

Friday 17th January

Welcome back; what a start to 2025! The children have settled well back in to the learning environment, showing great focus and determination while taking part in a whole host of exciting activities.

As always, we are so keen to develop our provision and give our pupils additional experiences. This week, Mrs Dobson started a recorder club with a group of KS2 children while I enjoyed my first ukulele session with a set of ukuleles funded by Village Hall.

If you have any skills you would to share (especially sport) with our children and have time to run a club, please let us know.

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.

Nurture

As you know, Oakridge threads the 6 principles of Nurture through everything we do. On the 3rd of February, we are going to be externally assessed to see if we have achieved the National Nurturing School award. As part of the assessment, Nurture UK would like to talk to parents. If you have a nurturing story to tell and are happy to spare 15-30 minutes of your time, please let us know.

Acorn Class

We are reading: Tuesday by David Weisner.
A wordless picture book that is leaving the plot up to our imagination!

Ask me about: Plants!

In nursery/ EYFS we have had a busy week. We have been investigating how our oceans can become polluted with rubbish. We helped clear our ocean tuff tray of plastic and rubbish protecting our sea mammals and fish.



We have made a role play vets area. This is very popular and especially since we had Whisper joining our school on Tuesday.



We had a wonderful morning on Tuesday with Mr Everson preparing our willow tunnel area.



Before lunch we shared a story time with Whisper.



Our artist is Henri Matisse, we are looking at his sculptures of natural form, expressionless statues focusing more on the energy and flow of the shape, we will be creating a final piece of a sculpture of a natural form figure. This week we experimented with clay, how to manipulate it and how it responds, we made thumb pots as a class, Y1 used natural items to create texture in the surface and Y2 focused on refining their pots using clay tools such as rubber kidneys.

In the Acorns we have been looking closely at seeds, we dissected a seed and used our magnifying glass to each see what was inside, looking at the outer shell and then food store.

We observed how our bulbs are starting to emerge and how our cress seeds are starting to sprout, recording the changes in our plant diary.



Messy Church

Reverend Jackson and his team of volunteers will be holding a Messy Church session on Friday 31st January at 3:30pm.

Farm Visits

Both Acorns and Oak Class will be visiting Greylands farm in the village on Wednesday 29th January. The children love this visit to see the new born lambs and calves. Please ensure your children come to school in their school uniform with wellies, appropriate coat or water proofs, hat, gloves etc. A spare pair of trousers may also be advisable.

Easter Service

Please share our Easter Service with friends and family. We look forward to seeing you there.



After School Clubs

Monday 3:30-4:15pm Craft Club with Mrs Harrison

Tuesday 3:30-4:15pm Games Club with Miss Spenceley

Wednesday 3:30-4:15pm Signing and Communication Club with Mrs Wilson

After school clubs are open for children in Reception to Year 6. You can book your child on to a club via the My Child At School App.

Stay and Play

Our next Stay and Play session will be on Wednesday 22nd January 10:30am-12.

Please share this with any friends or family who would like to come and join in the session.

Come and have Lunch with us

Our lunchtimes in the hall are such a lovely, nurturing experience with older children serving our younger pupils and enjoying lunch together.



We are proud of their behaviour and want to share this with you.

You'll be welcome to stay afterwards too to see what the children get up to in the playground.

The first of these events will be on Wednesday 29th January 2025

The kitchen will be serving Sausage and Yorkshire Puddings, Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Veg.

Meals cost £3.10 and places need to be booked and paid for by Friday 24th January 2025.

Music

Mrs Dobson is kindly coming into school to teach some of Oaks how to play the recorder.

Mr Russell is going to do a ukulele lunchtime club for the Acorns.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is held every morning from 8am. This is free for everyone to access. The children get to enjoy lots of different activities such as, crafts, board games, outdoor games, lego, knex and cooking to list a few. The children get to choose from a variety of cereals for breakfast.

The staff that cover breakfast club are Mrs Harrison, Mrs Wright and Miss Lindsey.

