

## Weekly Newsletter 24th November 2025



### Right of the Fortnight: Article 23:

**Your Right to Special Care & Support if you are Disabled**



### Dear Parents/Carers

Last week, Mrs Osborne organised two incredible author visits as part of the **Northern Children's Book Festival**. Award winning author **Jeffrey Boakye** took Y4, Y5 and Y6 pupils on a jam-packed and fun-filled trip back to the **1990s** to explore the world of **Kofi Meet Kofi** and his friends, as their world opens up and their top spot gets threatened, with interactive games and readings. The Kofi series is aimed at 9-13 year olds (and all adults nostalgic for the 90s). Jeffrey also shared his **inspiring personal story**, explaining how he turned his **stutter into his superpower**.



Y2 pupils joined award winning **author-illustrator Kate Rolfe** as she led a playful and creative exploration of letters based on her book **'Wiggling Words'**. Kate also shared her personal journey with **dyslexia**, offering an honest and encouraging perspective that resonated with the children.



### Christmas Fair

We will be holding our Christmas Fair on **Wednesday, 3rd December 2025** from 3:30pm - 5:00pm, with entry via the main entrance. There will be lots of stalls, food, games and crafts and even the opportunity to meet Santa. **Thank you** for all your donations so far. This year, we're thrilled to offer the chance to win an extra-special raffle prize: a signed Boro shirt! We look forward to seeing you all!

**Photo Proofs Update - Delivery is FREE TO SCHOOL if orders placed by Thursday, 4 December 2025.**

Photo proofs were sent home this week. All orders must be placed **online**. Please do **not** return any orders or money to school. This is the first time we've partnered with **Tempest Photography**, following the ELT directive for all academies to move to Tempest. We'd love to hear your feedback on the **quality, pricing, or overall experience**—please let us know your thoughts.

Have a wonderful week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

## Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

### NON FICTION NOVEMBER

w/c Mon 24th Nov

UK Parliament Week & Young Poets Week

Tues 25th Nov

**3.30pm Additional Pop Up Coats Stall**

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y4 Pupils

Mock Wedding for Reception Pupils

**Wed 26th Nov**

**PD Day 3 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)**

Tues 2nd Dec

Y4 visit 'Rockin' Christmas Gig

Y5 visit Centre for Life Newcastle

Wed 3rd Dec

24 pupils attend Ice -Skating event at the Forum

3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Christmas Fair

Thurs 4th Dec

10 Y5/Y6 pupils attend Dodgeball event

Fri 5th Dec

10.00am Y3 & Y4 Tableau @ St Luke's Church

Christmas Lunch (please order asap on MCAS)

Tues 9th Dec

9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Nursery Pupils

9.30-10.30am Poetry workshop **Joseph Coelho** alongside

radio DJ, host and presenter **Lauren Layfield**

Wed 10th Dec

2.15pm Nativity Performance

Thurs 11th Dec

2.15pm Nativity Performance

Fri 12th Dec

10.00am Y5 visit Arc - linked to Key Author

Tues 16th Dec

9.10am Y5 & Y6 Christingle,

PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties

Wed 17th Dec

Y2 Victorian Christmas Visit to Preston Hall Museum

PM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties

Thurs 18th Dec

AM and PM Little Sycamores and Nursery Christmas Parties

PM Reception Christmas Party

PM Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties

Fri 19th Dec

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

**Christmas Holiday: Monday, 22nd December 2025 - Friday, 2nd January 2026**  
**Children will return to school on Monday, 5 January 2026**



It was a delight to welcome so many parents & carers of **Y5 pupils** during their **open morning** last week. Three activities were linked to Y5's Key Author—**Roald Dahl**. The activities included creating **BFG-inspired dreamcatchers**, tackling a **Roald Dahl quiz** and applying their mathematical knowledge to solve the **Matilda code breaker**. Mrs Osborne introduced parents and carers to the Y5 **Story Project** resources and promoted 'Take 10 to read'.





### Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from  
**Mrs McGartie**  
**'We are all Inventors!' By Kate Pankhurst**



This book is all about using your **imagination** and learning how **inventors** think! **Lizzy Sparks** has a big problem—her pet hamster, **Gizmo**, is missing! With help from **Ruby**, her clever babysitter, **Lizzy** discovers that inventors never give up. Can she invent something to find **Gizmo**?

The story is **fun** and full of cool **facts** about real inventors and amazing inventions that help people and the planet. If you like making things and solving problems, you'll love this book! **Mixing STEM** topics with a **story of adventure** and learning will inspire and entertain **curious minds**.

