

Weekly Newsletter 3rd November 2025



Right of the Fortnight: Article 31:

Your Right to Relax & Play



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break. **Happy Diwali** to those families who celebrated this 'Festival of Light'.

Parent consultation evening appointments are now available to book on the My Child at School (MCaS) app. We continue to offer a hybrid model—**face to face appointments** as well as **telephone appointments**. We can't wait to share how much progress your child/ren are making and we can provide top tips to support at home. **Please remember that all clubs will be cancelled next week.**

School was a flurry of activities on the last week of term including the **Y1s** taking part in the **KS1 sports festival**. The **Spooktacular Hallowe'en Lunch/ Discos** and Autumnal delights proved to be highlights of the week. Reception closed their first topic by welcoming some **former Oakdene pupils** who are now local **real-life superheroes** into their classroom such as an **NHS nurse** (Nurse Lauren) and two members of the **RAF** (Cpl Charnel and Sgt Paige). The children were inspired to hear about their very important **careers** and had great fun completing challenges – including applying bandages.

Have a fabulous week!

Mrs E Bramley and
Mrs S Osborne



It was fantastic to welcome so many parents & carers of **Y3** pupils to a Hedgehog-themed **Open Morning**. The morning was inspired by the whole class reading text '**The Hodgehog**' by key author **Dick-King Smith**. Activities included baking **Hedgehog Bread** and designing a **Road Safety Hedgehog Bookmark**. Parents & carers were introduced to this term's **Story Project** and **Whole Class texts** and found out how they can continue to support reading at home. **Jenny and Sue from Pepperfield Farm Hedgehog Rescue**, joined us to share invaluable tips how to help hedgehogs thrive. They were very appreciative of the generous donations.



Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

NOVEMBER

Non-Fiction November

Mon 3rd Nov	Fire safety assembly led by local firefighters
Wed 5th Nov	9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y2 Pupils PM Y5 & Y6 Boys Football 11-12p.m. Y3/4 Author visit Gabrielle Kent
Thurs 6th Nov	Y3 visit Danelaw Viking Village
Fri 7th Nov	Y5 Scavenger Hunt & Team Building Event, Northfield AM
w/c Mon 10th Nov	Parent Consultation Evenings (No Extra-curricular Clubs this week)
Tues 11th Nov	Royal British legion & National Literacy Trust Virtual Remembrance Assembly hosted by JJ Chalmers and appearances from two Oakdene pupils.
Wed 12th Nov	18 children from Y3/Y4 attend Indoor Athletics event
Fri 14th Nov	Children In Need Day Flu Nasal Spray (pupils from Rec-Y6). Please return consent forms
w/c Mon 17th Nov	Road Safety Week
Wed 19th Nov	9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y5 Pupils
Thurs 20th Nov	Y1 'One Snowy Night' visit
Fri 21st Nov	Individual & Sibling Photographs
w/c Mon 24th Nov	UK Parliament Week & Young Poets Week
Tues 25th Nov	9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y4 Pupils Mock Wedding for Reception Pupils
Wed 26th Nov	PD Day 3 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)
Tues 2nd Dec	Y4 visit 'Rockin' Christmas Gig Y5 visit Centre for Life Newcastle
Wed 3rd Dec	3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Christmas Fair
Fri 5th Dec	10.00am Y3 & Y4 Tableau @ St Luke's Church Christmas Lunch
Tues 9th Dec	9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Nursery Pupils
Wed 10th Dec	2.15pm Nativity Performance
Thurs 11th Dec	2.15pm Nativity Performance
Fri 12th Dec	10.00am Y5 visit Arc - linked to Key Author
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



REMINDER

Once again, the Rights Respecting Steering Group would like to support Children in Need Day on Friday, 14th November 2025.

This year's theme is

'Challenge Yourself to 25'. This encourages people to take on a sponsored challenge involving the number 25, such as walking 25km, baking 25 cupcakes, or completing a 25-question quiz. .

Non-uniform or pyjamas are welcomed.

Whatever your child chooses to come dressed in, please just make sure that it is appropriate for the school day, for example, sensible shoes for playtime.

We would like to encourage every child to bring in a voluntary donation (£1 suggestion) to contribute towards this fundraiser.



