

## Weekly Newsletter 19th May 2025



### Right of the Fortnight: Article 17:

You have the right to honest information, from newspapers & TV, that you can understand.



### Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to **congratulate** all of our wonderful Year 6 pupils on all their hard work and **resilience** during last week's SATs assessments. We are extremely proud of their **excellent attitude** and **effort**. Whilst important, the tests are only a measure of your children's attainment on the day in Reading, Maths, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation. Your end of year report will give a broader overview of your child's **achievements** and **successes** across the year. **Thank you** as well to all the parents and carers who have given such positive support to the children, school and staff for the SATs tests. I am sure that you will appreciate how hard everyone has worked, not only to **prepare** children for the tests but to ensure that a **balance** has been maintained with the other subjects in the curriculum. Thank you to all the adults who have been involved in supporting and preparing the children for this week. Last Friday the Year 6's took the train to Seaton Carew. The children enjoyed a **fun-filled** day of bowling at Larry's Lanes with a delicious meal, time for playing in the arcades, a walk on the beach and time on the playground - a well deserved post-SATs-week **treat**.

### Upcoming Assessments

On our return to school after half-term, children in **Year 1** will take part in the **phonics screening check**. Thank you to all Y1 parents/carers for supporting at home. The last set of statutory assessments are for Year 4 who will be completing their **multiplications tables check (MTC)**.

Finally, it was a great honour to be invited to Buckingham Palace by His Majesty the King last Wednesday. Being recognised alongside so many inspiring individuals was deeply humbling, and a memory Mrs Osborne and I will treasure for a very long time. We had the privilege of speaking with King Charles and fellow guests about the incredible work happening at Oakdene.

Have a wonderful **two-week half-term break**. We look forward to seeing you on **Monday, 9th June 2025**.

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



**Walk to School Week - w/c 19th May 2025** Mrs Osborne introduced **Walk to School Week**. This week is designed to help children reach their **recommended 60 minutes of physical activity per day** before they reach the school gates! This year's theme was, **'The Great Space Walk'** which encourages children to **travel actively** to school **everyday of the week**.

For those families who commute quite a distance from Durham, North Yorkshire, Hartlepool, Wynyard and other parts of Stockton, please try to park further away from school and walk or wheel part of the way - an achievable **goal** reflecting the age of your child/ren?



## Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

w/c Mon 19th May Walk to School Week  
Wed 21st May Y5/Y6 Athletics for 40 pupils  
Y4 TT Rockstar Day  
Fri 23rd May Y3/Y4 Striking & Fielding Festival for 30 Pupils (AM)

*Half-term holiday runs from:*

***Monday, 26th May to Friday, 6th June inclusive (two weeks).***

*The children will break up after school on:*

***Friday, 23th May and will return to school on Monday, 9th June.***

Week commencing 9th June - School to Administer Checks for:

**Y1 Phonics Screening, Y2 Resits and Y4 Multiplication Tables.**

Wed 11th June Y3 Captain Cook Museum  
Fri 12th June Y2 Visit Theatre Royal, Newcastle to see 'Joseph'

w/c Mon 16th June National Refugee Week  
Tues 17th June Class Photographs

w/c Mon 23th June School Diversity Week  
Tues 24th June Y5 Dodgeball for 14 Pupils (PM)  
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

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

Tues 15th July 2.15pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y1-Y3  
Thurs 17th July 6.00pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (Tickets Only)  
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**



Congratulations to Y3 pupil **Roman Chesworth** and his teammates from **Billingham United U9s**, who played in an exciting **league cup final** at Rockcliffe Hall last weekend. After a nail-biting match that ended 3-3, the game went to **penalties**.

Roman's team held their nerve, scoring every penalty, while Billingham's goalkeeper made a brilliant save to clinch the **win**. This **fantastic result** means Billingham United have retained their **league cup title**—back-to-back **champions!** A brilliant achievement for Roman and his team!



We are incredibly proud of **Thea Birch, Brienna May-Thomas, and Morgan Titlestad** in Year 6, who all play for **Billingham United FC Bees Under 11s**.

At their recent end-of-season **presentation evening**, all three girls received a **participation trophy** and a **squad goals board** to celebrate their fantastic contributions this season.

A special congratulations to **Thea**, who was named **Most Improved Player**, whilst Brienna was nominated as **Best Team Mate**—a brilliant recognition of her growth and team spirit.

Well done, girls! You've made Oakdene very proud!



Many congratulations to **Freddie Bell** in **Year 3**, who was proudly presented with a **Player of the Month trophy** for his fantastic performance with **Billingham Juniors Under 8s**.

Freddie's hard work, commitment, and team spirit on the pitch have clearly made a big impact.

We are incredibly proud to share some exciting news about one of our former pupils, **Noah Worth**. Over the past two months, Noah has been competing in the **England Boxing National School Championships**, and we are thrilled to announce that he has been crowned the **England Boxing National Schoolboy Champion 2025!**

Noah won **every single round** leading up to the semi-finals, which took place on Saturday. He went on to win his semi-final and then triumphed in the final match to claim the national title. This incredible achievement secures Noah's place as **number one in England** for his age and weight category.

