

Weekly Newsletter  
21st November 2022



Right of the Fortnight: **Article 27:**  
**Your Right to a  
Good Standard of Living**



**Dear Parents/Carers**

Thank you to all of you who attended appointments to see class teachers on parent/carer consultation evenings. It is always important to meet up early in the academic year to let you know how your child has settled, to share the progress that your child is making and to identify the next steps. We thank you for your continued support.

Last week we participated in UK **Parliament Week!** We signed up for the **Democra-tree Challenge**. Sowing the seeds of democracy is a unique way to think about our relationship with UK Parliament. For democracy to thrive, and to make change happen on the issues that matter to us, we aim to engage with UK Parliament year-round.

Our **Fabulous Fundraising** is just one shining example of how kindness can make a huge difference to others. I've been asked to say a **huge thank you** from our School Councillors and Rights Respecting Ambassadors for your generosity supporting charities during these unprecedented times. The **British Legion Poppies** proved to be very popular and the **'Children In Need Day'** raised **£254.95**. The children shared that these special days feel even more precious at the moment.

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

It was fantastic to welcome so many parents & carers of Y4 pupils to a St Lucia-themed Open Morning. Activities included budgeting for a Caribbean holiday, baking Fairtrade banana & chocolate muffins, creating Caribbean-themed sea-life and animal prints and Mrs Osborne shared our approach to reading in Y4.



## Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

Thurs 24th Nov	Y5 Visit Life Centre, Newcastle
Fri 25th Nov	Y1 Visit to the North York Moors - One Snowy Night
	Y2 Visit to Preston Park
Fri 2nd Dec	Friends Of Oakdene Christmas Fayre
Tues 6th Dec	Y4 TVMS Snappy Christmas at Thornaby Pavilion
Thurs 8th Dec	PM - Mock Wedding for Reception Pupils
Fri 9th Dec	Christmas Lunch for Pupils & Staff
	Nursery Open Morning and Afternoon (times to be confirmed)
Tues 13th Dec	Nasal Flu Spray (Reception to Y6)
Wed and Thurs	2.00pm Nativity Performance for Parents & Carers of
14th and 15th Dec	Reception, Y1, Y2 and Willows
Fri 16th Dec	10.00am Tableau at St Luke's Church for Parents & Carers of
	Y3 & Y4
	Reception Theatre Visit 'How to Catch a Star'
Mon 19th Dec	9.10am Christingle at Oakdene for Parents & Carers of Y5 & Y6
	AM and PM Little Sycamores and Nursery Christmas Parties
	AM Reception Christmas Party
	PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties
Tues 20th Dec	AM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties
	PM Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties
	<b>Break up for Christmas Holiday</b>



**Wednesday, 21st December 2022 to  
Tuesday, 3rd January 2023  
Christmas Holiday**

**Wednesday, 4th January 2023 Spring Term Commences  
Pupils Return to School**

## *Sporting Success*

*It has been another great week for our sports teams. The Y5/6 boys football team won every match and **reached the final game** from the Stockton Sports Partnership football competition. It was a very close match and resulted in a draw. There were five nail-biting minutes to see who would score the golden goal. Unfortunately we just missed out. The organisers were so impressed with the talent and will try to see if we can progress to the next round as it was so close. Congratulations for demonstrating the **sports games values** so brilliantly! We are so proud of you!*



**World Nursery Rhyme Week** is a global initiative that encourages children and anyone involved in early years around the world to focus on enjoying a week of fun with Nursery Rhymes and Music.

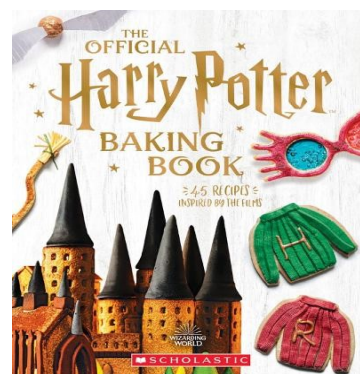
Each year the event centres around five featured rhymes which 'Piccolo Music' provide.

The children in EYFS have been singing these songs (AMAZINGLY!) all this week and we want them to be able to continue singing and dancing their socks off with you when they get home!



### Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from  
Mrs Wilson  
'The Official Harry Potter Baking Book'  
by Joanna Farrow



Bake your way through Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry! Inspired by the films, from Pumpkin Patch Pies to Owl Muffins, Luna's Spectrespecs Cookies to Hogwarts Gingerbread, these 45 mouth watering recipes will, dare we say ... ensnare the senses! This baking cookbook is great for everyone and includes a multitude of gluten-free, nut-free and vegan recipes.


Last week Mrs Osborne organised visits from **award winning author Tracey Corderoy** and **illustrator Steven Lenton** as part of the **Northern Children Book Festival**.

Reception and KS1 pupils enjoyed a very interactive session with props, puppets, drawing, songs and games. It was really brilliant fun and hopefully will leave them inspired to want to read and write their own stories.

It was heart-warming to see the children purchasing books and have them signed by the author and illustrator.



Week Ending 18th November 2022  
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 
Morning Nursery Mrs Guest	Tommy Wilks	Bonnie-Rae Scarth-Ferguson	Liam Turner
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Ollie Fraser	Elodie Richardson	N/A
YR Miss Robinson	Arina Sytiuk	Oakley Harrison	Neave Bateman
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Theo Smith-Sewell	Mason Lavender	Alyza Bateman
Y1L Miss Leonard	Oliver Coates	Darcie Berry	Elena Hold
Y2D Mrs Durham	Lily Mullin	Eliza-Grace Mack	Oscar Prince
Y3/4H Mr Horkan	Sophie-Alysa Minter	Piper Noon	Max Harris
Y3L Mrs Lorgan	Charlie Kibbler	Brooke Carse	Lily Daniel
Y4S Miss Smith	George Robinson	Indi Chesworth	Kara Dixon
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Olly Harris	Isaac Dobson	James Duff
Y5M Mr McConnell	Harleigh Ramsey	Ollie Smith	Kiera Ibbotson
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Libby Hancock	Jessica Noon	Coden Owens

Star of the Week: High no of Dojos, Rights Respecting both in class & at lunchtime, PE Readiness, read at home, learnt spellings etc

Star Reader: Read at least minimum number of times depending on key stage therefore in Reading Raffle, using myON at home etc

Star Writer: Joined handwriting, presentation of written work, creative content, quality/quantity of written work, correct letter sizes etc