

Weekly Newsletter 16th June 2025



Right of the Fortnight: Article 22:
**You have the right to special protection
if you are a refugee.**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, our feet haven't touched the ground with so many events and activities taking place recently – and we wouldn't have it any other way at Oakdene!

Statutory Tests

Last week, our **Year 1** children (along with a few **Year 2** resits) took part in the **Phonics Screening Check**, with each child assessed individually by Mrs Brown. We've been absolutely blown away by the **progress** made – a real testament to the hard work of both pupils and staff. We look forward to sharing the final results with you as soon as we are able.

A huge well done to our Year 4 children, who completed their **Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checks** last week. That final push during **Times Table Rockstars Day** and our open morning clearly paid off! Miss Robinson was very impressed with the children's quick recall of multiplication facts – they should all be very proud of themselves. We look forward to sharing the final results with you as soon as we are able.

We are delighted to share the fantastic success of our recent external **moderation for end-of-Key Stage 2 writing** outcomes, which took place last Friday. Writing at our school is driven by **high-quality texts** from a variety of **genres**, sparking **creativity** and ensuring a structured, **engaging** journey for every child. During the moderation process, our Year 6 team received **high praise** from the moderation team for their **articulate insights** and **confident assessment judgements**. Moderators commended the school for its **consistency** and **accuracy** in teacher assessments. This recognition reflects the **dedication** of both our staff and Y6 pupils, and we are incredibly proud of this achievement! An English teacher from Northfield observed the process and was extremely **impressed** with the quality of writing presented. It was agreed that **90% of pupils achieved the expected standard** (+18% national average 2024 72%) and 20% achieved greater depth (+7% national average 2024 13%).

We were honoured to **host school leaders** from Manchester and Grimsby, alongside members of the Academy Improvement Committee. This visit provided a valuable opportunity to **showcase** the outstanding work taking place at Oakdene. This academic year, Oakdene has placed a strong emphasis on developing **oracy** skills across all year groups. From **structured** speaking and listening activities in the classroom to pupil-led assemblies and debates, the journey has been one of **growth, reflection, and collaboration**. We were proud to share this **journey** with our visitors, demonstrating how oracy is **embedded** into our **curriculum** and **culture**—empowering pupils to become **confident, articulate, and thoughtful communicators**. We are exceptionally proud of our staff and pupils for the way they represented our values and demonstrated the high standards we strive for each day. Mrs Osborne and Mrs Durham were congratulated for their **exemplary** leadership driving the voice 21 initiative.



Have a fantastic week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Childcare Choices

12 May stakeholder mini-toolkit

From September 2025, eligible working parents will be able to access 30 hours of funded childcare a week, for 38 weeks of the year, starting from the term after their child turns 9 months old until they begin school.

On Monday 12 May, all eligible working parents of children who will be at least nine months old on or before 31 August will now be able to apply for their 30 hours childcare. This marks an important milestone in the lead-up to the full rollout in September, when working parents will gain access to the final stage of the working parent entitlement.

The Department for Education is marking this milestone with a range of activity to promote the working entitlements to parents, reminding them to get their code and to visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to find out more about the support available to them.

Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

w/c Mon 16th June	National Refugee Week
Tues 17th June	Class Photographs (not Y1) Y5 Dodgeball for 14 Pupils (PM)
Wed 18th June	Y5 Taster Day at Northfield
w/c Mon 23th June	School Diversity Week
Wed 25th June	3.30pm - Art Gallery Event for Y1 Parents & Carers
Wed 25th- Fri 27th June	Y6 Residential
w/c Mon 30th June	Launch Summer Reading Challenge
Thurs 3rd July	Y5 Visit Eden Camp Y1 Visit Saltburn-By-The-Sea
Fri 4th July	Y4 Independence Day Party
Mon 7th July-Fri 18th July	Y5 Swimming (Block 3)
Tues 8th July	4.30pm - Meeting for Parents and Carers of September 2025 New Reception Pupils
Tues 15th July	2.15pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y1-Y3
Weds 16th July	6.00pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (Change of date)
Fri 18th July	2pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y4-Y6
Mon 21st July	Meet My New Teacher Event
Mon 21st- Wed 23rd July	Some Y6 Pupils Attend Summer School @ Northfield
Tues 22nd July	Reception Pupils Olympic Celebratory Event
Wed 23rd July	3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Summer Fayre
Thurs 24th July	Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM Teddy Bears' Picnic
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.

