



Monday 16th December

The school is full of Christmas cheer. We have had some wonderful events over the last couple of weeks. These events have shown the fantastic relationships we have within our community.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas with your families and loved ones.

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 1st September 2020 and 31st 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 15th January 2025.

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

www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions

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

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

Christmas Extravaganza

The Christmas Extravaganza will be taking place on Thursday 19th December at 2.30pm and 5.30pm. We hope to see you all there.

The children are invited to stay at school in between performances to enjoy some food together and watch a film. Please complete the consent form that has been emailed to you.

Acorn Class

We are reading: The Christmas Pine by Julia Donaldson

Ask me about: Rhyming words

Acorns enjoyed a visit to the farm last week. We got to learn about the Shetland ponies and how to take care of them.



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We got to stroke them, give them a brush, clean out their hooves and even clean up their yard.



Some children also faced their fears! I think we have some amazing farm hands in the making in Acorns!



Acorns have been working on their compass skills to plot a route around the school grounds. We then tested the route, and wrote a set of instructions.



In garden school all the children worked with Mr Everson to make a bird feeder. These are now hung around the school grounds and in the community.



The Nativity at St Hilda's Church

Thank you to everyone who came to watch, sing along and enjoy the nativity. The church was full. The children did a wonderful job of telling the story of the nativity.



We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Hinderwell Women's Institute for making and donating the costumes for the children to wear. They all looked fantastic.



Thank you Revd. Jackson for letting us use the church for our performance and rehearsals. It really is the most fantastic venue for this poignant event.

Thank you for your kind donations at this event. We raised £117.50. This is going towards revamping our sensory room. We will share photo's in the New Year when this is completed.

Snow White

The children had a fantastic time (oh yes, they did) at the pantomime Snow White at Whitby Pavilion. Thank you to the PTFA for paying for the tickets, ice cream and transport.





The children enjoyed their ice cream at the interval.



They got to watch the sea whilst having lunch before returning back to school.

Oak Class

We are reading: Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone. It's getting really exciting now! Eska has escaped from the Ice Queen and travelled with Flint back to Deeproots with the hope of finding out who she is and why her voice is so special.

Ask Year 5/6 about: Global Supply chains and Fair Trade.

Ask Year 3/4 about: Climate zones

Oak class have been diving into world geography over the past week. The year 5s and 6s have been developing their understanding of global trade, how supply lines work and what different countries import and export. They were fascinated by the route their school clothes took before finding their way onto the shop shelves.



Year 3 and 4 have developed their understanding of our place in the world, learning about different lines of longitude and latitude while understanding how the distance from the equator effects a country's climate.

They had great fun consolidating their knowledge of climate zones making these natural maps.



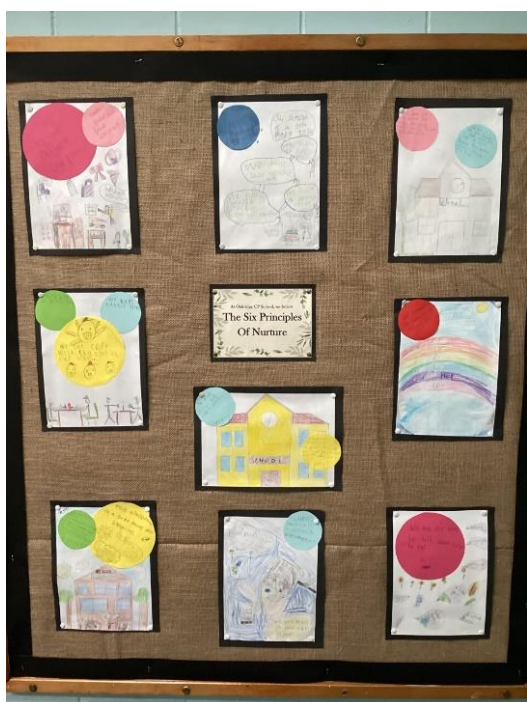
The 6 principles of nurture are:

- The importance of transition in children's lives
- All behaviour is communication
- Language is a vital means of communication
- Children's learning is understood developmentally
- The classroom offers a safe base
- The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing

If you'd like to find out more, visit <https://oakridge.n-yorks.sch.uk/about-our-school/nurture/>

National Nurturing Schools Award

In the Spring term, the school will be applying for our long overdue National Nurturing Schools Award. Our children have created a Nurture display written in child friendly language.



NYC Speech and Language Advise Sessions

If you require any advice or support regarding your child's speech, language or communication skills you can attend the Communication and Interaction SLCN Advice Workshop for Parent's and Carers. Please see the second attachment for dates, venues and how to book an appointment.

Attendance

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

This week, our attendance has been

95.8%

This is just below our target of 96%.

PTFA News

A big thank you to those who came to the Christmas Fayre and to the businesses that donated raffle prizes. We had wonderful support from local businesses and we appreciate every donation made.

We raised a total of **£1650.00**.



The children enjoyed a visit from Father Christmas and each got a present.



Thank you to Mrs Snowden-Harris for the face painting.



Thank you to those who took part in the Golden Bucket this year. We raised **£160.00**. Congratulations to the lucky winner who received £160.00.

A big thank you to those who joined in the Asda Cashpot for Schools campaign. We raised a total of **£222.69**.

The PTFA will be selling refreshments at the Christmas Extravaganza on Thursday 19th December. We look forward to seeing you there.



If you or the children any new ideas for fundraising events, please do share these with a member of the PTFA.

The PTFA would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!!

Celebration Assembly

Friday 20th 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: Reggie and Eva

Special Award: Caius and Jaden

Mr Russell's Behaviour for Learning Award: Blake

Dates for the Diary

December 2024

Thurs 19th – Christmas Performance 2.30pm and 5.30pm

Fri 20th – Christmas Lunch

Fri 20th – Last day of Autumn Term

January 2025

Mon 6th – First day of Spring Term

Weds 8th – SATS Meeting for Year 6 Parents 3:30pm

Weds 22nd – EYFS Stay and Play 10:30am-12

February 2025

Mon 17th – Fri 21st Half Term

March 2025

Mon 3rd - EYFS Stay and Play 9:15am-10:45am

Fri 7th Family Reading Carousel 1:30pm-3:30pm

Fri 21st Staff Training Day

April 2025

Fri 4th Last day of Spring Term

Tues 22nd First day of Summer Term

May 2025

Mon 5th – Bank Holiday

Fri 9th – Family Mental Health Awareness 1:30pm-3:30pm

Mon 12th SATS Week

Mon 26th – Fri 30th Half Term

June 2025

Mon 2nd - Year 4 Multiplication Check Week

Mon 9th – Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

Weds 25th – Class Photographs

July 2025

Mon 21st Last day of Summer Term