

## Weekly Newsletter 6th May 2025



**Right of the Fortnight:**  
**Article 6 :**  
**Your right to life & to be healthy.**



**Dear Parents/Carers,**

**Welcome back!** We hope that everyone had a fabulous Easter break. The **Friends of Oakdene** raised an incredible **£402.62**, thank you so much for supporting our Easter raffle.

The summer term is always a great term with so many events taking place. We will be sending out lots of information over the coming weeks so please make sure that you **check Marvellous Me and keep-up to date with the latest news on our website and weekly newsletters.**

It was wonderful to welcome parents/carers into school to view their children's books and meet class teachers to discuss the **phenomenal** progress your children are making. It was great that so many of you were able to hear about the great things your child has been **learning** and their overall **wellbeing.**

**National Offer Day** for primary schools took place on 16th April 2025. Once again we've received a high volume of applications from other local schools and private day nurseries. Congratulations to all our nursery children who will be offered a school **Reception place** for September 2025. We look forward to continuing your learning journey with us. More information will follow after the May half-term break.

This is a very short half-term but an extremely busy one. Despite the lighter nights we really emphasise that children **maintain bedtime routines** and have a good night's sleep. **Please remember to use the one- way system to ease congestion at the beginning and start of the day—THANK YOU!**

Finally, on Friday, we said farewell to **Mrs Glynis Williams** who was extremely dedicated whilst assisting in our school kitchen for many years. We wish her a **happy, healthy and long retirement.**

Have a wonderful week!  
Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Both **Harry Prout** and **Sahand Ahmadi** attended Oakdene and transitioned to Northfield Secondary School in 2022. Time flies and they are now in Y9 choosing their options. They have always been **high achievers** and have continued to **excel** in all subjects. As a result of **sustaining excellence**, they were selected to take part in the '**Aspire Programme**' at Bede College.

The four week programme was a remarkable opportunity to explore A levels in a range of subjects to **motivate** the **most able** children for leaving school and **raising aspirations** to attend outstanding universities such as **Oxford** and **Cambridge**. Both Harry and Sahand really enjoyed the programme and celebrated their success at a **prestigious** awards evening. It is always wonderful to share the stories of former pupils. This is an **exceptional achievement** for Harry and Sahand. We are so proud of them and they will inspire current Oakdene pupils to do their best. We know the future looks extremely bright for these incredible young men. Congratulations!



## Dates For Your Diary - Summer

Wed 7th May            Y3 Teesside Princess River Cruise  
 Fri 9th May            Y3/4 Open Football Tournament for 10 pupils (AM)

Mon 12th May - Thurs 15th May **Key Stage 2 SATs** are Timetabled  
 Thurs 15th May      BBQ Lunch  
 Fri 16th May           Y6 Post SATS Bowling trip

w/c Mon 19th May Walk to School Week  
 Wed 21st May        Y5/6 Athletics for 40 pupils  
 Fri 23rd May        Y3/4 Striking & Fielding Festival for 30 Pupils (AM)

*Half-term holiday runs from:*  
**Monday, 26th May to Friday, 6th June inclusive (two weeks).**

*The children will break up after school on:*  
**Friday, 23th May and will return to school on Monday, 9th June.**

Week commencing 9th June - School to Administer Checks for:  
**Y1 Phonics Screening, Y2 Resits and Y4 Multiplication Tables.**

Wed 11th June        Y3 Captain Cook Museum  
 Fri 12th June        Y2 Visit Theatre Royal, Newcastle to see 'Joseph'

w/c Mon 16th June National Refugee Week  
 Tues 17th June      Class Photographs

w/c Mon 23th June School Diversity Week  
 Tues 24th June      Y5 Dodgeball for 14 Pupils (PM)  
 Wed 25th-  
 Fri 27th June        Y6 Residential

w/c Mon 30th June Launch Summer Reading Challenge  
 Thurs 3rd July      Y5 Visit Eden Camp

Mon 7th July-Fri 18th July Y5 Swimming  
 Tues 15th July       2.15pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y1-Y3  
 Thurs 17th July     6.00pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (Tickets Only)  
 Fri 18th July        2pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y4-Y6

Mon 21st July        Meet My New Teacher Event  
 Mon 21st —Wed 23rd July Y6 Pupils Attend Summer School @ Northfield

Tues 22nd July       Reception Pupils Olympic Celebratory Event  
 Wed 23rd July       3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Summer Fayre  
 Thurs 24th July     Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM  
                              Teddy Bears' Picnic

Fri 25th July        **LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM**



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.



Last Tuesday, Year 6 visited **FUJIFILM** in Billingham linked to our **Careers** and **STEM** curriculum. They had a tour of the building and took part in four activities - earning stickers in their **FUJIFILM passport** for each one they completed. One of their favourite activities was testing the **viscosity of liquids**- first predicting using **observation skills**, then using a machine from **FUJIFILM**. **FUJIFILM** told the children who filled their passports they are able to come back and apply for a job!

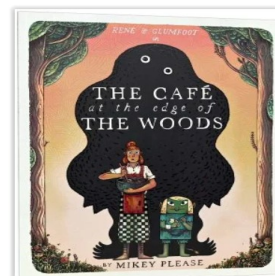


Each week **Madame Sonley** (specialist language teacher) teaches languages to all KS2 pupils. The Y3 pupils practised their new vocabulary during a **French Day** at school. The children immersed themselves in French culture. They entered the **French Café** to order breakfast (in French) and paid with Euros. The Y3s played French bingo, enjoyed traditional French playground games, and learned the Can-Can dance. **Merci beaucoup** for the generous donations which made the café really special.



### Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from **Miss Anderson**  
**'The Café at the Edge of the Woods'**  
by **Mikey Please**



Written in **rhyme** this book is so fun to **read aloud**.

