



## Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

W/c 18th Oct  
Thurs 21st Oct  
Fri 22nd Oct  
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Telephone Consultation Eves for Parent/Carers of KS2 Pupils  
Y5 Black History Month Author Workshop  
Superhero Day for Reception Class  
*Children break up for half term*

**Monday, 25th Oct - Friday, 29th Oct**

**October Half-Term Break**

W/c 1st Nov

UK Parliament Week

W/c 15th Nov

Road Safety Week

Tues 16th Nov

Y3 Jorvik Visit

Wed 17th Nov

Nursery Theatre Visit—The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Thur 18th & Fri 19th Nov

Y1 Vision & Hearing Checks

Fri 19th Nov

Children In Need Day

Wed 24th Nov

Y2 Visit Preston Hall Museum

Fri 26th Nov

Phototronics (individual photos)

Mon 29th Nov

Nasal Flu Spray

Fri 17th Dec

*Break up for Christmas Holidays*

**Monday, 20th December 2021 - Monday, 3rd January 2022 Christmas Holidays**

**Tues 4th Jan PD Day 4 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)**

Wed 5th Jan

**Spring Term Commences**



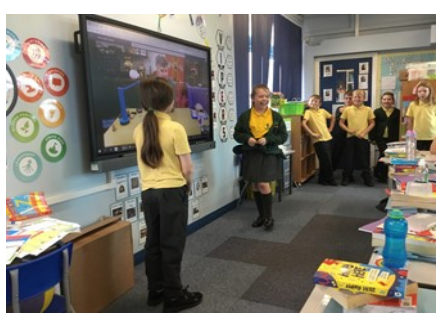
Oakdene has a national reputation for it's curriculum and we try to plan visits to bring experiences to life. This includes visiting special places/places of worship e.g. visits to a church or mosque to support children's understanding of Religious Education. Last week, Y1 had a brilliant time at St Luke's Church with Reverend Richard Radley. Reverend Richard showed the children how he performs baptisms and the children took part in a role play baptism. Y1 showed great listening skills & understanding of baptism - they were quick to spot special objects such as the cross, font and candle. It was a wonderful experience for all children. Well done Year 1!



<p><b>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 15th October 2021</b></p> <p><b>Congratulations to each of our Star Pupils:</b></p> <p>Nursery - Jacob Jackson &amp; Oakley Harrison</p> <p>Reception - Riven Mansell</p> <p>Little Willows - Eliza Copland</p> <p>Y1L - Spencer Jardine</p> <p>Y2F - Ellis Fearn</p> <p>Y2/30 - Kayci-Lei Scott</p> <p>Y3R - Arta Ahmadi</p> <p>Y4L - Lucy Macklam</p> <p>Y4SW - Kaveesha Soyza</p> <p>Y5BE - Levi Hall</p> <p>Y6G - Isabella Delgado-Young</p> <p>Y6S - Kacey Richards</p>	<p><b>Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 15th October 2021</b></p> <p>Each week we award children in each class for <b>REMARKABLE READING.</b></p> <p><b>Congratulations to each of our Remarkable Readers:</b></p> <p>Nursery - Holland Finley &amp; Neave Bateman</p> <p>Reception - Riley Titlestad</p> <p>Little Willows - Blake Playle</p> <p>Y1L - Albert Balanescu</p> <p>Y2F - Brooke Carse</p> <p>Y2/30 - Piper Noon</p> <p>Y3R - Jaden Ridley</p> <p>Y4L - Joe Gardiner</p> <p>Y4SW - Emily Daniel</p> <p>Y5BE - Robyn Kirk</p> <p>Y6G - Amy Rooney</p> <p>Y6S - Charley Thompson</p>
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Greek Day Year 5 took part in a zoom session with a Greek expert from Durham Oriental Museum. We were archaeologists looking at different artefacts and trying to understand what they were and what they told us about Ancient Greek life.

We also performed an ancient Greek style play! We learnt it was bad luck to die on stage so they had a 'death door'. Mrs Young was very concerned when she heard a dying scream in the corridor!



Year 5 visited Northfield for an active scavenger hunt. Using an orienteering map, the children had to navigate around Northfield's outdoor areas and find different objects.

The children used iPads to record their findings and had to complete 30 different tasks. The Y5s were praised for showing great resilience and determination.



Along with many other schools across the country, our children have been celebrating 'Black History Month' during the month of October. Each class focussed on an inspirational black person from the past or present and carried out research into this person. They each then produced work, which will be displayed in school. The project is important in further developing our children's social, moral and cultural understanding.

As part of these celebrations, Year 5 took part in an online author event. They have been reading 'Happy Here' which is an exciting new book published by 'Knights Of' for primary children. It features inspiring stories from black British authors and illustrators.



The children were able to join award winning poet, Joseph Coelho, as he read an extract from the book before taking part in a question and answer session. We believe representation and inclusion in books is important for all children, not just children of colour, because it can affect how children see themselves and make sense of the world around them.

### Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from Miss Leonard

Julia Donaldson Rebecca Cobb

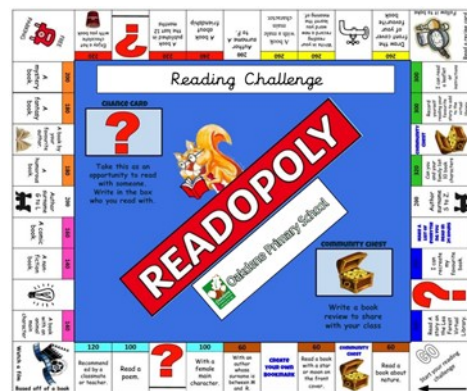
## The Everywhere Bear



Julia Donaldson - The Everywhere Bear  
The Everywhere Bear has a wonderful time with Class One, until one day he goes on his own solo adventure.

This story tells the tale of his adventure, with beautiful illustrations and a focus on rhyming. A lovely new addition to Y1s Key Author collection!

### Autumn Term Reading Challenge



Over the half term we would like you to keep reading.

Thank you for sending in your amazing photographs to show that you have completed some of the challenges. This is something everyone at home can get involved with. If you complete the board you will be awarded with a raffle ticket which will go into a prize draw.

The winning prize will be an iPad.

**KEEP READING!**