

Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term

Mon 10th Feb	Y1 Wheels Day
Tues 11th Feb	Safer Internet Day - Online Behaviour Workshops Delivered by Bigfoot Arts Education to Y3-Y6 Pupils.
Wed 12th Feb	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y5 Pupils
Tues 18th Feb	10 Pupils Attend Y4 Active Learning Competition @ Durham University, Queen's Campus, Stockton - PM
Thurs 20th Feb	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y2 Pupils
Fri 21st Feb	PD Day 4 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)

HALF TERM

Monday 24th February - Friday 28th February
Monday 3rd March - Children Return to School

Week Commencing	3rd March Careers Week
Tues 4th March	Rebel Women Workshops led by Bigfoot Education Shrove Tuesday
Weds 5th March	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y1 Pupils
Thurs 6th March	World Book Day & Readathon Celebration
Mon 10th March	Launch of British Science Week
Tues 11th March	Y1 Visit Shildon Railway Museum Y5/Y6 Dance City Workshops
Wed 12th March	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y3 Pupils
Tues 18th March	Y2 Snappy Spring Music Event @ Thornaby Pavilion - AM
Weds 19th March	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y4 Pupils Y2 Visit the Washington Wetland Centre
Fri 21st March	Red Nose Comic Relief Charity Day
Mon 24th March	World Maths Day
Mon 24th—Wed 26th March	Y5SW Attend Trust Residential at Streonshalh Field Study Centre, East Whitby Primary Academy, Whitby.
Wed 26th March—Fri 28th March	Y5M Attend Trust Residential
Tues 1st April	12 Pupils from Y5/Y6 Hockey @ Norton Sports Complex
W/c 7th April	Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers
Fri 4th April	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Nursery Pupils
Fri 11th April	Children Break Up for Easter

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April

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





Y3 pupil, **Alex Wainwright**, was delighted to receive his **Level 4 Tees Active Learn to Skate Scheme**.

Alex shared how he had to perfect consecutive **Backward Outside Edges** across the width of the rink. He was required to make short strokes with the correct **take-offs** from one foot to the other.

A hard balancing act!

It's great to see how many children are building on their proficiency in **Gymnastics at Velocity**. **Olivia Curry (Y1)**, **Fionn Baker (Y2)** & **Lilymae Morgan (Y3)** completed their level 2, **Arabella Sedgwick (Y2)** & **Niamh Bellew (Y3)** achieved their level 3 and **Izzy Matthews (Y1)** was awarded her level 5.



Y4 pupil, **Lewis Harris**, has recently started playing for the **Billingham Synthonia Junior Football Club**.

Lewis was delighted to receive a medal for being **'Man of the Match'**.

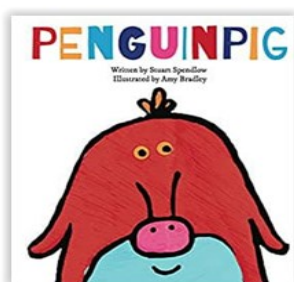
Coaches noticed his amazing **passing and dribbling skills**. Lewis is now much more **confident** with his ball control.



In response to recent publicity about the removals of bins and the increase of litter/dog poo bags at the **Tees Barrage**, **Nathaniel & Caleb Jefferies** joined a **litter pick**. The boys filled a bag of litter and were rewarded with a free drink & badge.

Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from **Mr Horkan 'Penguinpig'** by **Stuart Spendlow**

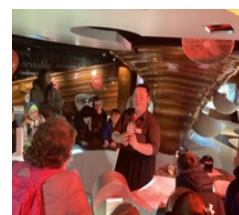


This picture book tells the story of a little girl who finds out about an exciting creature on the internet, known as **Penguinpig**.

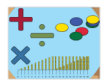
Filled with curiosity, she decides that she must go and find one. The perfect choice for younger readers on **Safer Internet Day!**


As part of the **history** curriculum, Y4 visited **York's Chocolate Story** to explore the world of the ancient **maya** and their unforgettable **legacy** which is still influencing **modern-day** life.

Y4s learnt about the importance of the **cocoa bean** from its use as **currency**, to a bitter drink consumed by the wealthy, as well as their part in the creation of the chocolate we know and love today. The highlight for many was the opportunity to create their very own version of **Xocolat** drink. This provided further **cross-curricular** links to **Geography** and **Mathematics**.



Week Ending 7th February 2025
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Jensen Langstaff	Grace Bellew	Theo Burgum	Finley Ayre
YR Miss Dixon	Aubree Kitchin	Junior Scarth-Ferguson	Eddie Smithson	Freya White
Y1 Mrs Brown & Mrs Thompson	Amelia Wright	Prashvita Bhimavarapu	Olivia-Jane Midgley	Jaxon Moutrey
	Nate Oliver	Scarlett Van-Wyck	Delilah Dodds-Day	Lucas Lee
Y2 Mrs Durham	Keesha Griffin	Neave Bateman	Henry Brown	Amani Mohammad
Y3 Mr Horkan	Lincoln Rose	Oliver Coates	Darcie Berry	Oakley Purvis
Y4 Miss Robinson	Archie Donnelly	Jacob Edgar-Simpson	Evie Richardson	Lily Scott-Mullin
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Brooke Love	Ava Hammond	Jake Atkinson	Harry Laws
Y5M Mr McConnell	Alannah Bell	Ben Bainbridge	Olivia-Grace Allison	Lily Daniel
Y6 Mrs Cowan	Amelia Wilks	Jack Wilks	Phoebe Donnelly	Holly Stapleton

	YR & KSI Grace Harris	Y3 & Y4 Evie Richardson	Y5 & Y6 Holly Hill
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