

Weekly Newsletter  
13th January 2025



Right of the Fortnight: Article 7:

Your Right to a Name and Nationality



Dear Parents/Carers,

A **Happy New Year** to you all! We hope that you all had a wonderful time over the Christmas period with family and friends. If anything significant has changed at home, for example, family illness, bereavement, separation, please share this in confidence with your child's class teacher so that we can support them.

Last week the weather was particularly cold. Please ensure that your children have **suitable footwear**. All pupils should wear a school **jumper/cardigan** and bring a **warm coat** to school and **gloves**. In Billingham, the snow didn't stay, however, multiple staff were driving to and from school in treacherous conditions in darkness with snow and black ice on the roads for most of the week.

It was wonderful to welcome the children back and it's like they've never been away. We've hit the ground running with **launching our new topics** and all teachers have sent home **curriculum information sheets** on Friday so that you know what we will be covering with your children this term.

As ever, we have a programme of exciting events planned for this term so please have a look at the **'Dates for your Diary'** section. **Please save the date for your child's open morning.**

#### Reporting Absences

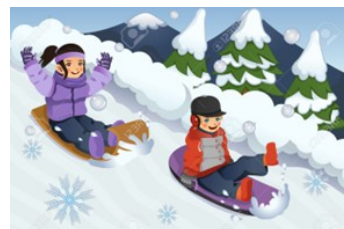
If your child is unwell and not able to attend school, it is essential that parents and carers call the office **first thing in the morning** to let us know. If we do not have contact by 9.30am, and are then unable to contact you, this may become a safeguarding concern.

**Online safety newsletter** continues to be available on the website. We would really encourage you to read this as we are aware that many children received new devices/technology for Christmas.

Finally, our academy receives funding for next September for every child who has a **school dinner** on Census Day. **Please help to boost our school budget for 2025/26.** We would love for your child/ren to join us in our **'All Day Breakfast'** dinner on **THURSDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025.**

Thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to another fantastic week ahead.

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



## Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term

Tues 7th Jan	RSPB Schools Big Bird Watch (7th Jan to 14th Feb)
Wed 15th Jan	AM Reception Sports Festival @ Durham University, Stockton
Mon 20th Jan—Fri 31st January	Swimming Block for Y5 pupils
Tues 21st Jan	AM Y2 Pirate ABC Sports Festival @ Durham University, Stockton
Wed 29th Jan	Chinese New Year
Thurs 30th Jan	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of <b>Reception</b> Pupils
Week Commencing 3rd Feb	'National Storytelling Week', 'Children's Mental Health Week' and <b>After school provision commences</b>
Thurs 6th Feb	Y4 visit York Chocolate Story
Fri 7th Feb	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of <b>Y6</b> Pupils
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 <b>Y5</b> Pupils
Tues 18th Feb	PM 10 pupils from Y4 attend Active Learning Competition @ Durham University, Stockton
Thurs 20th Feb	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of <b>Y2</b> Pupils
Fri 21st Feb	<b>PD Day 4 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)</b>

### HALF TERM

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

Week Commencing 3rd March	<b>Careers Week</b>
Tues 4th March	Rebel Women Workshops led by Bigfoot Education Shrove Tuesday
Weds 5th March	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of <b>Y1</b> 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 <b>Y3</b> Pupils
Weds 19th March	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of <b>Y4</b> Pupils
Fri 21st March	Red Nose Comic Relief Charity Day
Mon 24th March	World Maths Day
Mon 24th—Wed 26th	March midday Y5SW attend Trust residential at Streonshalh Field Study Centre, East Whitby Primary Academy, Whitby.
Wed 26th March—Fri 28th March	Y5M attend Trust residential as above.
Tues 1st April	PM 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 <b>Nursery</b> Pupils
Fri 11th April	<b>Children break up for Easter</b>

### EASTER HOLIDAYS

**Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April**  
**Mon 28th April Summer Term commences—children return to school**





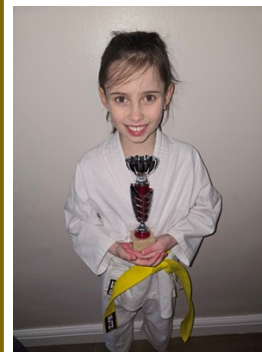
Y5 pupil **Landon Quinn** and his team ended 2024 on a high as they achieved the 3 x 3 **Boro Winners Title for 2024.**

Landon was presented with a prestigious trophy & medal. Phenomenal!