### Christmas Fayre

Mrs Jackson and the **Friends of Oakdene** are putting last minute plans in place for the **Christmas Fair** which will be held on **Wednesday, 3rd December at 3.30pm**.

This is our biggest fundraising event. To make the fayre as successful as possible, we would like to request the following donations next week:

**Mon 24th: Good quality soft toys**  
**Tues 25th: Tombola prizes**  
**Wed 26th: Sweets & chocolates**  
**Thurs 27th: Gift sets, toiletries & new toys**  
**Fri 29th: Bottles**

**Can you bake** a yummy Yule Log, marvellous mince pies, cute cupcakes, gingerbread treats or Christmas cookies...?

If so, please bring them in on **Wednesday, 3rd December**.

**Thank you for your support.**



Inspired by **Nick Butterworth's** beloved book **One Snowy Night**, our Year 1 children had planned an exciting visit to the North York Moors. Although heavy snowfall meant the trip had to be cancelled. Mrs Brown, one of our **Forest School** leaders, brought the **magic** to life right here on school grounds!

The children explored our **snowy Forest School**, following animal fact-files and a trail of clues to collect characters from the story.

Along the way, they enjoyed short wildlife-themed activities before finishing with a lively game of woodland pass the parcel. The day ended perfectly—gathered around a warm forest fire, sipping hot chocolate, and listening to the story together.

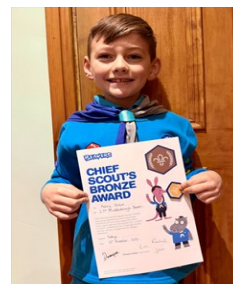


**Y3 pupil, Henry Brown**, recently attended his very first Beaver camp, where he showed fantastic **bravery** and real **commitment** to his Scout group. Thanks to his effort and enthusiasm, he was awarded **Beaver of the Month**.

During the camp, Henry also completed his final Beaver badge, achieving the full set of Beaver challenges. This means he has now earned the **Bronze Award**—the **highest achievement a Beaver can receive**.

Henry is now looking forward to moving up to **Cubs** in the new year!

Very well done!



**Week Ending 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025**

**Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy**

| Class                                | Star of the Week<br> | Star Reader<br> | Star Writer<br> | Star Mathematician<br> |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Nursery<br>Mrs Guest                 | Sophie Balogun  | Thomas Higgins   | Jessica Wilson  | James Higgins   |
| YRC<br>Miss Dixon                    | Mabel<br>Dodds-Day  | Archer Dixon   | Jayden<br>Serrechia   | Lewis<br>Daniels-Owen   |
| YRK<br>Miss Dignen                   | Lola Langridge  | Lucas Bailey   | Douglas<br>Chocholko  | Parker Purvis   |
| Y1B<br>Mrs Brown                     | Poppy Daniel  | Isaac Stewart  | Darcie<br>Murray-Denby  | Harriet Smith   |
| Y2D<br>Mrs Durham<br>Mrs<br>Thompson | Brodie<br>McLaughlin  | Darcy Hammond  | Prashvita<br>Bhimavarapu  | Hallie<br>Richardson  |
|                                      | Ruben Black   | Izzy Matthews  | Elliot Hardy  | Harper Cooper   |
| Y3H<br>Mr Horkan                     | Ariana<br>Wilson-Hill   | Charlie Beken  | Esmea Skipp   | Brieanna Pearce   |
| Y4R<br>Miss Robinson                 | Michelle<br>Adekunle  | Lillymae Morgan  | Leo Archer  | Adridev<br>Vineetha   |
| Y5SW<br>Mrs Smith                    | Megan Squires   | Evie-Jayne<br>Harrison   | Gracie Dale   | Rupert Culley   |
| Mrs Wilson                           | Albert<br>Balanesco   | Blake Playle   | Theo<br>Smith-Sewell  | Aalia Dobson  |
| Y6C<br>Mrs Cowan                     | Kayci<br>Scott-Mullin   | Logan<br>Daniels-Owen  | Skye Stainsby   | Ava Hammond   |
| Y6M<br>Mr McConnell                  | Lily Daniel   | Kain Carmichael  | Olivia-Grace<br>Allison   | Fearne Fisher   |



YR & KS1  
Lewis  
Daniels-Owen

Y3 & Y4  
Skyia Wilks

Y5 & Y6  
Jessica Dunn