

Weekly Newsletter 6th October 2025



Right of the Fortnight: Article 42:
The government must let children &
families know about their rights.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We were deeply saddened to hear of the recent incident at the **Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation Synagogue in Manchester**. My parents live in Prestwich, and although I am not Jewish, we lived in the heart of the Jewish quarter, and I had the privilege of attending a Jewish college with one of the victims. Many of our friends and loved ones have been deeply affected, and our **heartfelt condolences** go out to the families, victims, and everyone impacted by this tragic event.

Key dates for secondary school admissions 2025

We do hope that most Y6 pupils will have taken the opportunity to visit secondary school open evenings. The deadline for all applications is **31st October 2025**.

National Poetry Day

On Thursday, 2nd October the whole school celebrated **National Poetry Day**. The theme this year was 'Play'. In **Early Years** children explored **playful poetry** through activities, inspired by **My Magic Telescope** by Sean Taylor, from the book **Five Little Friends: A Collection of Finger Rhymes**.

KS1 pupils took part in a series of **5-minute poetry challenges** throughout the day. These quick, imaginative prompts were used as lesson starters, plenaries, or spontaneous creative moments—encouraging children to **express themselves** through fun and engaging poetry games.

KS2 pupils explored the emotional and historical significance of **Remembrance** through poetry, in collaboration with the **National Literacy Trust**, poet **Tomos Roberts** and the **Royal British Legion**. Children took part in live online workshops led by Tomos on 30th September, with follow-up sessions continuing through National Poetry Day and culminating in a **Poetry Showcase** on Friday, 3rd October. Throughout the project, pupils have been encouraged to reflect, write, and perform their own poems. Photos, videos, and pupil voice clips will be shared during the **National Remembrance Assembly broadcast on Tuesday, 11th November at 10.30am**.

Enjoy the week ahead!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

It was fantastic to welcome so many parents & carers of Y1 pupils during the **Autumn-themed open morning**. The children followed a simple recipe to make Percy's favourite **shortbread leaf biscuits**, applied mathematical skills for **Percy's problem solving** activities, **browsed** our **reading book scheme** and found out more about the **expectations** for reading in Y1 (including demonstrations of Lexia and MyOn). The children also used their creativity to produce **seasonal artwork**.



Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

OCTOBER - Oracy October & Black History Month



Tues 7th Oct	BBC Politics North film Library Areas
Wed 8th Oct	Y6 Tag Rugby Festival - PM 3.20pm Hallowe'en Costumes Shop (dining hall)
Thurs 9th Oct	Y4 visit Binchester Roman Fort
Fri 10th Oct	Y5 Ancient Greek Workshop
Mon 13th Oct	PM Y1 Forum Theatre visit 'The Smeds & The Smoos'
Wed 15th Oct	STEM Family Challenge for Y6 Session 1 6C 9am - 10.30am Session 2 6M 10:45 am to 12:15pm
Tues 21st Oct	4.00pm Open Evening for Prospective New 2026 Reception/ EYFS Starters (new date)
Wed 22nd Oct	PM Y1 Sports Festival
Thurs 23rd Oct	9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y3 Pupils Hallowe'en Discos (No Extra-curricular Clubs) Y1-Y3 4.00-4.50pm and Y4-Y6 5.00-6.00pm
Fri 24th Oct	Y5 Scavenger Hunt & Team Building Event, Northfield AM Children Break Up for Half-Term Half-Term Break Monday, 27th Oct - Friday, 31st Oct
NOVEMBER	Non-Fiction November
Wed 5th Nov	9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y2 Pupils PM Y5 & Y6 Boys Football
Thurs 6th Nov	Y3 visit Danelaw Viking Village
w/c Mon 10th Nov	Parent Consultation Evenings (No Extra-curricular Clubs this week)
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)
w/c Mon 17th Nov	Road Safety Week
Wed 19th Nov	9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y5 Pupils
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
Wed 26th Nov	PD Day 3 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)
Tues 2nd Dec	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	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




The Rights
Respecting Group needs you!
Please donate to the food bank!
Friday 24th October last day for donations.



Long Life UHT Milk
Small bottles of squash
Tinned Fish
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Rice pudding/Custard
Coffee
Washing up liquid
Washing capsules
Toilet Roll/Deodorants/Shampoo
Shower gel

Oakdene Primary School



Halloween Disco - Thursday, 23rd October 2025



The Halloween Disco has been planned for **Thursday, 23rd October**. The DJ is booked!

Tickets will be available from the class teachers from **Monday, 13th October** to **Friday, 17th October** for £4.00 in **CASH**. This includes the price of a hot dog, fries, a drink and sweets.