Oak Class

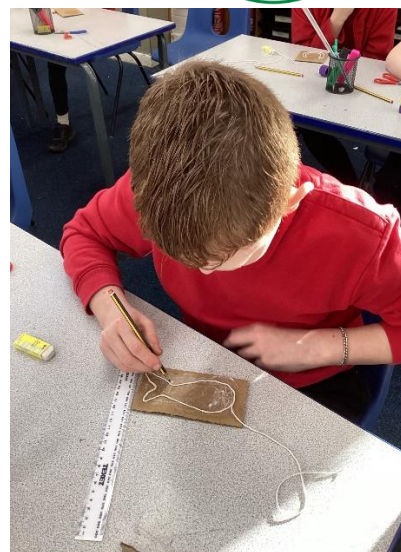
We are reading: The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q Rauf.

The story introduces our pupils to Ahmet - a Syrian refugee - and his friends' struggle to make sense of the world.

Ask me about: How society changed in the Bronze Age

In RE we are looking at Muslim religion. We are learning about the 5 pillars of Islam, how they are the foundation of Muslim life and about their prophet Muhammad. Challenge us and ask if we can tell you one of the 5 pillars.

This term we are learning about Pop Art, ask us if we can remember what Pop Art stands for and what it is? Andy Warhol is our inspiration and we are creating prints in his style.



Using our garden school as our inspiration we have taken photos and will use these to inspire our final prints in bright bold colours. We will be using a variety of techniques, such as Poly printing, block printing and screen printing to create our final pieces. We are very excited about this.



We are learning about the importance of music within a film and how it helps the audience connect to the story. The children have been able to listen to and describe where they would expect to find certain types of music to create suspense, tension, drama etc. This week we watched Wallace and Gromit, A Close Shave, and understood the difference from sound effect and background music and how the different dynamics of the



music set the scene and play a vital part in connecting to the audience.

Nurture groups are continuing weekly, building self-esteem, resilience and confidence. This week we have also been looking at "All about me, all about you" taking an interest in other people, we learnt some interesting views in a would you rather game. It is lovely to see the children listening and sharing with one another.

Lunch Menu

The lunch menu for the next two weeks is listed below. You will be notified of any changes via class dojo.

The children also have the option of Jacket Potato with Tuna, Cheese and Baked Beans.

Monday Chicken Nuggets

Tuesday Creamy Cheese Tomato Pasta

Wednesday Roast Gammon

Thursday Nacho Beef Bake

Friday Fish Fingers and Chips

Monday Sausage Roll or Cheese Swirl

Tuesday Chicken Korma

Wednesday Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding

Thursday Spaghetti Bolognese

Friday Battered Fish and Chips

News from the PTFA

Happy New Year to you all from the PTFA!

Please return any Christmas jumpers that were borrowed by Friday 31st January. It is important we get them back so that we can do the same again this year.

Our next fundraising event will be the Easter Bingo and Easter Raffle.

Date to be confirmed.

Attendance

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

This week, our attendance has been

95%

This is just below our target of 96%.

Celebration Assembly

Friday 24th 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: Stirling and Marlie

Special Award: Reggie and Harvey

Mr Russell's Behaviour for Learning Award: Elizabeth

Dates for the Diary

January 2025

Tues 21st – Multi Skills Year 3 and 4

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

Weds 29th – Greylands Farm Visits

Fri 31st – Messy Church

February 2025

Weds 5th – Family Mental Health Afternoon 1:30pm-3:30pm

Thurs 6th – Gymnastics Year 1 and 2

Mon 17th – Fri 21st Half Term

March 2025

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

Tues 4th – Hockey Coaching Year 3 and 4

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

Tues 11th – Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament Year 3 and 4

Tues 18th – Straws Cup Football 4pm-6pm

Weds 19th – Oak Class visit to Ryedale Folk Museum

Fri 21st Staff Training Day

April 2025

Tues 1st – Stingers Netball Year 5 and 6

Weds 2nd – Easter Service at St Hilda's Church 2pm

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