

Weekly Newsletter 14th July 2025



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



Dear Parents/Carers,

WOW! Another week full of **excitement** has passed and with just under two weeks left, we are very close to the end of the school year. We've continued to focus on **transition** and preparing our children for September and it was a pleasure to welcome the parents and carers of our **incoming reception cohort**. Our most exciting news of the week was our **SATS results...**The **national average** of children achieving reading, writing and maths (rwm) combined **since Covid** was 2022-59%, 2023 -61%, 2024 - 61% and in 2025, 62%. This means that 38% of pupils nationally (190,000 pupils) do not leave primary schools secondary-ready. At Oakdene we achieved results significantly above 2022-76% **(+17%)**, 2023 –81% **(+20%)**, 2024 - 86% **(+25%)**, and our improvement rate year on year demonstrates rapid progress: +5% on rwm combined.

Oakdene Year 6 SATS Results

We are exceptionally proud of our **Year 6** children who completed their SATS tests in May. Last week, the results were released and we are delighted to report that our standards **remain well above the national average both in the expected and greater depth standards**. These are the **BEST results** we have ever achieved as a school. **Oakdene** achieved **91%** for reading, writing and maths combined—**29% + above the national average**. Another 5% rise compared to national 1%.

	National Average 2025	Oakdene - 2025 Result
Reading - Expected Standard	75%	97% (+22% above national)
Reading - Greater Depth	33%	56% (+23% above national)
Writing - Expected Standard	72%	91% (+19% above national) Moderated by LA
Writing - Greater Depth	13%	19% (+6% above national) Moderated by LA
Maths - Expected Standard	74%	97% (+23% above national)
Maths - Greater Depth	24%	44% (+20% above national)
GPS - Expected Standard	73%	94% (+19% above national)
GPS - Greater Depth	30%	56% (+26% above national)
RWM - Expected Standard	62%	91% (+29% above national)
RWM - Greater Depth	8%	9% (+1% above national)

These results are provisional. We expect this to increase further as we have requested a number of remarks for children working at greater depth in reading and mathematics. **HUGE congratulations** to our children and staff. **Thank you** to all **Y6 parents and carers** who supported their children at home both emotionally and academically too.

End of Year Reports

On Friday, 11th July, families received their children's end-of-year school reports. We hope you share in our pride as we celebrate the **incredible progress** each pupil has made this year. Their **dedication, personal growth, and achievements** have truly been **remarkable**!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Y1 Pupils Beach Schools Visit to Saltburn-by-the-Sea

As a **Beach School** we recognise there is scope for outdoor play and learning on the shore. Coastlines offer a unique environment for children's **discovery** and **learning**.

The children explored **rock pools**, took **digital photographs** from the pier and created **sand sculptures**. We hired two beach huts, Elizabeth and George, to provide shelter from the wind at times and shade from the sun.

Many tourists approached staff to **congratulate** the children's **beautiful manners** and **exceptional behaviour**.



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.



Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

Mon 7th July-Fri 18th July Y5 Swimming (Block 3)

Weds 16th July
Fri 18th July

6.00pm Y6 Leavers' Performance
2pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y4-Y6

Mon 21st July

Tues 22nd

Wed 23rd July

Meet My New Teacher Event

2.15pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y1-Y3

Some Y6 Pupils Attend Summer School @ Northfield

3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Summer Fayre

Thurs 24th July

Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Reception Pupils Olympic Celebratory Event

Fri 25th July

LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM



Dates For Your Diary - September 2025 to July 2026

PD Days

- 1 September 2025
- 26 September 2025
- 28 November 2025
- 30 January 2026
- 28 July 2026

Autumn term 2025

The Autumn term runs from: Monday 1 September to Friday 19 December 2025. Monday 1 September is a PD day so children will return to school on Tuesday 2 September 2025. There is also a PD day on Friday 26 September 2025.

Half-term holiday runs from: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2025 inclusive. The children will break up on Friday 24 October. The children will return to school on Monday 3 November 2025.

Christmas holidays run from: Monday 22 December 2024 to Friday 2 January 2026 inclusive. The children break up on Friday 19 December 2025.

Spring term 2025

The Spring term runs from: Monday 5 January to Thursday 2 April 2026. The children will return to school on Monday 5 January 2026. There is a PD day on Friday 30 January.

Half-term holiday runs from: Monday 23 February to Friday 27 February 2026 inclusive. The children will break up on Friday 20 February and will return to school on Monday 2 March 2026.

Easter holidays run from: Friday 3 April to Friday 17 April 2026 inclusive. The children will break up on Thursday 2 April and will return to school on Monday 20 April 2026.

Summer term 2025

The Summer term runs from: Monday 20 April to Monday 27 July 2026.

Bank holiday (school closed): Monday 4 May 2026

Half-term holiday runs from: Monday 25 May to Friday 5 June 2026 inclusive (two weeks). The children will break up on Friday 22 May and will return to school on Monday 8 June 2026.

The children's last day at school before the summer holidays will be Tuesday 27 July 2026.



