

News from Oakridge CP School



Friday 2nd May 2025

Like the solitary bees EYFS have been learning about, school has been buzzing with activity this week from Game of Actual Life, recorder club with Mrs Dobson, cycling in PE, Quad kids and more. Unbelievably, next week will be even busier despite it being a shorter week!

I am sure you will be as pleased as I am to read Mr Long's exciting news. He's had such a positive impact on Oak Class and the wider school that we're delighted to extend his stay.

Ask us About:

EYFS: Solitary Bee's

KS1: Facts about Elephants

KS2: Yr3/4: The importance of sleep in living a healthy lifestyle and ensuring that we are at our best.

Yr5/6: The importance of exercise in living a healthy life. The connection between a low resting pulse rate and how fast we can run.

We are Reading:

EYFS: Car, Car, Truck, Jeep

KS1: The Secret Elephant

KS2: High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson

A message from Mr Long

Dear all,

I am pleased to announce that I will be continuing in my role at Oakridge for the next year. Since walking through the gates on my first day, I have been overwhelmed by the community spirit and support from both colleagues and everyone connected with the school. This, coupled with our amazing children, makes Oakridge a very special place to come to work each morning! It has been a delight watching our pupils grow both academically and socially over a short space of time and I cannot wait to see what we can continue to achieve together over a longer period. Once again, thank you for welcoming me into your community and for all of your support; have a wonderful long weekend!

Mr Long

After School Club

Wednesday and Thursday 3.30-4.15pm Well-being Club

After-school club we have been busy building a dead hedge. We have positioned this hedge in a flight path for birds and bats, the hedge will create habitats for insects, homes and shelter for small mammals such as hedgehogs and a resting area for birds. The children collected sticks, leaves, willow and grass and got to work as a team. We have also mixed compost and wildflower seeds where we then scattered our wild meadow, which will attract plentiful insects into new habitat's. A fantastic week of wellbeing!



Quad Kids

In sweltering heat this week, part of Oak class attended Quad Kids at Whitby school for an afternoon of sport. The afternoon was divided up into different types of sports, running, jumping, throwing, obstacle courses and mini tennis.

The children out did themselves with their positive attitudes and continuous effort in such hot conditions. They tried their hardest in all events, cheered each other on and were fantastic role models of the school.

Harry became the star of the throwing event, managing to get his howler to 12m!! Amazing!



Acorns

This week, Acorns have been busy with maths alongside enjoying the sunshine. We have been looking at measuring and capacity. Fortunately, due to the weather being so fantastic all week, we have been able to get outside and measure a number of different objects. The children love practical maths and applying their maths to real life situations. It has also promoted lots of discussion between our older KS1 children and our EYFS children. We are so lucky to have mixed age classes which allow the older children to discuss their learning with the younger children and for the younger children to share their love of learning with the older children. Acorns, you are all amazing!!



Cricket

We headed to the cricket tournament last Friday full of excitement for the day ahead, and what a day it was! The children played against 5 schools throughout the day, progressing with every game. Our small group of 5 were joined by 3 children from Danby to make up the group of 8 that was needed for the games. They took to their new teammates as they had always been with us, encouraging them and cheering them on.

As the games developed, we took on some strong sport schools, but our children's determination and teamwork came out in abundance, they had their eyes on the ball, communicated beautifully, and managed to keep stumping the opposing team's wickets in our favor! It was just incredible; I could not be prouder standing on the side lines cheering them on!

Overall, the children won two games, against Lythe and Danby, one game they won by 188-108. They lost three, but they were close, with only 8 points in one game being 57-49!

They really were amazing; it took a lot of resilience, determination and perseverance to play continuously all day. They showed teamwork, respect and sportsmanship shaking their opposing team's hands. Year 3&4 were a credit to our school. We may be small in numbers, but we are big in spirit! Go Oakridge!!!



Lunch Menu

The lunch menu for next week 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 – Beef Burger

Tuesday – Sweet & Sour Pork Noodles

Wednesday – Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding

Thursday – Creamy Mac & Cheese

Friday – Fish Star

Street Food Party

Lunch Special 15.05.25



If your child is on packed lunch and would like to join for this lunch special, please contact the school office to book.



Safeguarding Week

As part of safeguarding week 2025, the NSPCC is hosting an Online Safety webinar for parents on Thursday 19th June at 12pm - 1pm. It will cover

- The risks and benefits of being online for children
- Practical tools and resources to keep children safe online
 - Online grooming
 - Online bullying
 - Social media
 - Gaming
- Mental health and wellbeing

Sign up by clicking here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/safeguarding-week-2025-nspcc-parent-online-safety-session-tickets-1317295338819?aff=oddtcreator>

News from the PTFA

BAG 2 SCHOOL

We are collecting men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories. The more we weigh the more they pay. If you have any of the above items, please bring them in to school on Wednesday 7th May 2025 by 9am.

Our next meeting is Monday 6th May, please speak to Mrs Thompson if you would like to attend.

Attendance

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

This week, our attendance has been

96.1%

This meets our target of 96%. Maintaining this amazing level of attendance will ensure that our pupils achieve their full potential.

Celebration Assembly

Friday 9th 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 last week:

Stars of the Week: Mateo and Peter

Special Award: Caius and Eva

Mr Russell's Behaviour for Learning Award: Harvey

PE days next week are Tuesday and Friday. Please bring bikes if not at golf on Friday.

Dates for the Diary

May 2025

Mon 5th – Bank Holiday

Weds 7th – Whitby Lobster Hatchery Visit

Thurs 8th – Rec, Yr1/2 visit to Captain Cooks Museum

Fri 9th – Tri-Golf at Whitby Golf Club

Mon 12th SATS Week

Tues 20th – Yr5/6 Cricket at Whitby Cricket Club

Fri 23rd – Yr6 Tennis at Whitby School Airy Hill Site

Mon 26th – Fri 30th Half Term

June 2025

Mon 2nd - Year 4 Multiplication Check Week

Mon 9th – Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

Tues 10th – Yr1/2 Quad Kids at Whitby School Airy Hill Site

Tues 17th – 18th – Yr6 Edinburgh Trip

Fri 20th – Pro Ride Bike Competition

Tues 24th – Yr5/6 Athletics at Whitby School Airy Hill Site

Weds 25th – Class Photographs

Thurs 26th – Yr5/6 Rounders at Whitby School Prospect Hill Site

July 2025

Thurs 4th – Bikeability

Fri 5th – Bikeability

Tues 8th-10th – Yr6 Transition days to Whitby School

Mon 14th – Sports Day 1.30pm

Tues 15th – Canoeing (Reception-Yr6)

Thurs 17th – Leavers Assembly 2.30pm

Mon 21st Last day of Summer Term

Term Dates 2025 – 2026

Monday 1st September – Staff Training Day

Tuesday 2nd September – Staff Training Day

First day of Autumn Term Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Oct half term Monday 27th – Friday 31st October 2025

Last Day of Autumn Term Friday 19th December 2025

Monday 5th January – Staff Training Day

First Day of Spring Term Tuesday 6th January 2026

Feb half term Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026

Friday 13th March – Staff Training Day

Last Day of Spring Term Friday 27th March 2026

First Day of Summer Term Monday 13th April 2026

May Day Monday 4th May 2026

May half term Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026

Last Day of Summer Term Friday 17th July 2026