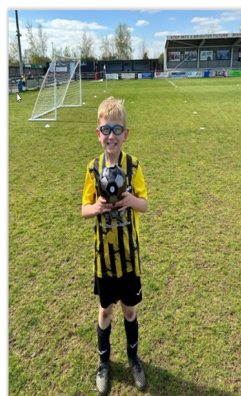
It is **stunningly illustrated** and captures **adorable characters** and environments which will **spark children's imaginations**. Very **relatable** for parents dealing with **fussy eaters**, and a fun reminder that any food can be dressed up as something fun to **encourage** children to eat different foods!





Y2 pupil **Aidan Turner** has played for **Riverside Paris Saint Germain Academy** throughout this football season.

Aidan was proud to share his trophy in recognition that his **team** achieved a very respectable **second place** in their league. Wonderful!



Y3 pupil **Roman Chesworth** brought in a trophy that he and his team won in a recent seven-aside tournament at **Bishop Auckland FC**.

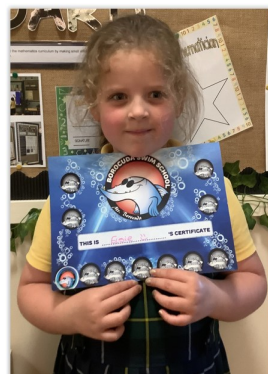
Through the duration of the tournament the team played some great **football** and scored some fantastic goals.

The team remained **unbeaten** all day and did not concede a single goal.



Y5 pupil **Alyssa Frost-Usher** was presented with two beautiful **medals and certificates** for achieving **two merits** in graded dance examinations.

Alyssa was most proud of her **brilliant ballet** presentation.



Y2 pupil **Elsie Dinsdale-Swales** was extremely proud to share her recent **swimming** achievement.

Elsie received her Stage 1 certificate from the **Borocuda Swim School**.

Amazing!



Y3 pupils **Alex Wainwright** and **Niamh Bellew** were delighted to have **successfully** passed their **Level 5** of Tees Active's **Learn to Skate Scheme**. Well done!



Many **congratulations** to Y3 pupil **Darcie Berry** for achieving three consecutive awards—her **Level 4, 5 and 6 Proficiency Award** for **gymnastics**.


Y1 pupil **Isabel Liddle** advanced to her **Level 7 Proficiency Award** for **gymnastics**. Wow!

Caleb (Y1) & Nathaniel (Rec) Jefferies spent Easter being very active. Highlights included: the **Billingham Junior Park Run**—Both boys ran their first 2k junior park run in under 15 minutes; each earning new Personal Bests. As keen cyclists, they both competed in the Under 8 category of the **North East Youth League** on their home circuit for their team Manilla at Summerhill Hartlepool. They both competed in round two of **League 2000** and improved their time-trial times and Caleb participated in the 'come and try time-trial event' for age 6 and over at the **Croft Motor Circuit**.




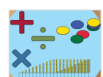



Week Ending 11th April 2025  
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 	Star Artist 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Brooklyn Butler	Katelyn Swales-Clark	Mabel Dodds-Day	Junior Morgan	Harper-Rose Hill
YR Miss Dixon	Junior Scarth- Ferguson	Alaia Cunningham	Ivy Laing	Oscar Stainsby	Nellie Puckering
Y1 Mrs Brown & Mrs Thompson	Michael Smith	Altay Arslan	Harry Robinson	Vinnie Westwood	Willow Earle
	Bonnie-Rae Scarth- Ferguson	Hallie Richardson	Lucas Lee	Jenson- John Murray	Aysel Khan
Y2 Mrs Durham	Brianna Pearce	Aidan Turner	William Nimmo	Ariana Wilson-Hill	Lily Grantham
Y3 Mr Horkan	Elena Hold	Lincoln Rose	Max Prout	Olivia Wallace	Junior Hindmarsh
Y4 Miss Robinson	Milo Hancock	Cason Tierney	Quinn Parkin	Erle-Jayne Harrison	Megan Squires
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Archie Hall	Piper Noon	Ellis Fearn	Leighton Harvey	Ava Hammond
Y5M Mr McConnell	Lily Daniel	Leah Cooley	Ben Bainbridge	Alannah Bell	Alyssa Frost-Usher
Y6 Mrs Cowan	Noah White	Jack Westmoreland	Kara Dixon	Thea Birch	Brianna May- Thomas

	YR & KS1 Annie Tunney	Y3 & Y4 Max Prout	Y5 & Y6 Leah Cooley
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Week Ending 2nd May 2025  
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs. Guest	Junior Morgan	Edith Lewis	Ruben Earle	Mabel Dodds-Day
YR Miss Dixon	Nellie Puckering	Junior Scarth- Ferguson	Leighton Wardle	Eddie Smithson
Y1 Mrs Brown & Mrs Thompson	Jack Bourne	Harry Robinson	Destiny Murray	Izzy Matthews
	Lucas Milne	Amelia Wright	Tommy Wilks	Liam Turner
Y2 Mrs Durham	Mia Hudzicka	Arabella Sedgewick	Issac McCarthy	Keesha Griffin
Y3 Mr Horkan	Leighton Daniels-Owen	Alex Wainwright	Max Prout	Junior Hindmarsh
Y4 Miss Robinson	Harrison Unsworth	Edward Gardiner- Jukes	Spencer Lee	Aalia Dobson
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Autumn Lonsdale	Charlie Kibbler	Piper Noon	Archie Hall
Y5M Mr McConnell	Sophie-Alysa Minter	Finley Orley	Nancy Green	Landon Quinn
Y6 Mrs Cowan	Peter Balanesu	Holly Stapleton	Hayden Jackson	Daniel Young
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