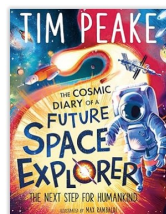
Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from

Mrs Cowan

'The Cosmic Diary of a Future Space Explorer'

By Tim Peake



Ever wondered what it's really like to launch into space?

Join real-life astronaut **Tim Peake** as he takes you on an extraordinary journey beyond Earth—exploring the wonders of space and the possibilities of our future among the stars.

Could we one day build a colony on Mars?

Will humans ever set foot on Venus?

And what happens if you try to play football on the Moon?

Your mission: suit up and follow Tim (along with a team of brilliant **STEM experts**) through an adventure packed with **mind-blowing facts**, incredible stories, and a peek inside the diary of one truly unforgettable space voyage.

A perfect choice for **Non-Fiction November!**

Celebrating Outstanding Attendance! We are incredibly proud of the number of children who achieved 100% attendance throughout the last academic year. These photos show just a sample of them and the Y6s have moved to their secondary schools. Their **commitment, resilience and dedication** to learning are truly commendable. To recognize this fantastic achievement, each child received a well-deserved gift/s worth £50 as a token of appreciation for their hard work and perseverance.

Well done to all our attendance stars—you are an inspiration to us all!



Our pupil voice group assisted Mrs Wilson and the **Billingham and Stockton Borough Foodbank** promoting, sorting and loading the van which collected all your kind donations.

The Pupil Voice group would like to thank you again for your **generous donations**; you have helped families in crisis.

Well done everyone!



Remembrance Day

Poppies continue to be on sale in school on behalf of The Royal British Legion.

Y6 pupils visit classes daily for pupils to purchase poppies.

We will spend time thinking about the brave men, women and veterans who have **served our country** and the sacrifices they've made.

The whole school will observe a two-minute silence on **Tuesday, 11th November**.



It was great to be able to hold the **Hallowe'en Discos** just before the half term break. Our hall was transformed into 'Hogwarts'. The DJ entertainer organised party games and awarded prizes to those who got into the spirit of dancing!

The children looked spooktacular! Overall, the evening was a huge success, and raised just over **£500** towards school funds.

Thank you for your support with this event! A huge thank you to all the staff for making this happen!



Warm Someone's Winter – Donate Your Unused Coats Today

With the '**cost of living crisis**', everyone is feeling the pinch. That's why the Friends of Oakdene are hosting a **FREE 'pop up event' 'Coats for All'** on **Friday, 14th November**.

A huge thank you to Mrs Clare Jackson who is organising this community event.

Hopefully lots of children and families will join us in the **DINING HALL** and benefit from '**new**' coats in preparation for the colder months ahead.



Week Ending 24th October 2025

Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Rosie Ferguson	Mabilda Curry	James Higgins	Eleanor Sutherland
YRC Miss Dixon	Theo Grimwood	Theo Burgum	Rory Baker	Ava Fleming
YRK Miss Dignen	Aaliyah Sanchez-Godt	Oscar-Jay Edgar	Edith Lewis	Ollie Foster
YIB Mrs Brown	Elise Balogun	Junior Ferguson	Nellie Puckering	Elijah Wilson-Hill
Y2D Mrs Durham	Darcy Hammond	Prashvita Bhimavarapu	Amelia Wright	Jason Adekunle
Mrs Thompson	Isla Featherstone	Michael Smith	Harper Cooper	Jack Bourne
Y3H Mr Horkan	Brianna Pearce	Noah Selvon	William Nimmo	Henry Brown
Y4R Miss Robinson	Lola Pearce	Jack Blasco	Oliver Coates	Charlotte Eley-Carberry
Y5SW Mrs Smith	Anaya Usman	Albert Balanescu	Daisy Thompson	Milo Hancock
Mrs Wilson	Cason Tierney	Harley Wallace	Megan Squires	Archie Donnelly
Y6C Mrs Cowan	Logan Daniels-Owen	Frankie McQuilling	William Marshall	Kayci Scott-Mullin
Y6M Mr McConnell	Archie Hall	Amber Hammond	Hollie Dale	Ameez Ali



YR & Y1
Ebony Lane

Y2 & Y3
Altay Arslan

Y4, Y5 & Y6
Logan
Daniels-Owen