As usual, this event will be organised as two separate discos. KS1 (Y1, Y2) and Y3's disco will be **4.00-4.50pm** and Y4-Y6 will be **5.00-6.00pm**.

We have tried to invite reception and nursery pupils historically, however, they became too distressed.

All children will need to be dropped off at the main entrance, KS1 at 4.00pm and KS2 at 5.00pm. **KS1 (Year 1 and 2) & Y3s** pupils should be collected at 4.50pm from the dining hall (KS2 yard) to avoid congestion as the KS2 pupils arrive.

Pupils in Y4-Y6 should be collected from the main entrance at 6.00pm.

It's going to be **frighteningly fantastic!**



At Oakdene, we're proud to foster a **strong** and **supportive school community** through regular events that bring us together and help fund valuable resources. Thanks to your incredible support, the Summer Fayre raised an amazing **£1,102.50**, allowing us to reach our fundraising goal for a brand new sound and music system. Your generosity **makes a real difference**—and we're excited to see the positive impact this will have across the school!

If you're a parent or carer of a pupil at Oakdene and would like to get involved in school events—such as discos, fundraising activities, and seasonal fayres—we'd love to hear from you! Please collect a **Friends of Oakdene** form from the school office and return it once completed.

**Our first meeting will be held on
Thursday, 9 October after school.**

We'll have activities available to keep children occupied, so please don't worry if childcare is a concern. **Everyone is welcome—especially if you're new to the school.** We look forward to seeing you there!



Many schools promote the Summer Reading Challenge. At Oakdene we have a challenge for each of the **four seasons**.

Mrs Osborne has promoted the **Autumn Reading Challenge** in assemblies.

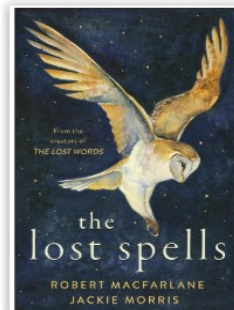
Please remind your child about this: **x2 Dojos** for every challenge completed, **x10 Dojos** for all challenges completed & the best effort from each class will get to **choose a book**.

Final date for completion:
Friday 24th October



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from
Mrs Thompson
'The Lost Spells'
by **Robert Macfarlane & Jackie Morris**



The Lost Spells is a magical book that helps you see how amazing nature is! With poems and beautiful pictures, it brings animals like red foxes, birds like jackdaws, and trees like birches to life.

The words by Robert Macfarlane are like little spells, and the lovely watercolour pictures by Jackie Morris make you feel like you're right there in the wild. These poems are like magic charms — they help us remember and protect the wonderful world around us.

Y6 visited **Beamish Open Air Museum** to experience what life was like in Britain in the early 1900's. They learnt lots about how life in Britain has changed, rode on trams, visited the old school and coal mine and visited the town to do some shopping. The busiest shop was the old sweet shop.



Congratulations to **Evie (Y5)** and **Hallie (Y2)** **Richardson**, who both achieved new belts in **Tang Soo Do** following their recent gradings!

Hallie proudly completed her **first grading**, earning a **yellow tag belt**, while Evie progressed to a **yellow belt**, demonstrating her growing skill and dedication to the martial art.

We're incredibly proud of their achievements and the discipline, focus, and perseverance they've shown.



Week Ending 3rd October 2025

Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Matilda Curry	Mylah Thompson	Grace Bellew	Thomas Higgins
YRC Miss Dixon	Harrison Howdle	Alfie Lynch	Ava Fleming	Jensen Langstaff
YRK Miss Dignen	Finley Ayre	Edith Lewis	Parker Purvis	Oscar-Jay Edgar
Y1B Mrs Brown	Jamie Hart	Poppy Daniel	Alaia Cunningham	Freya White
Y2D Mrs Durham	Liam Turner	Jason Adekunle	Nate Oliver	Brodie McLaughlin
Mrs Thompson	Michael Smith	Elliot Hardy	Thomasin Scotland	Ruben Black
Y3H Mr Horkan	Issac McCarthy	Joseph Luker	Miley Dodds-Day	Arabella Sedgwick
Y4R Miss Robinson	Freddie Bell	Elena Hold	Lincoln Rose	Lillymae Morgan
Y5SW Mrs Smith	Lily Charlton	Hannah Liddle	Sophie Squires	Gracie Dale
Mrs Wilson	Jake Marshall	Milo Hancock	Albert Balanescu	Jacob Edgar
Y6C Mrs Cowan	Max Devlin	Kayci Scott-Mullin	Alyssa Frost-Usher	Brooke Love
Y6M Mr McConnell	Ben Bainbridge	Reuben Edgar	Autumn Lonsdale	Annie Murray



YR & Y1

Freya White

Y2 & Y3

Noah Selvon

Y4, Y5 & Y6

Michelle Adekunle