

Weekly Newsletter  
7th April 2025



**Right of the Fortnight: Article 40:**  
Your right to legal help if you have been  
accused of breaking the law.



**Dear Parents/Carers,**

We have just one week left before we break-up for the **Easter holidays!** It's continued to be really busy around school with a number of **trips** and **visitors**, **sports competitions** and **enquiry** days.

The **Scholastic Book Club** has now closed. A huge **THANK YOU** to the parents/carers who have purchased books totalling **£334.50**. This incredible effort has **raised £66.90** for our school to **spend on books**.

In addition to this, we've had a real **focus on attendance** which has risen this week. We all need to work together to ensure children are not missing any learning opportunities, so thank you for those of you that have gone the extra mile the past few weeks.

Y1 pupil **Thomasin Scotland** wrote to me a few weeks ago. During her visit to a **hospital** she noticed that the toys in the waiting room were broken or in poor condition. Thomasin is hosting a **coffee morning** to raise money for toys for the hospital waiting rooms at James Cook Hospital on **Saturday, 3rd May** from 10am to noon at **St. Columba's Church** on Marsh House Avenue. Both cash and card payments will be accepted. Thomasin will be baking giant **vegan cookies**. Anyone who would like to bring a cake is welcome to do so on the morning before doors open at 10am.

**Easter Celebrations**

We hope that all of our families and staff who will be celebrating Easter are looking forward to their celebrations and wish all of our pupils and their parents and carers a Happy Easter. We look forward to seeing you on **Monday, 28th April!**

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Last Friday, we held an extremely successful **Open Morning** for the Parents & Carers of nursery pupils. Activities included creating rainbow **fruit kebabs**, healthy **eating**, designing and making filter-paper **butterflies** and playing a range of Easter **number games** as well as **egg and spoon races**.

Parents and Carers were provided with lots of information on how to reduce the sugar content in their children's diet.



## Dates For Your Diary - Spring

W/c 7th April  
Tues 8th April  
Thurs 10th April  
Fri 11th April

Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers - PM  
Y3 French Day  
Height & Weight Checks for Pupils in Rec & Y6  
*Children break up for Easter*

### EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday, 14th April - Friday, 25th April

Mon 28th April Summer Term Commences - Children Return to School

Tues 29th April Y6 visit Fujifilm - PM

Mon 5th May **BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed**

Mon 12th May - Thurs 15th May **Key Stage 2 SATs** are Timetabled

Half-term holiday runs from:

**Monday, 26th May to Friday, 6th June inclusive (two weeks).**

The children will break up 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.**



Cricket coach **Matthew Bowman** from **Durham Cricket Club** provided **cricket taster sessions** for all pupils from Y3-Y6.

Matthew demonstrated and taught basic **batting and fielding drills** in a simple and **engaging** manner. The emphasis was on the **camaraderie, sportsmanship** and the **joy** of playing cricket with friends.

The sessions really **sparked** the children's **curiosity**.



12 Pupils from Y5 & Y6 took part in a recent **Hockey** tournament at Norton Sports Complex. They demonstrated great **teamwork and resilience**.

We have challenged decisions made by the referee as we feel that we should have been placed **2nd**.  
Well done everyone!



Cycling season has started for **Caleb (Y1)** and **Nathaniel (Rec) Jefferies** with round one of 2025 League 2000 hosted by **Cleveland Wheelers**.

A new season brings lots of change: a **new kit**, Caleb moves up to the **Under 8s** and has a **bigger bike** which brings **new challenges** in the **skills test** but more **power** for the **time trial** and race. Caleb moved up from the 2 small lap race to the 2 big lap race.

Both boys put in a fantastic effort and have made **huge improvements** from their first ever League 2000 round last year. Amazing!



**Congratulations** to two Y3 pupils for continuing to progress in gymnastics.

**Lillymae Morgan** achieved her **Gymnastics Proficiency Award Level 3** (she was just 1 mark off L4) whilst **Niamh Bellew** achieved her **Gymnastics Proficiency Award Level 4**.

The girls will add their latest **certificates** and **wrist bands** to their collection.



Reception visited **Hall Hill Farm!** They were greeted by a farmer who provided a **tour** of the farm and answered questions about the different **animals**. Throughout the day, reception met lots of **newborn** animals, including lambs, chicks, kids, piglets, and calves.

Reception enjoyed the opportunity to hand-feed the animals, including giving milk to the lambs!

A **tractor ride** and time in a huge indoor soft play completed the **perfect** day!



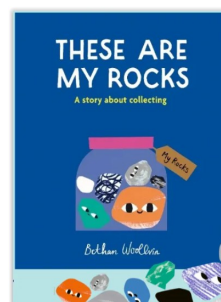
### **Recommended Read**

This week's recommended read is from

**Mrs Willmott**




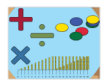
**'These are my rocks'**  
(a story about collecting)

by **Bethan Woolvin**



This book is perfect for all **collectors!** Ideal for **young readers** from **2 years** and upwards. It encourages the development of important **early-learning skills**, such as **listening**, **choosing**, **matching**, **counting** and **moving**. It's **stylish**, **humours**, **inclusive** and **engaging** - and really **celebrates** the joy of collecting.

Week Ending 4th April 2025  
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Grace Bellew	Joshua Collier	Oliver Foster	Oscar-Jay Edgar
YR Miss Dixon	Rose Westmoreland	Dexter Dobson	Molly Robson	Elijah Wilson-Hill
Y1 Mrs Brown & Mrs Thompson	Elliot Hardy	Ruben Black	Izzy Matthews	Nate Oliver
	Axyl Edgar	Delilah Dodds-Day	Darcy Hammond	Caleb Jefferies
Y2 Mrs Durham	Sava Ali	Oakley Harrison	Miley Dodds-Day	Issac McCarthy
Y3 Mr Horkan	Lola Pearce	Skyla Wilks	Charlotte Eley-Carberry	Oliver Coates
Y4 Miss Robinson	Anna Cooley	Rupert Culley	Sophie Squires	Hannah Liddle
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Skye Stainsby	Brooke Love	Reuben Edgar-Simpson	Toby Chochołko
Y5M Mr McConnell	Florence Bruce	Landon Quinn	Amber Hammond	William Culley
Y6 Mrs Cowan	Jacob Smithson	Isabelle Owens	Holly Hill	Emily Smith



YR & KSI  
Jacob Matthews

Y3 & Y4  
Aalia Dobson

Y5 & Y6  
Morgan Titlestad