

Friday 31st January

There's been so much to celebrate over the past two weeks with visitors complementing our amazing school on it's calm learning environment. Our pupils too have been speaking to visitors with increasing confidence about their learning.

I was slightly shell-shocked on Wednesday witnessing my first ever live lamb birth! The children took it in their stride though and we all learned so much particularly from Northern Farmer Award's Beef Farmer of the year 2024 William.

We can't to come back!

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.

Acorn Class

We are reading: Our focus in English this fortnight is based on a video called Don't Go. A cartoon alien is being chased by a cat, and we need to write instructions for the alien to avoid being caught!

Year 1 and 2 ask me about: Mary Seacole



We have started our Happy Minds in nursery class and introduced ourselves to the characters Betty and Bertie. We shared our story about a play date and encouraging children to have resilience and keep trying.



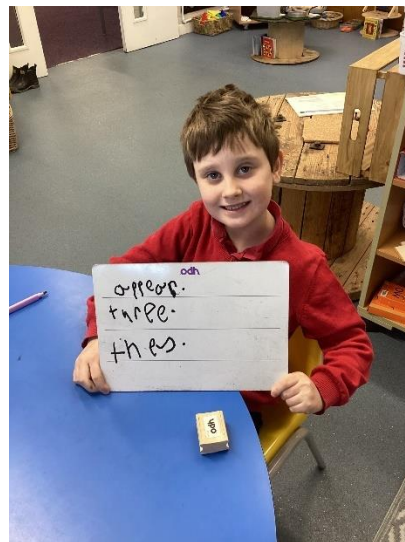
The children extended the session by small world play with the characters from the story.

We had a visit from two dental nurses in the Acorns showing us the importance of keeping our teeth clean and healthy.

We took part in several activities and carried on the theme in our provision by role playing, visiting the dentist.



We have also been working really hard in all our phonics sessions.



Stay and Play

In Maths, Year 1 have been looking at numbers from 11-20 over the last fortnight, we are now combining all our learning, to compare them.



Our EYFS children made our stay and play guests very welcome. They enjoyed exploring our role play areas and I'm sure they will be joining us again soon.

Our next Stay and Play session is on Monday
3rd March 2025 9.15am-10.15am.

Year 2 have just started a new block of learning on Multiplication and Division, and we have started by looking at equal groups.

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.

Staffing Update

We are pleased to announce that we have Mr Long joining the team. Mr Long is an experienced teacher and will be teaching Oak Class for the rest of the academic year. Mr Long will also take the role of Teacher In Charge until Miss Stone returns.

Striving for the Gold Healthy School Award

We are proud to announce that we are currently working towards achieving the prestigious Gold Healthy School Award. This recognition is part of the North Yorkshire Healthy Schools initiative, which focuses on four key themes: Active Lives, Emotional Health & Wellbeing, Food in Schools, and Personal, Social & Health Education (including Relationships, Sex, and Health Education).

Over the coming weeks, we will be gathering valuable input from our pupils to ensure we have the necessary evidence to support our application. This process will not only strengthen our chances of success but also help us continue to develop and improve our practices in these areas.

The bread and butter thing

As a school, we are always looking at ways to support both families and the wider community. We recently found out about an opportunity for Oakridge to become a hub for a food club called the Bread and Butter thing.

<https://www.breadandbutterthing.org/>

The idea is you get effectively £40 worth of food for £8 (smaller options available for people living alone). Each week on a Friday, the van will drop food off at Oakridge and those who have prebooked will collect their bags.

We do need your help. The project can't run without volunteers. We need a team of at least 2 or 3 people to come here each week to pack the bags from 12.30-2.30 every Friday. We are hoping if we can get 5 or 6 volunteers then we'll always be covered.

Please contact the school office if you would like to volunteer.

Farm Visit

Having a farm as your classroom for the morning was a wonderful experience for all of the children at Oakridge. From nursery to Year 6 they all witnessed lambs been born.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Carol, William and Joanne for allowing us to visit and for the depth of knowledge shared with the children.



Thank You

Huge thank you to the Jet Coast Development Fund for funding 8 ukuleles for the school. These rock stars are loving their weekly lessons with Mr Russell. You'll be able to hear them play at our Easter Service on Wednesday 2nd April at St Hilda's Church.



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 y5/6 about: The evolution of the peppered moth.

Ask y3/5 about: How we hear sounds.

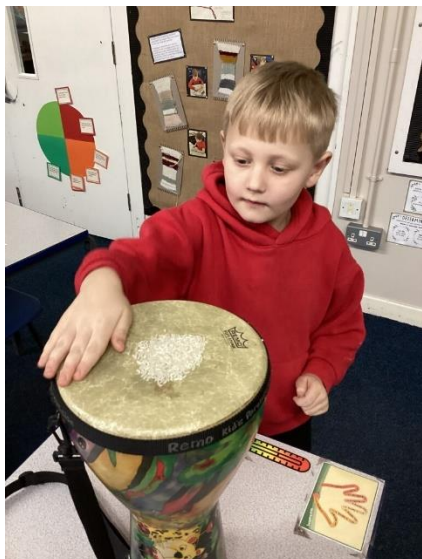
It's been so wonderful to see weekly Myhappymind lessons paying dividends with one child supporting another this week explaining how cortisol was forcing him into fight or flight mode.



Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic time at Whitby School taking part in the Multi Skills.

Well done to you all.

Oaks have been Learning how sound travels, experimenting with rice on a drum to see the vibrations.



Song Bird Survival Trust

The children in Year 5 and 6 had a great opportunity to have some play leader training.

Oaks and Acorns received their Ruby Award from the Song Bird Survival Trust. This was for their commitment in helping the conservation of song birds. The children made bird feeders and helped maintain a bird friendly habitat.



They worked really hard during the session and have been eager to lead activities during break time to the rest of the children in school.



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 - Pizza

Tuesday – Curried Chicken Rice

Wednesday – Minced Beef Pie

Thursday – Pork Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce with Pasta

Friday – Fish Star with Chips

Monday – Chicken Nuggets

Tuesday – Creamy Cheese Tomato Pasta

Wednesday – Roast Gammon

Thursday – Fishfingers with Chips

Friday - Valentine's Lunch

Valentines Lunch

Valentine's Lunch will be held on Friday 14th February.

If your child would like to have the Valentine's Lunch please inform the school office.



News from the PTFA

Save the date.....



We are kindly asking for donations for the Easter Bingo and raffle. If you could hand these in to the school office.

Please can all Christmas jumpers/tops be returned to school this week.

Attendance

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

This week, our attendance has been

94%

This is below our target of 96%.



Celebration Assembly

Friday 7th 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: Rosa and Peter

Special Award: Matilda and Oliver

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

Dates for the Diary

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

Tues 1st – PTFA Easter Bingo Refreshments from 4.30pm Eyes Down 5pm

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