

Welcome back. What an exciting half-term we have in store! From residential trips, to pantos, to parents' craft afternoons, to more even sporting events, this is going to be a real Christmas cracker!

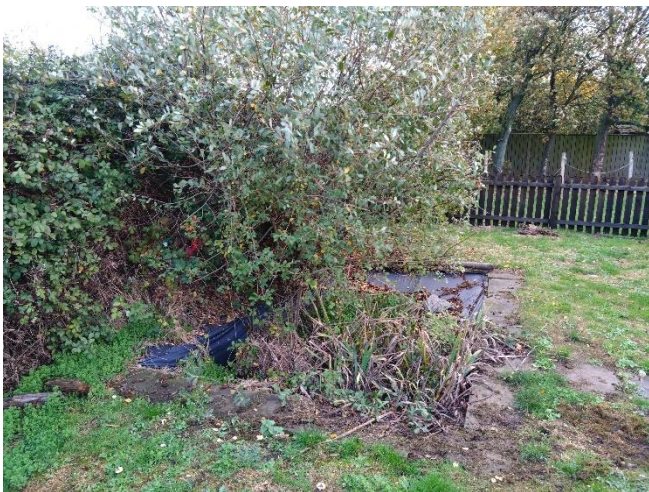
The School Pond

Over the half-term holidays, the school pond undertook an amazing transformation all thanks to the hard work of our incredible PTFA. They secured funding from the Co-op in Staithes for a complete renovation.

I'm incredibly excited about the pond taking centre-stage in our new *Garden School* curriculum.



The pond received a croak of approval.



Before



After

Finalists!



I could not have been prouder as our tag rugby team went on a winning run all the way to the finals of the Whitby and Ryedale competition at Whitby Rugby Club.

The children played in the true spirit of rugby with smiles on their faces. In our semi-final against Glaisdale (awkward!), things were looking tough as Glaisdale moved a couple of tries ahead. Most teams would have crumbled at this stage but not Oakridge! Somehow, from somewhere, our children found something extra and ran in three unanswered tries to seal second place overall. Another hugely impressive result from these determined, resilient children.

Methodist Chapel Christmas Fayre

On the 16th November, at various times through the morning, the children will visit the Methodist Chapel for a Christmas shopping extravaganza!
Please send no more than £5 (preferably in coins) and be ready for some wonderful Christmas gifts!

The Library



Our library received a make-over in the half-term. We hope you'll join us at **2pm on Tuesday 15th November** for a family reading carousel where you'll be able to see our wonderful reading environments in person. More details will be provided nearer the time.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival was hugely successful.



Our visitors enjoyed a veritable feast of a performance.



Thank you for all of the kind donations and to the PTFA for packing it into these wonderful boxes.



The boxes' recipients were delighted with the parcels and our children had a real spring in their step that comes from doing a good deed.

Seahorse Class



Giving someone instructions when you can't see what they're doing is no easy task!

Dolphin Class



The children had an amazing time and learned so much at the science fair.

Celebration!

Come and join us tomorrow at **2.50pm** to celebrate the children's wonderful achievements over the past two weeks.

Stars of the Week: Blake, James, Riley and Alex.

Special Awards: Reggie, Ethan, Eva and Bella.

Mr Russell's BfL award: Jennifer.

Recorder Club

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Dobson into school every Tuesday lunchtime for a recorder club. Please encourage your child/children to access this wonderful opportunity.

Music Lessons



This morning, the children were very fortunate to experience a magnificent 40-minute concert performed by the North Yorkshire Music Service showcasing a range of instruments.

I am going to send out more details regarding individual music lessons soon, but if this is something you would be interested in your child receiving, please let us know at school.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 11th Nov – Remembrance Service 10.50am

Friday 11th Nov – Messy Church 3.30pm

Tuesday 15th Nov – Family Reading Carousel 2pm

Tuesday 29th Nov – Christmas Fayre 2pm

Wednesday 30th Nov – Peat Rigg Trip

Monday 5th Dec – Parent craft afternoon 1.15-3.15pm

Wednesday 7th Dec – Christmas Dinner

Thursday 8th Dec – Whole school Panto trip

Thursday 15th Dec – KS2 trip to York