**Caleb Jefferies** (Y1) took on his first ever Under 9 junior 1K fell race held by **Esk Valley Fell Club**. Caleb & **Nathaniel** (Rec) attended the **Billingham Junior Park Run** & recorded PBs for 2024. Caleb completed his 25th junior park run in 15:01 & Nathaniel completed his 17th in 15:20. Wow!



Y1 pupil **Elodie Richardson** has worked so hard at her dancing class that she has been awarded her **first scholarship winner trophy**. Elodie has been recognised as a **rising star!** Very well done!



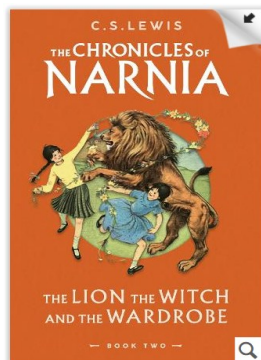
Y4 pupil **Daisy Thompson** achieved **Player of the Year 2024** in Karate.

This was awarded for **constantly** trying her best, high level of **progress & determination**.

Congratulations Daisy!

### Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from **Mrs Robson**.  
**The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe'**  
by **C.S. Lewis**






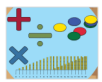
Four adventurous siblings - Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie - step through a wardrobe door and into the magical land of Narnia, a land frozen in an eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the **White Witch**.


Excellent links with World War Two. This may be book 2 in a series but can be read as a standalone book.

Please sign your child up to the **Winter Mini Reading Challenge** via [wintermini.org.uk](http://wintermini.org.uk). Taking part is simple. Children read 3 or more books (anything they like - audiobooks count too) between **1 Dec - 31 Jan** & add them to their profile. Reaching their reading goal will unlock a **limited-edition online badge** and a new **certificate of achievement** to print off and treasure! Get rewards for your reading! If you need the certificate printing out, send the link to your class teacher email & they will do this for you. *Certificates will be laminated in school & presented in our weekly Celebration Assembly on Friday, 31st January alongside earning 10 Dojos & a small reward for participation.*




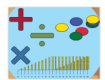



Week Ending 20th December 2024  
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Mason Walker	Ruben Earl	Lewis Daniels-Owen	Oliver Metcalfe
YR Miss Dixon	Junior Scarth-Ferguson	Oscar Stainsby	Rocco Smith	Poppy Daniel
Y1 Mrs Brown & Mrs Thompson	Destiny Murray	Jason Adekunle	Katy Coates	Willow Earle
	Lucas Milne	Olivia Curry	Louie Walker	Dylan Allon
Y2 Mrs Durham	Amani Mohammad	Elsie Dinsdale-Swales	Neave Bateman	Jacob Matthews
Y3 Mr Horkan	Roman Chesworth	Lillymae Morgan	Olivia Wilkinson	Ivy-May Fiddes
Y4 Miss Robinson	Scarlett Allon	Charlie Owens	Alyza Bateman	Jacob Edgar-Simpson
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	William Marshall	Charlie Kibbler	Max Devlin	Piper Noon
Y5M Mr McConnell	George Reevell	Lily Daniel	Leah Cooley	Ben Bainbridge
Y6 Mrs Cowan	Cally Wright	Jacob Smithson	Emily Smith	Jack Westmoreland

 <p><b>Star Diner</b></p>	<p>YR &amp; KSI Prashwita Bhimavarapu</p>	<p>Y3 &amp; Y4 Riven Mansell</p>	<p>Y5 &amp; Y6 Brooke Love</p>
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Week Ending 10th January 2025  
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Katelyn Clark	Sophia Peers	Theo Bell	River French
YR Miss Dixon	Leighton Wardle	Isaac Stewart	Rose Westmoreland	Elijah Wilson-Hill
Y1 Mrs Brown & Mrs Thompson	Katy Coates	Michael Smith	Olivia Curry	Thomasin Scotland
	Jack Bourne	Axyl Edgar	Prashwita Bhimavarapu	Aysel Khan
Y2 Mrs Durham	Saga Svedlund	Holland Finley	Hunter Lake	Aria Dugdale
Y3 Mr Horkan	Mark Bershadskiyi	Alex Wainwright	Isla O'Hare	Freddie Bell
Y4 Miss Robinson	Jake Marshall	Archie Donnelly	Milo Hancock	Rupert Hawser
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Ellis Fearn	Amez Ali	Harry Laws	Dolly Rogers
Y5M Mr McConnell	Ben Bainbridge	Annie Murray	Florence Bruce	Alyssa Frost-Usher
Y6 Mrs Cowan	Zia Kelly-Bostock	Arta Ahmadi	Morgan Titlestad	Max Harris

	YR & KSI Brianna Pearce	Y3 & Y4 Daisy Thompson	Y5 & Y6 Brianna May-Thomas
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