

Weekly Newsletter
29th June 2026



Right of the Fortnight: Article 3:

All adults should do what is best for you.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again our Oakdene family celebrated **School Diversity Week 2026**. The entire school community came together to recognise and embrace the wonderfully diverse world we're part of a week full of learning, sharing, and celebrating what makes each of us **unique**. From themed assemblies and classroom discussions, to creative projects and inclusive storytelling, pupils explored the **richness** of different **identities, cultures** and **experiences**.

Every corner of Oakdene echoed the values of respect, kindness and unity. This week's celebrations perfectly complemented our ongoing commitment to the **Rainbow Flag Award**, a visible sign of our dedication to LGBTQ+ **inclusion** across the **curriculum** and school environment. By embedding the Rainbow Flag principles in all we do, from leadership to policy to classroom practice, we're not just talking about **equality**, we're living it.

We were also proud to host a **Computing Showcase**, led by **Mr Horkan**, celebrating the exciting digital learning taking place throughout the school. The event provided an opportunity for visitors to see computing in action, with pupils confidently demonstrating **coding, robotics** and **digital literacy** activities from across the curriculum.

We were delighted to welcome colleagues from schools in **Manchester, Whitby, Stokesley and Stockton**, who visited classrooms, explored our computing provision and spoke with pupils about their learning. Our children represented the school superbly, showcasing their enthusiasm, knowledge and confidence in using technology. The showcase was a fantastic **celebration of innovation, creativity** and **collaboration**, highlighting the important role computing plays in preparing our pupils for the future.



Wishing you a fantastic week.

Mrs Bramley & Mrs Osborne

Dates For Your Diary - Summer

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 Meet my new teacher morning (new date) 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' ELT Northern Hub 20 pupils from Y3 Singing Event at Yarm School Auditorium
Thurs 16th July	2pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y4 - Y6 Y4 visit Sunderland Winter Garden Museum 6.00pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (Tickets only - available via MCAS under the 'Products' tab)
Fri 17th July	Y5 VE day
Mon 20th –Wed 22nd July Y6 Northfield Pupils Attend Summer School	
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



We were thrilled to welcome our Year 1 parents and carers to a spectacular **Art Gallery** event showcasing the creativity of our young artists.

Inspired by the bold colours and expressive brushstrokes of their Key Artist, **Vincent Van Gogh**, the children worked incredibly hard to produce vibrant, imaginative pieces that truly lit up the room.

Parents and carers had the wonderful opportunity to purchase their child's **framed artwork**, a **hand-painted sunflower pot**, and a **beautifully designed mug**. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported our young artists.



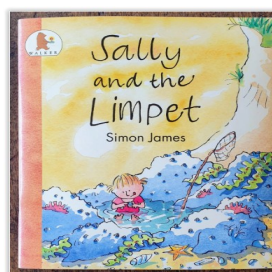
Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from

Mrs Wardle

'Sally and the Limpet'

by **Simon James**



A **heartwarming** story about a little girl who learns an important **environmental lesson**.

When Sally pulls a limpet off a rock at the beach, it **sticks** to her finger and nothing she or her family or her friends do can unstick it.

Sally's teacher says that limpets live on the same rock for twenty years. So will Sally ever get the limpet off her finger?

Year 5 pupils recently took part in a fantastic **Dodgeball** Competition, demonstrating the **School Games Values** throughout the event.

The team played brilliantly against strong opposition and were delighted to finish in **3rd place**, earning well-deserved **bronze medals**. Everyone represented the school with pride and should be extremely **proud** of their achievement.

Well done, Year 5!



Last week, Year 2 enjoyed an exciting outdoor literacy trail at Wynyard Woodland Park, hosted by Thornaby Academy through the Stockton Schools Sport Partnership.

Led by Teen Sports Leaders, the children took part in fun activities including **Eye Spy**, **Rhyming Words**, **Memory Games** and **Colour Matching**.

Everyone had a fantastic time **learning outdoors** and further developing their teamwork and **literacy skills**.



Week Ending 26th 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 Hudeicki	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 Horlock	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 Hudeicka

Y5 & Y6
Daisy Thompson