

Dates For Your Diary - Spring Term

Wed 15th Jan	RSPB Schools Big Bird Watch (7th Jan to 14th Feb)
Mon 20th Jan—Fri 31st Jan	Reception Sports Festival @ Durham University
Tues 21st Jan	31st January Swimming Block for Y5 pupils
Week Commencing 27 Jan	Y2 Pirate ABC Sports Festival @ Durham University
Wed 29th Jan	'National Storytelling Week'
Thurs 30th Jan	Chinese New Year
Fri 31st Jan	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Reception Pupils
	Y1 Fire Station Visit - AM
Week Commencing 3rd Feb	'Children's Mental Health Week'
Thurs 6th Feb	Y4 Visit York Chocolate Story
Fri 7th Feb	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y6 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 Y5 Pupils
Tues 18th Feb	10 Pupils from Y4 Attend Active Learning Competition @ Durham University Queen's Campus - PM
Thurs 20th Feb	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y2 Pupils
Fri 21st Feb	PD Day 4 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)

HALF TERM

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

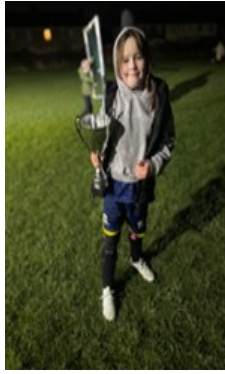
Week Commencing 3rd March	Careers Week
Tues 4th March	Rebel Women Workshops led by Bigfoot Education
	Shrove Tuesday
Weds 5th March	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y1 Pupils
Thurs 6th March	World Book Day & Readathon Celebration
Mon 10th March	Launch of British Science Week
Tues 11th March	Y1 Visit Shildon Railway Museum & Y5/6 Dance City Workshops
Wed 12th March	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y3 Pupils
Tues 18th March	Y2 Snappy Spring Music event @ Thornaby Pavilion - PM
Weds 19th March	9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Y4 Pupils
	Y2 Visit the Washington Wetland Centre
Fri 21st March	Red Nose Comic Relief Charity Day
Mon 24th March	World Maths Day
Mon 24th—Wed 26th March	Y5SW attend Trust Residential at Streonshalh Field Study Centre, East Whitby Primary Academy, Whitby.
Wed 26th March—Fri 28th March	Y5M attend Trust Residential
Tues 1st April	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 Nursery Pupils
Fri 11th April	Children break up for Easter

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April

Mon 28th April Summer Term commences—children return to school





Y4 pupil **Quinn Parkin** was awarded a **'Player of the Match'** trophy for being outstanding in her first football training session.

Quinn demonstrated exemplary **listening skills, confidence, worked hard, and scored goals.** Wonderful news!



Y1 pupil **Harry Robinson** beamed with pride as he shared his recent success in football.

Harry really enjoys football and was awarded a **medal** for trying his best and for practising his ball control.

Well done Harry!

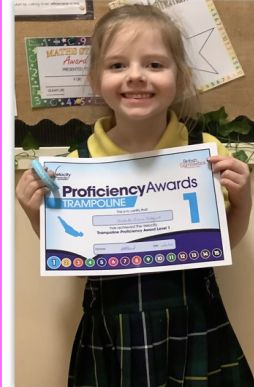


Beaver Scouts are young people usually aged between six and eight years old.

They belong to the first and youngest section in the Scouting family.

Y2 pupil **William Nimmo** attends Beavers in Norton.

William was delighted to be presented with the **'Best Beaver Award'** trophy. Amazing!

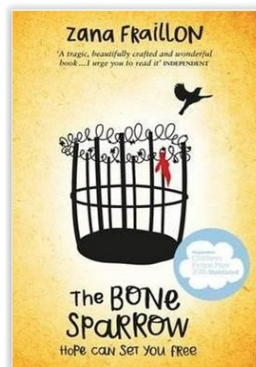


Y2 pupil **Arabella Sedgwick** received her **wristband and certificate** for **Trampoline Proficiency Award Level 1** at Velocity.

Arabella enjoys both gymnastics and trampolining. Congratulations!

Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from **Mrs Wilson**
'The Bone Sparrow' by Zana Fraillon



This book is suitable for readers 10+. It is a moving, relevant and educational novel about the displacement & treatment of refugees and sanctuary seekers.

It links beautifully with the **United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child** and our **Rights Respecting** curriculum.

On Monday, 13th January, **Angela Foster** (Stockton Librarian) was in School with Mrs Osborne & the **Stockton Council Book of the Year (SCBY) Book Club** to write an award winning book review.




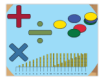
Angela shared a presentation with the group which included some useful **tips** of what to include in a book review. The children were also inspired by looking at examples of previous winners.

Good Luck everyone!



What to include			
General Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What kind of book is it? Does the book inspire a comment? Is it an easy or challenging read? Is there anything that stood out for you? What did you like about the author? Is the book written for an established market? How does it read, is it a story or poetry? 	Plot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What happens? Do you understand the plot phrase 'This book is about...?' Setting Is the book set in the past, present or future? Is it set in the world we know or in a fantastical world or an alien planet? Is it a story or poetry? 	Characters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who are the main characters? What makes them interesting? What conflicts do they have? Are they likeable or likeable? How do the characters react? Could you relate to any of the characters in the story? Who was your favourite character, why? 	Theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the book about? Common Themes Change Control and Government Facing a challenge The quest for power War Friendship Coming of age Good vs. Evil Dystopian

Week Ending 17th January 2025
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Harper-Rose Hill	Archer Dixon	Max Kendall	Rory Liddle
YR Miss Dixon	Eddie Smithson	Coen Beadle	Annie Tunney	Wyatt Hold
Y1 Mrs Brown & Mrs Thompson	Caleb Jefferies	Izzy Matthews	Altay Arslan	Axyl Edgar
	Harper Cooper	Lucas Lee	Bonnie-Rae Scarth-Ferguson	Isla Featherstone
Y2 Mrs Durham	Joseph Luker	Lincoln Wardle	Gia Hindmarsh	Miley Dodds-Day
Y3 Mr Horkan	Charlotte Eley-Carberry	Darcie Berry	Malachi Worth	Oakley Purvis
Y4 Miss Robinson	Sophie Squires	Jessica Dunn	Sebastian Eley-Carberry	Megan Squires
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Ava Hammond	Hollie Dale	Leighton Harvey	Autumn Lonsdale
Y5M Mr McConnell	Logan Daniels-Owen	William Hawser	Lily Daniel	Fearne Fisher
Y6 Mrs Cowan	Holly Hill	Indi Chesworth	Amelia Wilks	Isabelle Owens



YR & KSI
Wyatt Hold

Y3 & Y4
Lillymae Morgan

Y5 & Y6
Nancy Green