The **statutory** key stage 2 tests (Y6 SATS) are timetabled from **Monday 11 May to Thursday 14 May 2026**.



Isabel (Y1) and her sister **Hannah** (Y4) made the most of their half-term break with an action-packed schedule! The duo completed a four-day **intensive swimming course**, during which Hannah successfully progressed to Stage 5. They also took part in the exciting **Fananza challenges** and, to top it off, Hannah earned a certificate in children's **first aid**—what a fantastic set of achievements!



Over the past two Sundays, the talented **Daniel sisters** proudly represented the **Lisa Clinton School of Dance** at a competition held in **Sunderland**—and what a fantastic job they did! All three girls delivered **beautiful performances** and came away with impressive results:

Lily took home **1st place** for her Song and Dance performance. **Rosie** wowed with **1st place** in Lyrical, **2nd** in Song and **3rd** in Tap. **Poppy** dazzled the judges with **1st place** finishes in Song, Tap, and Modern, **2nd** in Ballet and was awarded the **Overall Baby** trophy at the final presentation.

Lily and Rosie also teamed up for a **Super Mario troupe performance**, earning **3rd place**. We're incredibly proud of the girls and their hard work and dedication. Well done, Lily, Rosie, and Poppy!



Year 4 pupil **Jacob Edgar-Simpson** was recently awarded two medals in recognition of his outstanding achievements in football at **Billingham Synthonia Football Club**.

Jacob was thrilled to be named '**Man of the Match**' and took great pride in completing the league alongside his teammates.

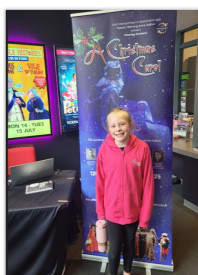
Huge congratulations to Year 3 pupil **Lillymae Morgan** for her **outstanding achievement in gymnastics**! Lillymae has earned an impressive two consecutive awards, both her **Level 4 and Level 5 Proficiency Awards**—a fantastic accomplishment that reflects her **dedication and talent**.



Congratulations to Y5 pupil **Ava Hammond** who successfully **auditioned** despite tough competition for a part in '**A Christmas Carol**'.

The production team were blown away by Ava's **energy and talent**. Ava will take to the **stage** in November.

Ava was also presented with a **trophy** for performing some tricky **gymnastic moves** including a **back illusion**.



Y5 pupil, **Charlie Kibbler**, took part in '**Roland's Ride Cycle Event**' in aid of a great cause, the **Motor Neurone Disease Association**. Charlie was the **youngest** cyclist to ride 25K.

Charlie brought in his t-shirts and we were so impressed to hear what the event means to Charlie.



Celebrating Empathy Week with Talk Tuesdays

This year, we marked *Empathy Week* through our engaging *Talk Tuesdays* sessions. With wonderful support from our **Librarians** and **Reading Buddies**, Mrs Osborne launched a special *Empathy Bookshelf* in the Wellbeing Pod—a space designed to inspire thoughtful conversations and understanding.

Pupils are also encouraged to contribute by sharing their own empathy-themed book recommendations.

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.



To close their topic, Y2 visited the **Theatre Royal Newcastle** to see **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**. The children were enthralled by this exciting retelling of the Biblical story of Joseph, his eleven brothers and the coat of many colours. This **magical musical** is full of unforgettable songs including "Go, Go, Go Joseph", "Any Dream Will Do", "Jacob and Sons", "Close Every Door To Me" and many more. It was great to see the children joining in.



Thirty **Year 3** and **Year 4** pupils took part in a recent **Striking & Fielding Festival**, which offered an exciting introduction to **cricket** and **rounders**.

