

# Weekly Newsletter

## 9th May 2023



## Right of the Fortnight:: Article 17

Your right to honest information  
from newspapers and television  
that you can understand.



**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Our vision here at Oakdene is to provide our pupils with a wide body of **knowledge** and **skills** and an **exceptional character** to live a **remarkable** life. Our mission is pure and simple: We will provide an **excellent** education to every child, in every classroom, every day.

## Attendance Expectations

Children are expected to **come to school every day** and **on time** and aim to have 100% attendance. Good attendance is essential to guarantee the highest possible achievement. Lateness and attendance below 100% will have a negative impact on their learning, friendships and life chances.

Regular attendance at school enables children to make the best of the educational **opportunities** available to them. Parents and carers have a legal responsibility to make sure their children attend school regularly and if they allow their children to stay away from school without good reason they may be prosecuted. **If a child is absent, parents or carers must contact the school by 9:00am on the first day of absence and give the reason for the absence.** The large majority of you are doing this, **THANK YOU.** Home visits by the **Education Welfare Officer** will be made if there is no contact.

**Poor attendance and persistent absence** is closely monitored. Recently the government issued new guidance and identified persistent absence as a **potential indicator of safeguarding issues** in the home or elsewhere outside of the school. This **safeguarding responsibility** is taken very seriously.

## King Charles III Coronation

Children and staff wore **red, white** and **blue** or **regal** attire on Friday to mark the coronation of Charles III and his wife, Camilla, which will take place on Saturday at Westminster Abbey, as king and queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms.

Despite the very **British** weather, the children enjoyed celebrating this historical event. **Thank you** for the generous donations of party food and partyware that made the indoor picnics extra special.



Looking forward to another exciting four-day week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



## Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

### May 2023 KS1 SATs Test Period

Tues 9th May- Friday 12th May **Key Stage 2 SATs** are Timetabled

Mon 15th May National Road Safety - Launch Project EDWARD:  
'Every Day Without A Road Death'

Tues 16th May Y5 Oriental Museum Visit

Mon 22nd May Five-Day Walking Challenge  
Fri 26th May Y6 Tees Valley Career Workshops

Fri 26th May **BREAK UP FOR MAY HALF TERM**

Mon 29th May- Fri 2nd June **HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

June PRIDE Month  
Mon 5th June World Environment Day

Wed 14th June Class Photos  
Thurs 15th June Y6 Ancient Egyptian Visit

2-week period commencing 5th June: **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check**

Week commencing 12th June: **Y1 Phonics Screening Check & Y2 Resits.**

20th -26th June National Schools Sports Week  
Mon 20th June World Refugee Day  
Wed 21st June National Writing Day

Wed 28th June Y5 & Y6 NSPCC Workshops  
Y2 Visit to Danby

Mon 3rd July Nichola Davey to Launch the Summer Reading Challenge  
Tues 4th July Y2 Literacy Trail Visit at Preston Park  
Y3 Visit to Captain Cook Museum  
Wed 5th July 2pm KS2 Sports Day  
Thurs 6th July Y5 Eden Camp Visit

Mon 10th & Tues 11th July Y6 Residential

Mon 10th July Academy Hub Music Events for some Y3 Pupils  
4.30pm Meeting for Parents and Carers of New Reception  
Pupils September 2023.  
Tues 11th July 2pm KS1 Sports Day

Mon 17th July Meet My New Teacher Event  
Tues 18th July 6.00pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (Tickets Only)  
Wed 19th July Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM Teddy Bears' Picnic

Thurs 20th July **LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM**



Last week we held another exciting **Open Morning** for the Parents & Carers of Year 5 pupils. The theme of the activities was based on **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)** and activities included:

- Science** - understanding the difference between acid and alkali
- Technology** - keeping children safe online
- Engineering** - challenging teams to design and build a structure to hold the most weight
- Mathematics** - terrific tangrams

It was fantastic to witness the competitive spirit between everyone during the engineering Challenge. **Many congratulations** to the **winning team on the day — Daisy Mai** and her Mum achieved an incredible **9.2Kg**, **Arez** and his Dad were **2nd** and **Lucy**, with Mum and Dad, were **3rd**.



**Emily** and her Mum continued to work through the Challenge at home. They were extremely resourceful and used Cans of fizzy drink as weights.

Their bridge held an incredible **9.7kg!**



### Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from  
Mrs Lorgan  
**"The River" by Tom Percival**



Rowan loves the river; it's just like he is.  
On some days, it's quiet and calm, on others  
it's light and playful, and then there are the  
days when it roars along, wild and angry.  
But when Rowan goes through a  
particularly difficult winter,  
the river freezes – just like Rowan.

This story allows children to understand  
the idea of ever-changing emotions  
and how we can deal with these together.

### National Gardening Week 2023

The theme for National Gardening Week in 2023 is 'create your coronation container' to celebrate His Majesty King Charles III and his love of horticulture.

The King is known as a champion of the environment and a supporter of the nation's passion for gardening.

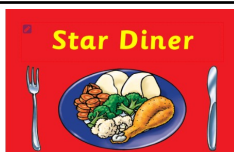
#### HOME PROJECT

We thought that it would be lovely if our children could plant a recycled container to mark the beginning of his reign. Please bring them in and we could then display these around our school grounds to brighten it up for the Summer term.



Week Ending 5th May 2023  
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 
Morning Nursery Mrs Guest	Isaac Stewart	Delilah Dodds-Day	Michael Smith
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Nathaniel Jefferies	Harper Cooper	N/A
YR Miss Robinson	Lily Grantham	Saga Svedlund	Esmea Skipp
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Daisy Murray-Walker	Taylor Perry	Jack Blasco
YIB Mrs Brown	Skyla Wilks	Riven Mansell	Oakley Purvis
Y2D Mrs Durham	Sebastian Eley-Carberry	Lily Mullin	Jessica Readshaw-Dunn
Y3/4H Mr Horkan	Olivia-Grace Allison	Amez Ali	Max Devlin
Y3L Mrs Largan	Brooke Carse	Vinnie Jeffrey	Annie-Mai Harris
Y4S Miss Smith	Thea Birch	Brienna May-Thomas	Cassius Dobson
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Emily Daniel	Mylah Bruce	Eleanor Lewis
Y5M Mr McConnell	Kaci-Leigh Moody-Blackburn	Casey-Lee Morgan	Amelia Wood
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Millie Weetman	Ben Jardine	Robyn Kirk



YR: Sava Ali

KS1: Ivy-May Fiddes

KS2: Vinnie Jeffrey