy Green

Week Ending 24th April 2026

Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Olivia-Caitlyn Stephenson	Matilda Curry	Hugo Stephens	Ivy-Grace Parkinson Lumley
YRC Miss Dixon	Ruban Gilbey	Ava Fleming	Mabel Dodds-Day	Theo Grimwood
YRK Miss Dignen	Zac Love	Ruben Earle	Harper-Rose Hill	Edith Lewis
YIB Mrs Brown	Ava Staniford	Joey Blasco	Poppy Daniel	Nathaniel Jefferies
Y2D Mrs Durham	Lucas Milne	Bonnie-Rae Ferguson	Amelia Wright	Dylan Allon
Mrs Thompson	Elodie Richardson	Katy Coates	Jaxon Moutrey	Vinnie Westwood
Y3H Mr Horkan	Yasmeen Mumtaz Awan	Brianna Pearce	Amani Mohammad	Oakley Harrison
Y4R Miss Robinson	Kian Jewson	Lily Archer	Niamh Bellew	Lilly Dixon
Y5SW Mrs Smith	Sophie Squires	Evie-Jayne Harrison	Blake Playle	Lewis Harris
Mrs Wilson	Edward Gardiner-Jukes	Harrison Unsworth	Gracie Dale	Evie Richardson
Y6C Mrs Cowan	William Marshall	Dolly Rogers	Brooke Love	Max Devlin
Y6M Mr McConnell	Annie Murray	Ben Bainbridge	George Reevell	Amez Ali



YR & KSI
Alfie Cain

Y3 & Y4
Charlie Beken

Y5 & Y6
Evie-Jayne Harrison