It was wonderful to see so many of our children **embracing** new sports and developing their **skills** throughout the day.

The pupils demonstrated fantastic **respect**, **resilience** and **teamwork**—and were warmly congratulated for it.

A brilliant day enjoyed by all!



Forty pupils from **Year 5 & 6** took part in track and field events competing against other Stockton Schools at the **Athletics competition** at Middlesbrough Sports Village. It was a great experience for the children. Track events included - **sprint, hurdles, 600m and relay** and field events were **long jump, triple jump, howler throwing and chest push**.




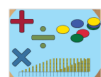
The children modelled the **Games Mark Values** and all showed excellent sportsmanship and supported each other through the events. **Well Done to everyone** who competed for trying their **best** and representing Oakdene!

Congratulations to the following children who have qualified for the Tees Valley finals:

Kayci Scott-Mullin	1st place long jump & 2nd place in the 600m
Florence Bruce	1st place in the howler
Landon Quinn	2nd place 600m
Teddie Edmenson	2nd place in the howler



Week Ending 23rd May 2025
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs. Guest	Mylah Thompson	Oliver Metcalf	Theo Bell	Ruban Gilbey
YR Miss Dixon	Elijah Wilson-Hill	Molly Robson	Nellie Puckering	Jamie Hart
Y1 Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Thompson	Olivia Curry	Thomasin Scotland	Katy Coates	Ruben Black
	Aysel Khan	Darcy Hammond	Axyl Edgar	Jack Bourne
Y2 Mrs. Durham	Jacob Jackson	Fionn Baker	Lily Grantham	Gia Hindmarsh
Y3 Mr Horkan	Roman Chesworth	Junior Hindmarsh	Riley Titlestad	Mark Bershadskiy
Y4 Miss Robinson	Lewis Harris	Theo Smith- Sewell	Charlie Owens	Isaac Cummings
Y5SW Mrs. Wilson & Mrs. Smith	Ellis Fearn	Archie Hall	Brooke Love	Amez Ali
Y5M Mr McConnell	Kain Carmichael	Annie Murray	Amber Hammond	Nancy Green
Y6 Mrs. Cowan	Jack Westmoreland	Brienna May- Thomas	Noah White	Ellie Smith-Sewell




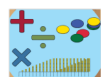


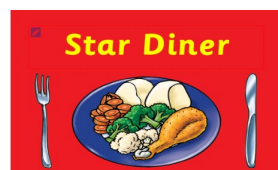
YR & KS1
Vinnie
Westwood

Y3 & Y4
Roman
Chesworth

Y5 & Y6
Kain
Carmichael

Week Ending 13th June 2025
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs. Guest	Parker Purvis	Rory Liddle	Rory Baker	Mia Campbell
YR Miss Dixon	Rocco Smith	Nathaniel Jefferies	Grace Harris	Alaia Cunningham
Y1 Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Thompson	Katy Coates	Vinnie Westwood	Jason Adekunle	Elliot Hardy
	Dylan Allon	Lucas Lee	Darcy Hammond	Jenson - John Murray
Y2 Mrs. Durham	Oakley Harrison	Oliver Hall	Neave Bateman	Amani Mohammad
Y3 Mr Horkan	Michelle Adekunle	Elena Hold	Adrider Vineetha	Niamh Bellew
Y4 Miss Robinson	Hannah Liddle	Sophie Squires	Leanne Fletcher	Archie Donnelly & Spencer Lee
Y5SW Mrs. Wilson & Mrs. Smith	Charlie Kibbler	William Marshall	Ava Hammond	Dolly Rogers
Y5M Mr McConnell	Olivia - Grace Allison	George Reevell	Florence Bruce	Amber Hammond
Y6 Mrs. Cowan	George Robinson	Ellie Smith - Sewell	Isabelle Owens	Holly Hill



YR & KSI
Elsie Dinsdale - Swales

Y3 & Y4
Milo Hancock

Y5 & Y6
Cassius Dobson