

Weekly Newsletter
10th July 2023



Right of the Fortnight: Article 3:
All adults should do
what is best for you.



Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe that we only have just **nine school days** left of this academic year! We really enjoyed the **memorable** visits and exciting **experiences** on offer. Y4 looked amazing for their **Independence Day** Celebrations.

Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our **KS2 sports day** event. The children had a wonderful time **competing** in the traditional sports day events organised by Mr McConnell. Tomorrow we'll be hosting the KS1 sports day at 2pm. Please bring along some pennies as we'll be running another **raffle** for **much needed school funds**.

Transition Day

Y6 children experienced the chance to visit their new schools last week and demonstrated that they are **secondary-ready**. Everyone from nursery to Y5 is really excited for our **transition** day on Wednesday. This is an opportunity for the whole school to have a practice run for September - where children get to **meet** their **new teachers** and **TAs** and spend the morning in their **new classrooms** for September.

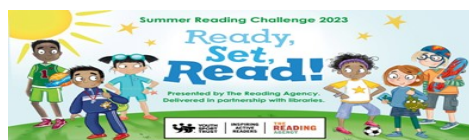
Have a fabulous week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



Here are the last few Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

Mon 10th & Tues 11th July	Y6 Residential, Academy Hub Music Events for some Y3 Pupils and 4.30pm Meeting for Parents and Carers of New Reception Pupils
Tues 11th July	2pm KS1 Sports Day
Wed 12th July	Meet My New Teacher Event
Tues 18th July	6.00pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (Tickets Only Via MCAS)
Wed 19th July	Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM Teddy Bears' Picnic Y5 VE Day Celebration Reception Celebrate Me Day (new date)
Thurs 20th July	LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM



The **summer reading challenge** is back this year! All our children have been invited to participate in the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge at **Billingham Library**. Each year, the Summer Reading Challenge has a new theme. This year, The Reading Agency have teamed up with the Youth Sport Trust to create 'Ready, Set, Read!', a Challenge that's all about **sports** and **games**.

Children aged 4-11 can visit Billingham Library from Saturday, 8th July onwards to meet the **Gadgeteers** and participate in our Summer Reading Challenge! Angela (Billingham Librarian) has led one assembly already to promote the rewards: certificates, stickers and medals.

If there's one thing you can do over the school holidays—keep up the daily/regular reading habits.

School Year September 2023 - August 2024

PD Days

- 4 September 2023
- 5 September 2023
- 6 November 2023
- 3 January 2024
- 16 February 2024



Autumn term 2023

The Autumn term runs from: Monday 4 September to Tuesday 19 December 2023. Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 September are PD days so children will return to school on Wednesday 6 September 2023

Half-term holiday runs from: Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November 2023 inclusive. The children will break up on Friday 27 October. As there is a PD day on Monday 6 November 2023, the children will return to school on Tuesday 7 November 2023.

Christmas holidays run from: Wednesday 20 December 2023 to Tuesday 2 January 2024 inclusive. The children break up on Tuesday 19 December 2023. As there is a PD day on Wednesday 3 January the children will return to school on Thursday 4 January 2024.

Spring term 2024

The Spring term runs from: Wednesday 3 January to Thursday 28 March 2024. The children will return to school on Thursday 4 January 2024 (PD day on 3 January).

Half-term holiday runs from: Monday 19 February to Friday 23 February 2024 inclusive. As there is a PD day on Friday 16 February, the children will break up on Thursday 15 February and will return to school on Monday 26 February 2024.

Easter holidays run from: Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April 2024 inclusive. The children will break up on Thursday 28 March and will return to school on Monday 15 April 2024.

Summer term 2024

The Summer term runs from: Monday 15 April to Tuesday 30 July 2024.

Bank holiday (school closed): Monday 6 May 2024

Half-term holiday runs from: Monday 27 May to Friday 7 June 2024 inclusive (**two weeks**). The children will break up on Friday 24 May and will return to school on Monday 10 June 2024.

The children's last day at school before the summer holidays will be Tuesday 30 July 2024.

Three members of the Daniel family: Emily, Lily and Rosie took part in a **dance competition** last weekend. Between them they scooped up so many amazing awards as individuals as well as being part of a team:

Lily achieved **3rd** in her tap and character section. Her team was placed 1st for their Mario troupe.

Emily was awarded a trophy for **runner up** in the 10-12 highest mark in her classical work.

Rosie was placed **1st** in her character section for her cheeky chipmunk routine which now means she moves into the challenging open section. Her team was placed 1st for their Mario troupe too. We were sent so many stunning photographs of the girls and their fabulous costumes it was so difficult to choose.



Emma Taylor (Project Manager for the National Literacy Trust) remembered that Mrs Osborne had shared how popular **football stories** are with Oakdene pupils. She kindly arranged a free author visit with **Harry Meredith**. Harry led a whole school **assembly**, took part in a **question and answer** session and provided a **sneak preview** into his next book. Emma also purchased some **goodies**, including a set of 20 of Harry's books for us to add to our library areas. We gifted a signed copy to each of our dedicated **librarians**. Although Harry revealed that he supports Leicester, we presented him with a **Boro mug** to remind him of visiting our school.



Y5 VISIT EDEN CAMP

The immersive displays at Eden Camp brought **history to life**, allowing the Y5s an opportunity to experience the sights, sounds and smells of life on the **Home Front** and the **Front Line**.




Housed in a unique setting, in the buildings and grounds of an original WWII Prisoner of War Camp, the visit provided a broad insight into all aspects of the **social** and **military history** of WWII, as well as WWI and post WWII conflicts.



Y3s visited **Captain Cook's Museum** to follow in the footsteps of the young **James Cook**. They discovered a world of knowledge, enjoyment and inspiration! They found out about Cook's Yorkshire background, his naval **career**, the great **voyages of exploration** and his ideas on topics such as diet, scurvy, and **encounters** with previously unknown peoples.



Week Ending 7th July 2023
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 
Morning Nursery Mrs Guest	Caleb Jefferies	Izzabella Matthews	Delilah Dodds-Day
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Eddie Smithson	Elodie Richardson	Finley Short
YR Miss Robinson	Louis Ferguson	Brianna Pearce	Hunter Lake
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Harrison Kirk	Alyza Bateman	Theo Smith-Sewell
YIB Mrs Brown	Max Prout	Leighton Daniels-Owen	Olivia Wallace
Y2D Mrs Durham	Archie Donnelly	Scarlett Allon	Evie Richardson
Y3/4H Mr Horkan	George Reevell	Kain Carmichael	Violet Wood
Y3L Mrs Lorgan	Leah Cooley	Annie Harris	Autumn Lonsdale
Y4S Miss Smith	Eliora Eguegu	Jaden Ridley	Emily Smith
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Eleanor Lewis	Olly Harris	Mylah Bruce
Y5M Mr McConnell	Trudi Langstaff	Aiden-James Finley	Monica Dobson
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Lilly Jackson	Toree Wardle	Libby Hancock
	YR & KSI Evie-Jayne Harrison	Y3 & Y4 Harry Laws	Y5 & Y6 Harleigh Ramsey