

Weekly Newsletter 29th September 2025



Right of the Fortnight: Article 42:
The government must let children &
families know about their rights.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't believe that we are half-way through the first half-term already. It's been another **BUSY** and **PRODUCTIVE** week with so much learning taking place. As professionals, we are living and breathing our 'Learning for Life' motto too. This week we look forward to celebrating 'National Poetry Day' on Thursday, 2nd October.

October marks the beginning of **Black History Month**, a time when we come together to celebrate the rich heritage, achievements, and contributions of Black individuals throughout history. At Oakdene, this celebration goes beyond just one month — our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to reflect and honour the diverse cultures and backgrounds that shape our world. Throughout October, pupils will engage in a variety of **enriching cultural activities** that **highlight the stories, successes, and impact of Black authors, artists, scientists, musicians, inventors, and more**. These experiences will deepen their understanding and appreciation of the vital role Black people have played — and continue to play — in shaping society.

Wishing you a wonderful week!

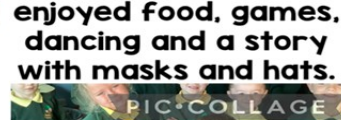
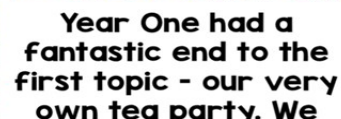
Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



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Our Tiger Tea Party

The Tiger Who Came to Tea



Year One had a fantastic end to the first topic - our very own tea party. We enjoyed food, games, dancing and a story with masks and hats.

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Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

OCTOBER - Black History Month

Thurs 2nd Oct National Poetry Day & Y6 visit Beamish Museum
Fri 3rd Oct 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y1 Pupils

Tues 7th Oct BBC Politics North film Library Areas
Wed 8th Oct Y6 Tag Rugby Festival - PM

Thurs 9th Oct 3.20pm Hallowe'en Costumes Shop (dining hall)
9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y6 Pupils

Fri 10th Oct Y4 visit Binchester Roman Fort
Y5 Ancient Greek Workshop

Mon 13th Oct PM Y1 Forum Theatre visit 'The Smeds & The Smoos'

**Tues 21st Oct 4.00pm Open Evening for Prospective New 2026 Reception/
EYFS Starters (new date)**

Wed 22nd Oct PM Y1 Sports Festival
Thurs 23rd Oct 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y3 Pupils
Hallowe'en Discos (**No Extra-curricular Clubs**)
Y1-Y3 4.00-4.50pm and Y4-Y6 5.00-6.00pm

**Fri 24th Oct Y5 Scavenger Hunt & Team Building Event, Northfield AM
Children Break Up for Half-Term**

Half-Term Break Monday, 27th Oct - Friday, 31st Oct

NOVEMBER Non-Fiction November

Wed 5th Nov 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y2 Pupils
PM Y5 & Y6 Boys Football

Thurs 6th Nov Y3 visit Danelaw Viking Village

w/c Mon 10th Nov Parent Consultation Evenings (**No Extra-curricular Clubs this week**)
Wed 12th Nov 18 children from Y3/Y4 attend Indoor Athletics event
Fri 14th Nov Children In Need Day & Flu Nasal Spray (pupils from Rec-Y6)

w/c Mon 17th Nov Road Safety Week
Wed 19th Nov 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y5 Pupils
Fri 21st Nov Individual & Sibling Photographs

w/c Mon 24th Nov UK Parliament Week & Young Poets Week
Tues 25th Nov 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Y4 Pupils
Wed 26th Nov PD Day 3 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)

Tues 2nd Dec Y5 visit Centre for Life Newcastle
Wed 3rd Dec 3.30pm Friends of Oakdene Christmas Fair
Fri 5th Dec 10.00am Y3 & Y4 Tableau @ St. Luke's Church
Christmas Lunch

Tues 9th Dec 9.10am Open Morning for Parents & Carers of Nursery Pupils
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 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





The Rights

Respecting Group needs you!

Please donate to the food bank!

Friday 24th October last day for donations.



Long Life UHT Milk

Small bottles of squash

Tinned Fish

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Tomatoes

Tinned Rice pudding/Custard

Coffee

Washing up liquid

Washing capsules

Toilet Roll/Deodorants/Shampoo

Shower gel



Oakdene Primary School

On Thursday, 25th September, we held another successful **Macmillan Coffee Morning**. Many thanks to all of you who baked and donated cakes for this amazing cause.

Many thanks to our fabulous school cook **Karen Smith** who had the difficult task of judging the cakes. Many congratulations to **Melissa Brown** who won 'Star Baker'. Well done to **Steph Mack** who made the most accurate guess for where the coffee bean was hiding.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support the coffee morning or gave their children money to purchase sweet treats. There was a lovely atmosphere.

This year we raised just over **£110** -
THANK YOU

Finally, a huge thank you to our wonderful TA **Mrs Jackson** & the **Friends of Oakdene** who helped set up the refreshments and cake sale alongside our delightful **Y6 pupils**.



