

Weekly Newsletter 21st July 2025



Right of the Fortnight: Article 8:
The government should respect your right to a name, a nationality & a family.



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we close our doors this Friday, we reflect on **another remarkable year** filled with achievement and celebration. **Thank you** to our children, families, staff, and wider community for your unwavering support. Your commitment has helped us surpass our **high expectations** once again.

The **detailed and highly positive feedback** from parents and carers in response to the end-of-year reports has been truly heartening. Your kind words and thoughtful reflections from this academic year mean a great deal to our staff. It was evident to read that **new families can clearly see how our staff consistently go the extra mile** and they feel moving their child to Oakdene was the best decision they have made.

We're already looking ahead to an even more exciting **2025/26**, with plans to build on this year's success. As we bid farewell to our Year 6 pupils, we're proud of the confident, capable individuals they've become. Their **impressive final production** was a fitting send-off and a **celebration** of their journey. Good luck to them as they take the next step toward their **future goals**.

We will be saying goodbye to **Miss Akram**, our wonderful temporary **Nursery Teaching Assistant**, who will be leaving us. We thank her for all the care, support, and dedication she has shown to our youngest learners since January. She will be **greatly missed** by children, staff, and families alike, and we wish her every success in her next chapter pursuing her teaching career. We're delighted to welcome **Miss Lambert** as a **Year 1 Teaching Assistant**. After completing her training with us, she now joins the team with great enthusiasm and a passion for supporting learners. We're also thrilled to welcome **Miss Dignen** as an additional **Reception Teacher**. Having trained here with **Mrs Osborne**, she's excited to return to Oakdene—a place she's always held close to her heart.

Wedding News - **Y5 Teaching Assistant Samantha Owens** is busy making the final preparations for her wedding in August. We hope that the sun shines and they both have the most perfect day. Miss Owens will return to school in September as **Mrs Robson**—yes this is going to be very confusing two Mrs S Robsons in Y6!

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for our **Summer Fair** so far, we look forward to a wonderful community event. **Mrs Jackson** and the **Friends of Oakdene** have worked tirelessly to organise this—**THANK YOU!** Please note that in preparation for our **extensive refurbishment project**, the **halls, library areas, and main foyer** will appear **very bare on Wednesday**. We appreciate your understanding as we get ready to enhance our learning spaces for the benefit of all pupils.

Many thanks for your good wishes, kind cards, gifts and generous donations that we've received already. All the staff join with me in wishing you a **safe summer break**, hopefully with the return of some sunshine!

We look forward to welcoming **all Little Sycamores, Nursery and Y1 to Y6** back on **Tuesday, 2nd September 2025**.

The **new reception cohort** have been informed of their **allocated return date**.

Wishing you all a superb summer break!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

Mon 21st- 23rd July	Some Y6 Pupils Attend Summer School @ Northfield
Mon 21st July	Meet My New Teacher Event
Tues 22nd	2.15pm Sports Day for Pupils in Y1-Y3
Wed 23th July	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.

In September, we will continue to ask that in Years 1-6 children come to school in their **PE kit** on their PE day/s.

This will mean that:

- Time isn't wasted with children getting changed!
- Clothes won't get lost!
- Children don't need to worry about privacy or be self-conscious getting changed
- Everyone will have PE kit, hair tied back and earrings removed on their PE day!

The **PE uniform** is displayed on our **school website** for children. Although you do not need to purchase Oakdene branded uniform, please ensure that you **wear the school colours**. Plain dark green or black joggers can be worn during colder months, then we recommend substituting joggers for plain green or black shorts in the warmer months.

If you would like to opt for the Oakdene branded uniform, but would like to save costs - Caswell's will embroider any supermarket / plain items of the full school uniform / PE kit.

They look very professional and are an alternative to buying branded uniforms from uniform shops.



Thank you to everyone who came along to support our **Y4-Y6 Sports Day** event last Friday! We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Mrs Robson** and **Miss Akram** for their dedication and enthusiasm in coaching the **Cheerdanz** After School Club. Their hard work truly paid off, as the team's **vibrant performance** was a **wonderful opening** to this year's Sports Day.

It set the tone for an **exciting** and **energetic** event enjoyed by all! The children had a wonderful time **competing** in the traditional sports day events organised by **Mr McConnell**. Thanks also to **Mrs Smith** (our school cook) and **Alison** (ELT Catering Team) who set up and ran the **'hydration station'**.



A big well done to KS1 pupils **Thomasin Scotland, Elsie Dinsdale-Swales** and **Hallie Richardson**, who attend **4th Billingham Rainbows**.

Thomasin and Elsie earned the prestigious **Rainbow Gold Awards** and Hallie has achieved a **Theme Award** for her fantastic efforts.

We're so proud of your **achievements**—keep up the great work!



Year 2 pupil, **Henry Brown**, has dazzled on stage after just four weeks at the **Razzamataz Theatre Group!** His enthusiasm, talent, and hard work earned him an **Outstanding Performance Certificate** for delivering a confident routine and heartfelt vocals from the beloved musical *Matilda*.

A **fantastic achievement** and a shining moment for Henry—well done!







A huge congratulations to our **Year 3 pupils**, along with their dedicated **parents and carers**, for joining **Our Little Book Club** with Mrs Osborne.


It was wonderful to see such **enthusiastic participation** and a shared love of reading come to life.

Thank you for making it a memorable experience!



Week Ending 18th July 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	Willow Watts	Archer Dixon	Parker Purvis
YR Miss Dixon	Dexter Dobson	Jamie Hart	Freya White	Rocco Smith
Y1 Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Thompson	Willow Earle	Olivia Curry	Olivia-Jane Midgley	Isla Featherstone
	Isabel Liddle	Lucas Milne	Hallie Richardson	Delilah Dodds-Day
Y2 Mrs. Durham	Esmea Skipp	Louis Ferguson	Brianna Pearce	Elsie Dinsdale- Swales
Y3 Mr. Horkan	Roman Chesworth	Kian Jewson	Lillymae Morgan	Lincoln Rose
Y4 Miss Robinson	Blake Playle & Charlie Owens	Daisy Thompson	Archie Donnelly	Lily Charlton
Y5SW Mrs. Wilson & Mrs. Smith	William Marshall	Ellis Fearn	Dolly Rogers	Harry Laws
Y5M Mr. McConnell	Alyssa Frost-Usher	Lily Daniel	Kayci Scott-Mullin	Sophie-Alysa Minter
Y6 Mrs. Cowan	Hayden Jackson	Morgan Titlestad	Zia Kelly-Bostock	Emily Smith

	YR & KS1 Tommy Wilks	Y3 & Y4 Isla O'Hare	Y5 & Y6 William Culley
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