

## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

School has been so busy these last couple of weeks with so much learning, visits and excitement building towards Christmas.

We've had a real push on being safe both in and out of school with visits from the Fire and Police service. As always, I was so impressed with the prior knowledge our children brought to these events really showcasing the strength of our curriculum offer.

## Community Library

In the foyer of the school we have a selection of books for adults.

We ask that you leave a book when you take a book.

We have had some lovely books added to the collection, please pop in and take a look.

The library will be accessible during school hours. Please feel free to access this.

## Children starting primary school in September 2025

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 and are due to start school in September 2025 parents can now apply for a place at school.

The application is open and closes 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Please visit the webpage below for everything you need to know.

[www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions)

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

<https://oakridge.n-yorks.sch.uk/>

## Acorn Class

We are reading: The Street Beneath My Feet  
Ask me about: How to use a compass

Acorn Class enjoyed a visit to the local mobile post office. We met Sam who told us all about what we can use the post office for, and showed us how to post a letter and cash in a cheque.



Acorn class were visited by the Whitby Fire Service to talk to us about fire safety. We enjoyed a story all about what to do in a fire.



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## Oak Class

We are reading: Sky Song  
Ask me about: The colours in French

Last week, we had a lovely visit from the Fire Brigade who were giving us some top tips on how to stay safe in these dark nights! We learnt that we should always 'be bright' when going out in the dark whether that is taking a torch, having lights on your bike and/or wearing reflective materials. We were also given reminders about walking and cycling safely at night as it is important to 'be alert', especially to vehicles in the dark and so we should always walk on the paths and if there is not a path we should walk on the right so we can see oncoming traffic.

We even got to have a sit in their fire truck!



Last week, we had an informative visit from a Police officer about knife crime and staying safe. We watched a video and had the opportunity to ask the Police Officer a range of questions about how we can stay safe and how the police can keep us safe.

In Geography we have been learning all about our school and local area. We plotted a route through the school grounds, and used maps and compasses to help us to get to our destination.



# News from Oakridge CP School



On Friday, we had an amazing afternoon with the recycling hub! We played board games using recycled materials whilst learning the different ways the things we use can be disposed of: bin, compost, recycle or re-use! The children really enjoyed playing the games with one student even wanting to add it to their Christmas wish list!



On Monday we had a wonderful experience at a healthy school educational trip at East Barnby. We took part in a sensory activity first, exploring and learning different herbs and what makes up a balanced diet.



Next was our "Go find it" game, where the children wore pedometers to track their level of activity and learnt they should be doing 10-12,000 steps a day and active for at least an hour.

After a break we went to our third workshop which was led by a group from Compass Phoenix. We did the hula hoop challenge, learnt why resilience is so important and made happiness boxes, where the children were given colouring sheets, fidget toys and bubbles to fill their happy boxes.

Finally our last activity was the campfire, where the children learnt the skill of how to use willow branches to make a dream catcher and toasted marshmallows over the fire!





In Science, the year 3's and 4's have been learning about states of matter. In our science lesson last week, we learnt that particles make up everything in the world and they can behave differently in the different states of matter: solids, liquids and gases. We even had a go at behaving like particles in each state of matter!

The year 5 and 6's took part at athletics at Whitby School. They gave amazing effort in giving everything a go in the first half and brilliant team effort in the second half for the running and relay races. Being the smallest group there, the children showed resilience and determination at the highest form. Well done!



Solids



Liquids



Gases

## Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities and food this Christmas

On Monday 25th November we issued vouchers to all families whose children/young people are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this Christmas. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in this email/text to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area.



Don't worry if there's a waiting list - it doesn't always mean that an activity is full. To ensure that a wide range of families get to take part in FEAST, providers to wait a number of days after vouchers are issued before accepting any bookings. Please request a place and you should receive a notification from Holiday Activities if your place is confirmed.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.



To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#).

## Flu Vaccinations – Catch Up Clinics

Vaccination UK are holding clinics across North Yorkshire. If your child missed the flu vaccine when they visited school.

Please scan the QR code on the attached poster to find out where these clinics are and how to book an appointment.

## Christmas Lunch 20.12.24

We will be having Christmas Lunch on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. If your child is on packed lunch and would like to have the Christmas Lunch, please let the school office know by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

The option of jacket potato will not be available on this day.

## PTFA News



## **Christmas Raffle to be drawn 6.12.24**

Tickets can be purchased from Emma Thompson or call in to the school office.

We would like to say a big thank you to the local business's that continue to support us and our fundraising events. We have some fantastic prizes.



We hope you can all come and join us for a lovely festive afternoon.

## Attendance

Good attendance is linked to success in all aspects of school life.

This week, our attendance has been

**96.5%**

This is just above our target of 96%.



## Celebration Assembly

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 3.10pm**

Join us to celebrate all of the fantastic work the children have been doing and particularly these children who have excelled over the past fortnight:

**Stars of the Week: Florence and Harvey**

**Special Award: Rosa and James**

**Mr Russell's Behaviour for Learning  
Award: Eddie**

## Dates for the Diary

### **December 2024**

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> – Whole school trip to the Pantomime

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Christmas Fair 2pm-4pm

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> – Nativity at Church

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> – Staff Training Day

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Performance

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Autumn Term

### **January 2025**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – First day of Spring Term

Weds 8<sup>th</sup> – SATS Meeting for Year 6 Parents 3:30pm

Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> – EYFS Stay and Play 10:30am-12

### **February 2025**

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Half Term

### **March 2025**

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> - EYFS Stay and Play 9:15am-10:45am

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Family Reading Carousel 1:30pm-3:30pm

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Staff Training Day

### **April 2025**

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Last day of Spring Term

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> First day of Summer Term

### **May 2025**

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> – Family Mental Health Awareness 1:30pm-3:30pm

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> SATS Week

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Half Term

### **June 2025**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> - Year 4 Multiplication Check Week

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> – Class Photographs

### **July 2025**

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Last day of Summer Term