At Oakdene, we're proud to foster a **strong** and **supportive school community** through regular events that bring us together and help fund valuable resources. Thanks to your incredible support, the Summer Fayre raised an amazing **£1,102.50**, allowing us to reach our fundraising goal for a brand-new sound and music system. Your generosity **makes a real difference**—and we're excited to see the positive impact this will have across the school!

If you're a parent or carer of a pupil at Oakdene and would like to get involved in school events—such as discos, fundraising activities, and seasonal fayres—we'd love to hear from you! Please collect a **Friends of Oakdene** form from the school office and return it once completed.

**Our first meeting will be held on
Thursday, 9 October after school.**

We'll have activities available to keep children occupied, so please don't worry if childcare is a concern. **Everyone is welcome—especially if you're new to the school.** We look forward to seeing you there!



Thank you to Miss Robinson who organised our 'European Day of Languages' last week which was enjoyed by all. Each class studied a country, some of these made connections with topics.

KS2 children were also super excited to participate in the Lingotot European Day of Languages Festival on Tuesday, 24th September! The children had a fun-filled day with Susie Vanner, our specialist language teacher, who led activities based on everyday life in France.



European Day of Languages: Friday 26th September		
KS1/KS2 assemblies to focus on EOL	Country	suggested ideas & activities
EU		Action Songs/Rhymes from other countries
Reception		hello song in different European languages Listen to a traditional story in another language
Year 1: Spanish Language spoken in many holiday destinations		Key phrases Spanish food Popular holiday destinations ... hello and goodbye in different languages (PowerPoint)
Year 2: French Taster of languages introduced in KS2		Key phrases French food Famous landmarks ... hello and goodbye in different languages (PowerPoint)
Year 3: Norway, Denmark & Sweden		Key phrases Scandinavian food Famous footballers e.g. bring me a hand
Year 4: Italian homeland of 'The Romans'		Key phrases Italian food Famous landmarks ... 'Find someone who' ...
Year 5: Greece homeland of 'The Greeks'		Key phrases Greek food Greek dancing ... Languages Quiz
Year 6: Ukrainian Country in need of support		Key phrases Ukrainian food Languages Quiz Language Connect

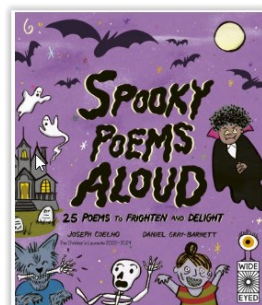
We are incredibly proud of all our amazing runners who represented the school with such enthusiasm and determination at last week's Cluster Cross-Country Competition.

Every single participant gave it their absolute all demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship and team spirit as they enthusiastically cheered on their peers.

A special shout-out to Landon Quinn, who raced his way to an impressive 2nd place finish, securing a well-deserved spot in the Stockton finals! We wish Landon every success as he prepares to take on the next challenge — we know he'll do us proud!



Recommended Read
This week's recommended read is from
Miss Dignen
'Spooky Poems Aloud'
by **Joseph Coelho**



Spooky Poems Aloud is the perfect collection of 25 Halloween-themed poems for children to build confidence in reading aloud and nurture their speech and drama skills.

Some poems are meant to make your audience jump while others weave spell-poems that can enchant a witch's cat or cast a spell of laughter.

We're thrilled to celebrate **Molly Robson**, a talented Year 1 pupil, who danced her way to success at her recent competition! Molly's dedication, passion, and sparkle on stage truly impressed the judges. She was awarded:-

1st Place – Song and Dance
1st Place – Ballet
1st Place – Tap
2nd Place – Lyrical
5th Place – Under 10 Supremes

What an incredible achievement for such a young performer – we're so proud of you, Molly!



Week Ending 25th September 2025

Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematicia 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Matilda Lenham	Harper Bunn	Joshua Collier	Rosie-Mae Scarth-Ferguson
Y1B Miss Dixon	Sophia Peers	Rory Baker	Mabel Dodds-Day	Jessie-Rae Allison
Y1C Miss Dignen	Ollie Foster	Mason Walker	Aaliyah Sanchez-Godt	Theo Bell
Y1B Mrs Brown	Isaac Stewart	Rose Westmoreland	Elijah Wilson-Hill	Rocco Smith
Y2D Mrs Durham	Delilah Dodds-Day	Altay Arslan	Darcy Hammond	Olivia-Jane Midgley
Mrs Thompson	Destiny Murray	Axyl Edgar	Harry Robinson	Aysel Khan
Y3H Mr Horkan	Aidan Turner	Henry Brown	Sava Ali	Noah Selvon
Y4R Miss Robinson	Olivia Wallace	Leo Archer	Kian Jewson	Oakley Purvis
Y5SW Mrs Smith	Rupert Culley	Beth Denmark	Lacie Love	Lily Scott-Mullin
Mrs Wilson	Evie-Jayne Harrison	Scarlett Allon	Harley Wallace	Harrison Unsworth
Y6C Mrs Cowan	Piper Noon	William Marshall	Dolly Rogers	Leah Cooley
Y6M Mr McConnell	Amber Hammond	Ben Bainbridge	Lily Daniel	George Reeve



YR & Y1
Theo Bell

Y2 & Y3
Brodie
McLaughlin

Y4, Y5 & Y6
Ava Hammond