

Weekly Newsletter
31st March 2025



Right of the Fortnight: Article 40:
Your right to legal help if you have been
accused of breaking the law.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Y5 Residential at Streonshalh

In September 2024, the Enquire Learning Trust created a custom built 36 bed field study centre in **Whitby** with the hopes of bringing high quality, outdoor education to children from across the trust. The aim is that every child who attends an Enquire Learning Trust school will get an **all expenses paid trip** to Whitby during their primary school lives and will experience all the amazing things Whitby and the surrounding area has to offer. The centre uses local businesses to enhance the trips the children have, including **fish and chip** shops, **ghost walks** and **boat trips**.

Y5 enjoyed the suspense of their **class novel, Room 13**, written by the acclaimed award-winning children's author, Robert Swindells. Published in 1989, it centres around a group of friends on a school trip, who stay in a creepy guest house on Whitby's West Cliff. Looking through the lens of the Room 13 text, the Y5s mirrored visits to different places shared with the characters within the book. They visited the lifeboat museum, which enabled the Y5s to understand some of the **history** of Whitby and how important the **RNLI** is to our country. The Dracula Experience helped Y5s further understand the myths and mystery behind the character in the story. The **heritage trail** taught Y5s about other historical events that have taken place throughout Whitby's history, including how William Scoresby (part of the whaling family) invented the crow's nest on ships and who is also the reason behind the polar bear that is visible upon the roof of a shop in Whitby. The trail also linked well with **prior knowledge** of the Tudors; the Y5s learnt how Henry VIII took the bells from Whitby Abbey, as he wanted them for himself. The ship sunk and the remains are still off the coast of Whitby today. On their final day, the Y5s visited the **lobster hatchery** to understand the lifecycle of a lobster, this linked with the current **science** topic of living things and life cycles of plants and animals.

Tiff Rollins (Deputy Centre Manager) emailed me with these fabulous comments:- *"I just wanted to drop an email to let you know how much I enjoyed having your Year 5 classes last week. The children were a credit to your school. I was blown away with their respect, kindness and overall attitude to learning. The children wanted to know more and more and they were great at listening, asking questions and having a positive attitude to learning. The staff that supported the children on the visits were just as enthusiastic, supportive and positive. They made the children's visit to Whitby and I am sure the children have all made memories to treasure forever. I wanted to say thank you for sending such an amazing group of children and staff to stay with us last week. I wish they were coming again! "*



Have a wonderful week!
Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Dates For Your Diary - Spring

Tues 1st April
Fri 4th April

12 Pupils from Y5/Y6 Hockey at Norton Sports Complex
9.10am Open Morning for Parents/Carers of Nursery Pupils

W/c 7th April
Tues 8th April
Thurs 10th April
Fri 11th April

Consultation Evenings for Parent/Carers - PM
Y3 French Day
Height & Weight Checks for Pupils in Rec & Y6
Children break up for Easter

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday, 14th April - Friday, 25th April

Mon 28th April Summer Term Commences - Children Return to School

Mon 5th May **BANK HOLIDAY - School closed**

Mon 12th May - Thurs 15th May **Key Stage 2 SATs** are Timetabled

Half-term holiday runs from:

Monday, 26th May to Friday, 6th June inclusive (two weeks).

The children will break up on:

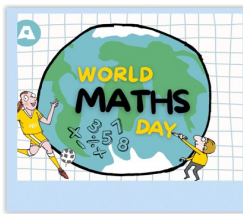
Friday, 23rd May and will return to school on Monday, 9th June.

Week commencing 9th June - School to Administer checks for:

Y1 Phonics Screening, Y2 Resits and Y4 Multiplication Tables



World Maths Day is a national event and took place in schools across the globe on Thursday, 26th March 2025 to celebrate maths. Little Sycamores learnt the **number songs to 5** such as 'Five little Ducks' and 'Five little Monkeys', whilst nursery learnt **number songs to 10**. Y1 looked at **length** whilst Y2 had fun with fractions. Y3 and Y4 solved **money problems**. Y5s looked at the **Fibonacci** sequence through art. Y6 participated in a traditional game of **logic**. This game was created in Kenya and linked well with their African topic.





Y4 pupil, **Daisy Thompson**, successfully achieved her **Orange belt** in Karate. She had to perform different **defence** and **attack** moves. Daisy then had to **perform** a series of moves **successfully** in order to gain enough points. She needed 50% to pass and achieved the **highest** score of the group which was 69%. Well done!



Y4 pupil, **Scarlett Allon**, has continued to progress on her martial arts journey,

Scarlett has been perfecting self protection methods at **Zi Shiying Tang Soo Do**.

In her latest **graded exam**, Scarlett was awarded her 6th Gup.

We're so impressed with your achievement.



Easter Activities Reminder

Thank you so much for supporting our **Friends of Oakdene Easter Raffle** fundraising event. Tickets are still on sale. We will inform you of the winners and how much we've raised after the Easter break.

We are going to hold our annual **Easter Egg Decorating Competition** next week. We invite all children to decorate a hard-boiled egg with materials from in your home.

Some children may be inspired by Spring/Easter, a favourite book character, a topic they've enjoyed learning about, a hobby—be creative!



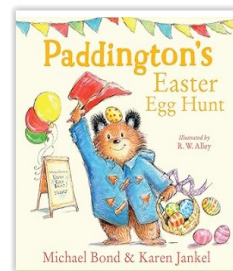
This is, of course, an **optional** activity. The eggs will be **judged** on the last day of term, **Friday, 11th April 2025**.



Reception pupil, **Darcie Murray-Denby**, was beaming with pride as she brought in her latest certificate and badge for completing her **Stage 2 Learn to Swim Award**. Congratulations!

Recommended Read





This week's recommended read is from **Mrs Hunter**
'Paddington's Easter Egg Hunt by **Michael Bond & Karen Janke!**



Paddington is excited to be organising an Easter egg hunt for his neighbours. But, from finding empty supermarket shelves, to buying a box of broken Easter eggs, **Paddington** wonders if the hunt can ever go ahead. That is, until **Mr Gruber's** book on Roman mosaics and some sticky marmalade give him a brilliant idea . . .

A deliciously funny Easter story, perfect for **Paddington** fans!

Week Ending 28th March 2025
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Nursery Mrs Guest	Jessica Wilson	Ollie Foster	Mason Walker	Jensen Langstaff
YR Miss Dixon	Molly Robson	Isaac Stewart	Coen Beadle	Annie Tunney
Y1 Mrs Brown & Mrs Thompson	Harry Robinson	Katy Coates	Vinnie Westwood	Elliot Hardy
	Isla Featherstone	Jaxon Moutrey	Hallie Richardson	Olivia-Jane Midgley
Y2 Mrs Durham	Ariana Wilson-Hill	Aria Dugdale	Arabella Sedgwick	Jacob Matthews
Y3 Mr Horkan	Oliver Coates	Isla O'Hare	Adriever Vineetha	Michelle Adekunle
Y4 Miss Robinson	Scarlett Allon	Aalia Dobson	Harley Black	Gracie Dale
Y5SW Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Dolly Rogers	Archie Hall	Amez Ali	Reuben Edgar-Simpson
Y5M Mr McConnell	Finley Orley	Lily Daniel	Lily Lloyd	Kain Carmichael
Y6 Mrs Cowan	Teddie Edmenson	Cassius Dobson	Cally Wright	Morgan Titlestad

	YR & KSI Katy Coates	Y3 & Y4 Niamh Bellew	Y5 & Y6 Piper Noon
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