



**Right of the Fortnight: Article 3:  
All adults should do what is best  
for you.**



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Sports Days

We are very excited about our sports days this week, we can't wait to all be involved in some healthy competition! Families are welcome to come and watch the games and races. Last Thursday, two Y6 pupils Lennon and Kacey, and a Y5 pupil Reuben, represented our school in the **Tees Valley Athletics Finals** after achieving amazing results at Stockton athletics finals. We are so proud of their **excellence** in sport.



It's wonderful to hear about your sporting achievements outside of school too. Huge congratulations to Noah in Y5 who won a medal and certificate for competing in the Lonsdale Boxing Cup in Glasgow.



Have a great week!

Mrs Bramley and Miss Champion

Y2F and Y2/3O enjoyed a lovely day exploring the wildlife highlighted in the bestselling book **'The Lost Words'** when they visited **Danby** Education Centre. Children hunted for the lost words in Crow Wood and made a collective acrostic poem.

They were led on a gorgeous 1km **story walk** through woods and fields down to a small stream. Through the story, the children discovered some of the 'lost' creatures and took part in **minibeast hunts** and games, whilst making **weasel homes** and **natural artwork**. **The children were REMARKABLE in every way and demonstrated all of our school values.**





The **summer reading challenge** is back this year! All our children have been invited to participate in the 2022 Summer Reading Challenge at **Billingham Library**. This year's challenge is packed full of **science, technology** and **Innovation** just like our school! **Children aged 4-11** can visit Billingham Library from Saturday, 9th July onwards to meet the **Gadgeteers** and participate in our Summer Reading Challenge! Nicola Davey led two assemblies to promote the rewards: certificates, stickers, medals and the opportunity to explore science and technology e.g. robots loaned to the library.

You can find out more about the summer reading challenge at Billingham Library and on the Summer Reading Challenge website at: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

If there's one thing you can do over the school holidays—keep up the daily/regular reading habits.

### Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term

Mon 4th July	Summer Reading Challenge Launch Assemblies Y4SW Independence Day Celebrations	
Tues 5th July	Y4H Independence Day Celebrations	
Wed 6th July	2pm KS2 Sports Day	
Thurs 7th July	Y1 Visit Saltburn-by-the Sea	
Fri 8th July	2pm KS1 Sports Day	
Mon 11th July	Academy Hub Music Events for some Y3 Pupils 4.30pm Meeting for New Reception Parents & Carers	
Tues 12th July	Y5 Visit Eden Camp	
Fri 15th July	Meet My New Teacher Event for Children Community Pantry—Bright Minds Big Futures	
Tues 19th July	Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM Teddy Bears' Picnic	
Wed 20th July	6pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (tickets only) Reception Visit Middlesbrough Sports Village	
Thurs 21st July	<b>Last day of the Summer Term</b>	

## School Year September 2022 - August 2023

### PD Days

Thursday 1 September 2022

Friday 2 September 2022

Monday 31 October 2022

Friday 17 February 2023

Monday 13 March 2023



### Autumn term 2022

The Autumn term runs from: Thursday 1 September to Tuesday 20 December 2022. Thursday 1 and Friday 2 September are PD days so children will return to school on Monday 5 September.

Half-term holiday runs from: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022 inclusive. The children will break up on Friday 21 October. As there is a PD day on Monday 31 October 2022 the children will return to school on Tuesday 1 November 2022.

Christmas holidays run from: Wednesday 21 December 2022 to Tuesday 3 January 2023 inclusive. The children break up on Tuesday 20 December 2022 and will return to school on Wednesday 4 January 2023.

### Spring term 2023

The Spring term runs from: Wednesday 4 January to Friday 31 March 2023.

Half-term holiday runs from: Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February 2023 inclusive. As there is a PD day on Friday 17 February, the children will break up on Thursday 16 February and will return to school on Monday 27 February 2023.

Please note that the school is closed for a PD day on Monday 13 March 2023.

Easter holidays run from: Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April 2023 inclusive. The children will break up on Friday 31 March 2023 and will return to school on Monday 17 April 2023.

### Summer term 2023

The Summer term runs from: Monday 17 April to Thursday 20 July 2023.

Bank holiday (school closed): Monday 1 May 2023

Half-term holiday runs from: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023 inclusive. The children will return to school on Monday 5 June 2023.

**The children's last day at school before the summer holidays will be Thursday 20 July 2023.**

<p><b>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 1st July 2022</b></p> <p><b>Congratulations to each of our Star Pupils:</b></p> <p><b>Nursery</b> - Isla Featherstone &amp; Caleb Jefferies</p> <p><b>Reception</b> - Leighton Daniels-Owen</p> <p><b>Little Willows</b> - Joshua Wood</p> <p><b>Y1L</b> - Beth Denmark</p> <p><b>Y2F</b> - Landon Quinn</p> <p><b>Y2/30</b> - Ava Hammond</p> <p><b>Y3R</b> - Tyler Curry</p> <p><b>Y4H</b> - Aiden-James Finley</p> <p><b>Y4SW</b> - Jake Cody</p> <p><b>Y5B</b> - Jack Colley</p> <p><b>Y6G</b> - Alicia Archer</p> <p><b>Y6S</b> - Joshua Fenton</p>	<p><b>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 1st July 2022</b></p> <p><b>Congratulations to each of our Remarkable Readers:</b></p> <p><b>Nursery</b> - Roman Wraith &amp; Sava Ali</p> <p><b>Reception</b> - Freddie Bell</p> <p><b>Little Willows</b> - Alyza Bateman</p> <p><b>Y1L</b> - Daisy Thompson</p> <p><b>Y2F</b> - George Reeve</p> <p><b>Y2/30</b> - Olivia-Grace Allison</p> <p><b>Y3R</b> - Peter Balanescu</p> <p><b>Y4H</b> - Daisy-Mai McCarthy</p> <p><b>Y4SW</b> - Amelia Richards</p> <p><b>Y5B</b> - David Eguegu</p> <p><b>Y6G</b> - Amy Rooney</p> <p><b>Y6S</b> - Lewis Gatenby</p>
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**Recommended Read**

This week's recommended read is from  
Miss Ackram  
"When Life Gives You Mangoes"  
by Kereen Getten



The story is about a young girl who can't remember anything from her previous summer after a hurricane. Because of this, she is usually teased on her island, even from her best friend, Gaynah.

Something happened to her and we don't really know what or why it's changed.  
Clara.

Oakdene has just been accepted on the **World of Stories** Programme (developed in partnership with Puffin, The Arts Council & The National Literacy Trust).

The programme equips primary schools with additional books, materials, training and resources they need to further **champion reading for pleasure** across the whole school, and reinvigorate our school library areas and reading spaces.

Oakdene has been invited to attend a free virtual author event with the **World of Stories ambassador Nathan Bryon**, author of the fantastic *Look up!* and *Clean up!* The event will take place this Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July at 10am.