Year 2 pupil, **William Nimmo** proudly shared his latest achievements in **Scouts**, earning **three new badges: Camp Crafts, Hiked Away, and a two-night camping adventure.**

We know this is just the beginning of so many exciting new adventures, **William!**



A huge congratulations to Year 6 pupil, **Tyler Curry**, who was proudly awarded a **medal** in recognition of his **outstanding** performance and dedication on the **football field.**

Tyler's hard work and **team spirit** truly shine—well done!



After two years of dedication at **Cleveland Boxing Club**, Y5 pupil, **Piper Noon**, has been honoured with the **2025 Martin Ashton Memorial Award** for her hard work and respectful contribution to the club.

Congratulations Piper!



Y2 pupil **Aidan Turner**, representing the **Boro Soccer School**, was awarded the **2024-2025 Season Trophy** and received a special presentation in recognition of his achievement. Well done Aidan!



Year 3 pupil **Kian Jewson** was proudly presented with a **prestigious trophy** in recognition of a successful season playing football for **Billingham Synthonia Juniors**.

Amazing work, Kian!

Reception pupil, **Molly Robson**, wowed the judges at her latest **dance competition**, bringing home an **impressive four medals!** Her **talent** sparked across ballet, modern and tap, earning well-deserved **recognition** and **applause**.



Northfield School & Sports College recently hosted the **Sports Partnership Awards** honouring the dedication and success of its young athletes from 62 primary schools. A truly inspiring guest, local **Paralympic gold medallist Faye Rogers**, presented the awards to celebrate Stockton's own rising stars, with awards presented to pupils who have shown exceptional commitment and achievement in sport. Faye, a champion para-swimmer, shared her remarkable journey. After a promising start as an able-bodied swimmer, she faced a life-changing car accident at age 19 that left her with limited movement in her elbow. Undeterred, she transitioned to para-swimming and has since become a **World Champion and Paralympic gold medallist**, winning the S10 100m Butterfly at the Paris 2024 Games. Her story of **perseverance** and **triumph** resonated deeply, reminding everyone that setbacks can be stepping stones to greatness.

Two Y5 pupils received **prestigious individual awards** for the entire Stockton area! **Kayci Scott-Mullin** was honoured as **Young Sports Leader of the Year**, whilst **Ben Bainbridge** was presented with the **School Games Values Award**. Y6 pupils, **Emily Smith & George Robinson**, were delighted to be recognised as **Sports Personality of the Year**. Mr McConnell and I were incredibly proud.

Congratulations to **Mr McConnell** for successfully securing another **School Games Mark Gold** achievement!



Week Ending 4th July 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	Mylah Thompson	Mason Walker	Archer Dixon
YR Miss Dixon	Darcie Murray-Denby	Freya White	Poppy Daniel	Isaac Stewart
Y1 Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Thompson	Caleb Jefferies	Dylan Allon	Olivia Curry	Axyl Edgar
	Jenson-John Murray	Izzy Matthews	Isabel Liddle	Amelia Wright
Y2 Mrs. Durham	Holland Finley	Jacob Jackson	Keesha Griffin	Mia Hudzicka
Y3 Mr Horkan	Skyla Wilks	Lily Archer	Malachi Worth	Kian Jewson
Y4 Miss Robinson	Sebastian Eley-Carberry	Jake Marshall	Eliza-Grace Mack	Erle-Jayne Harrison
Y5SW Mrs. Wilson & Mrs. Smith	Amez Ali	Piper Noon	Skye Stainsby	William Marshall
Y5M Mr McConnell	Amber Hammond	Florence Bruce	Landon Quinn	Alannah Bell
Y6 Mrs. Cowan	Scarlett Rogers	Max Harris	Thea Birch	Yener Arslan







YR & KS1
Fionn Baker

Y3 & Y4
Riley Titlestad

Y5 & Y6
Sophie-Alysa
Minter

Week Ending 11th July 2025
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs. Guest	Theo Burgum	Lewis Daniels - Owen	River French	Alfie Lynch
YR Miss Dixon	Oscar Stainsby	Elijah Wilson-Hill	Harriet Smith	Frankie McCullagh
Y1 Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Thompson	Vinnie Westwood	Olivia-Jane Midgley	Caleb Jefferies	Destiny Murray
	Nate Oliver	Liam Turner	Prashwita Bhimavarapu	Harper Cooper
Y2 Mrs. Durham	Noah Selvon	Ariana Wilson-Hill	Louis Ferguson	Jacob Matthews
Y3 Mr. Horkan	Lilly Dixon	Ivy-May Fiddes	Lily Archer	Elena Hold
Y4 Miss Robinson	Evie Richardson	Anna Cooley	Isaac Cummings	Scarlett Allon
Y5SW Mrs. Wilson & Mrs. Smith	Ava Hammond	Archie Hall	Leighton Harvey	Brooke Love
Y5M Mr. McConnell	George Reeve	William Culley	Annie Murray	Finley Orley
Y6 Mrs. Cowan	Arta Ahmadi	Kara Dixon	Max Harris	Amelia Wilks



YR & KSI
Junior
Scarth-Ferguson

Y3 & Y4
Archie Donnelly

Y5 & Y6
Max Harris