It's a fantastic accomplishment, and we know how proud his family is—especially his younger brother, **Malachi**, who is clearly his biggest fan.



Very well done to Y1 pupils **Harry Robinson and Michael Smith**, who were both awarded **medals** for their fantastic performance in **Tag Rugby** last week.

Their **hard work, sportsmanship and teamwork** were recognised on the field, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.



Y1 pupil **Izzy Matthews** successfully achieved her **Stage 4 & 5 trampoline awards**.

Izzy perfectly executed front & seat landings as well as a number of jumps, including straddle, tuck & pike.

Amazing!



Huge congratulations to **Year 1** pupil **Harry Robinson**, who proudly received a **football medal** last week! Harry has been showing fantastic **skills and enthusiasm** on the pitch, and we are all very proud of his achievement.



On Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, reception took a trip to **Hardwick Park** for a '**Once Upon a Fairytale**' experience, focused on different **traditional tales**, including Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk and more! YR enjoyed a range of activities, including nature trails, and **woodland crafts** (such as creating their own clay trolls). To end the day, they even had time to explore the beautiful grounds and play in the park!



As part of their **Geography** topic on rivers, Year 3 pupils took to the River Tees aboard the **Teesside Princess** for a fantastic first-hand learning experience.

The river cruise from Stockton to Preston Park gave the children the chance to spot real-life examples of **meanders** and **tributaries**, bringing classroom learning to life. The trip was rounded off with an exciting visit to the **Tees Barrage**, where pupils explored how it plays a key role in local **tourism**, **recreation**, and **water management**.

It was a **memorable day** filled with learning, discovery, and plenty of smiles!



We are thrilled to announce the launch of **Our Little Big Book Club**, led by Mrs Osborne this week! Thanks to the support of the Literacy Trust and Harper Collins, we have received a fantastic *mini library* to help bring stories to life.

This exciting initiative invites **Year 3 parents and carers** into school to enjoy a special **shared reading experience** with their children. The aim is to build confidence, encourage a love of reading for pleasure, and strengthen the home-school reading partnership.





We can't wait to see our families reading together and celebrating the **joy of books**!

Well done to our fantastic **Year 3 and Year 4 football team** who took part in a recent tournament, **competing** against eight other schools.

The team played brilliantly, showing great **teamwork**, **determination**, and **sportsmanship** throughout the day. We are proud to share that they finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 9 schools – a **brilliant achievement**!



Week Ending 9th May 2025  
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs. Guest	Finley Ayre	Jayden Serrechia	Archer Dixon	Theo Burgum
YR Miss Dixon	Wyatt Hold	Harriet Smith	Isaac Stewart	Poppy Daniel
Y1 Mrs Brown & Mrs Thompson	Jason Adekunle	Michael Smith	Altay Arslan	Willow Earle
	Tommy Wilks	Bonnie-Rae Scarth-Ferguson	Liam Turner	Prashvita Bhimavarapu
Y2 Mrs Durham	Elsie Dinsdale-Swales	Henry Brown	Gia Hindmarsh	Charlie Beken
Y3 Mr Horkan	Ivy-May Fiddes	Lincoln Rose	Charlotte Eley-Carberry	Adriever Vineetha
Y4 Miss Robinson	Spencer Lee	Alyza Bateman	Lily Scott-Mullin	Jessica Dunn
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Piper Noon	Harry Laws	Frankie McQuilling	Skye Stainsby
Y5M Mr McConnell	Nancy Green	Olivia-Grace Allison	Alyssa Frost-Usher	Ben Bainbridge
Y6 Mrs Cowan	Tyler Curry	Yener Arslan	Jack Wilks	Cally Wright




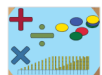


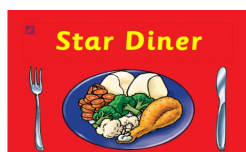
YR & KS1  
Esmea Skipp

Y3 & Y4  
Rosie Daniel

Y5 & Y6  
Archie Hall

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Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Charlotte Ayre	Jessica Wilson	Jessie-Rae Allison	Joshua Collier
YR Miss Dixon	Coen Beadle	Rose Westmoreland	Rocco Smith	Dexter Dobson
Y1 Mrs Brown & Mrs Thompson	Liam Turner	Jenson-John Murray	Bonnie-Rae Scarth-Ferguson	Hallie Richardson
	Scarlett Van-Wyk	Destiny Murray	Jaxon Moutrey	Jason Adekunle
Y2 Mrs Durham	Lily Grantham	Oakley Harrison	Oliver Hall	Holland Finley
Y3 Mr Horkan	Jack Blasco	Skyla Wilks	Leo Archer	Olivia Wallace
Y4 Miss Robinson	Jessica Dunn	Megan Squires	Lewis Harris	Cason Tierney
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Max Devlin	Ava Hammond	Hollie Dale	Ellis Fearn
Y5M Mr McConnell	Logan Daniels-Owen	Kain Carmichael	Finley Orley	Leah Cooley
Y6 Mrs Cowan		SATs Week		



YR & KS1  
Leighton Wardle

Y3 & Y4  
Erin-Jayne Harrison

Y5 & Y6  
Ellie Smith-Sewell