



# NEWSLETTER

OAKWELL RISE  
Primary Academy

Friday 22nd December 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

We wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.... What a lovely final week to end this autumn term.

I have had the joy of watching the performances for children in Nursery, the Reception Class and Year 1&2 Show followed by the Year 3&4 Show - they were absolutely amazing. Credit to both the teaching teams for organising the shows and to your wonderful children who have blown me away with their drama skills and gorgeous singing.

We will be closed over the festive period and while teaching staff return to school on Monday 8th January for an INSET, children return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2023 from 8am for Breakfast Club.

Have a lovely holiday full of joy, sharing and family. We will see you in 2024.



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*Mrs Jenkins*



## ATTENDANCE

Our target is 97%

RECEPTION	72%
YEAR 1	84.8%
YEAR 2	89.2%
YEAR 3	90.4%
YEAR 4	96.7%
YEAR 5	90%
YEAR 6	93.5%

We hope you all have a fabulous break and we will see you all back on the 9th January 2024.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

THIS WEEK IS 88.9%

NUMBER OF LATES THIS WEEK	6
LOSS OF LEARNING (MINS)	154

## Year-Round Joy

Christmas is full of shiny things  
That sparkle, gleam and glow;  
These holiday pleasures dazzle us,  
And yet, deep down, we know...

That Christmas has its special gifts,  
But our year-round joy depends  
On the cherished people in our lives,  
Our family and our friends.

By Joanna Fuchs  
Poemsource.com



## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

If you require urgent assistance, please also consider the contacts below who may be able to provide immediate support:

BMBC Social Services  
emergency contact (children  
and adults) - 01226 787789

BMBC Homelessness Emergency  
Line - 01226 787789

Berneslai Homes Repairs Hotline  
(24 hours) - 01226 787878

Barnsley Foodbank -  
07741 414810

Domestic Violence Support from  
South Yorkshire Police - Dial 999  
and press 55 if it is not safe to  
speak.

Samaritans - 116 123

Yorkshire Water Emergency -  
0800 573 553

National Grid Emergency  
Reports - 0800 111 999

# Christingle



ORANGE  
the world

RED TAPE  
God's love for the world

CANDLE  
Jesus - he shows us what God is like

4 COCKTAIL STICKS  
4 corners of the world

SWEETS  
the good gifts God gives us

<https://lucyathome.co.uk>



For unto us  
a child is born!



# Christingle Service

Saturday 23rd December 2023  
Parish Church of St. Peter and  
St. John the Baptist  
Doncaster Road Barnsley  
S70 1JQ

10:30am Decorating Christingles

11:00am Start

11:45am Refreshments

Invite your friends and family to share in this celebration and embrace the spirit of Christmas! Everyone is welcome to attend.

Plus, enjoy hot chocolate and Christmas cookies after the service.

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# Oh Snap

## This Week's Snapshots



## 30 HOUR NURSERY FUNDING

Oakwell Rise Primary Academy is delighted to offer 30 hour funding for children either starting in Nursery or continuing their Nursery education into this academic year, 2023/2024.

We are able to offer the following:

- 30 hr funded places
- 15 hr funded places

The Nursery day will run as follows:

- AM session - 08:30 - 11:30
- PM session - 12:00 - 15:00

For the full time Nursery children, they will be an additional 30 minutes of lunchtime where children will need to be provided with a packed lunch from home. The lunch period will be inclusive within the offer and no further charges will be made.

Admissions to Nursery will be in order of the Date of Birth, regardless of whether you require 30 hrs or 15hrs. If you wish to apply for a 30hr funded place, you need to apply online at <https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare> to receive an 11 digit code.

When you have received an 11 digit code please provide this to the school office by the 1st December for January intake.

Inspiring today, making a difference tomorrow



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We are:  
Child Focused  
Nurturing  
Inclusive  
Ambitious

