



# NEWSLETTER

OAKWELL RISE  
Primary Academy

Friday 31st January 2025

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

This week I had the pleasure of being in the classrooms to look at the teaching of Science. KS1 has a great STEM project this half term and have been enjoying learning about investigations looking at chemistry, physics and biology. LKS2 has an excellent understanding of how sound waves travel with some very hands-on learning and UKS2 loved learning all about Earth and Space. What a great set of investigations planned by our marvellous teachers!

*Mrs Jenkins*

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

We've had another busy week at Oakwell, with Year 3 and 4 starting the week travelling to York to visit the Yorvik Viking centre. They had a fantastic time being archaeologists and exploring the Yorvik centre. Next week, Year 5 and 6 are off to the Space museum in Leicester as part of their Science topic. What a great activities for happening at the moment.

*Mrs Faxon*

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## ATTENDANCE

Our target is 97%

RECEPTION	96.7%
YEAR 1	96.2%
YEAR 2	90.7%
YEAR 3	97.5%
YEAR 4	91.2%
YEAR 5	96.4%
YEAR 6	92.7%

Well done Reception and Year 3 for winning biscuit bear this week!

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**THIS WEEK IS 94%**

NUMBER OF LATES THIS WEEK	14
LOSS OF LEARNING (MINS)	249



**KIDS FEB HALF TERM CAMP**

OAKWELL RISE Primary Academy

**FREE**

TUESDAY 18TH FEB  
THURSDAY 20TH FEB  
9:00AM - 3:00PM

REGISTER NOW

BRING YOUR OWN PACKED LUNCHES!  
OAKWELL RISE PRIMARY ACADEMY,  
S70 1TS

• SPORTS  
• ARTS AND CRAFTS

**CAMP**



### INSET DAY

14.02.25

School will be closed to children on Friday 14th February 2025 due to a staff training day.

### KIDS FEB HALF TERM CAMP

If you are interested in registering your child for the February half term camp, please sign up via Arbor, under clubs - February Half Term Camp.

### UPCOMING FRIDAY FEASTS

**FEB 7 SQUEEZIE HOT DOG POP**

**FEB 28 HARRY POTTER MARSHMALLOW**

**MAR 7 MAD SCIENCE MINI CHEWS**

**MAR 14 DINO POPS**

**MAR 21 LITTLE FOREST FRIENDS**

## GET INTO TEACHING

WITH JOSIE THIRKELL INSTITUTE

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## Arbor

Please can we remind all parents that school meals need to be paid for in advance. Login to your Arbor app to Top Up your account.

School meals are £2.60 per day and needs to be paid on you child's Arbor meal account. Please contact the school office if you experience any issues with your Arbor App

# BOWLING

For this half term's Top Trump Trip our Years' 1 - 6 will head to Barnsley's Superbowl for a game of bowling.

Please make your payment of £2 via Arbor.

YEAR	DATE
Y1 & Y2	11.02.25
Y3 & Y4	12.02.25
Y5 & Y6	13.02.25



## KS1 MAGNA TRIP

Year 1 and Year 2 are heading off to Magna in Rotherham on Wednesday 12th March.

Children will need to wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch from home or order a packed lunch from school.

Please make your £12 contribution payment via Arbor under trips.



## Barnsley METRODOME

# Y5 SWIMMING LESSONS

Our Year 5 children will be starting their swimming lessons on Tuesday 25th February 2024 at Barnsley Metrodome. Swimming is delivered as part of the PE curriculum and all children regardless of swimming ability will be taking part.

Your child's swimming lesson will take place each Tuesday. Your child will need to bring a towel and their swimming shorts (boys) or swimming costume (girls - no bikinis) to school on a Tuesday. All long hair must be tied up with a bobble.

Please complete the following google form with details of their current swimming capabilities: <https://forms.gle/5ZQFKM1niCGQLsbd8>

### Session Dates:

TUESDAY | 25.02.25 | 1PM-2PM  
 TUESDAY | 04.03.25 | 1PM-2PM  
 TUESDAY | 11.03.25 | 1PM-2PM  
 TUESDAY | 18.03.25 | 1PM-2PM  
 TUESDAY | 25.03.25 | 1PM-2PM  
 TUESDAY | 01.04.25 | 1PM-2PM  
 TUESDAY | 22.04.25 | 1PM-2PM  
 TUESDAY | 29.04.25 | 1PM-2PM  
 TUESDAY | 06.05.25 | 1PM-2PM  
 TUESDAY | 13.05.25 | 1PM-2PM  
 TUESDAY | 20.05.25 | 1PM-2PM  
 TUESDAY | 03.06.25 | 1PM-2PM  
 TUESDAY | 10.06.25 | 1PM-2PM  
 TUESDAY | 17.06.25 | 1PM-2PM  
 TUESDAY | 24.06.25 | 1PM-2PM

**DON'T FORGET!**

To complete the swimming capabilities google form.



## RECEPTION TTT SOFTPLAY

Reception class will be heading to Crazy Club soft play at Barnsley's Superbowl on Monday 10th February. Please make your payment of £1 via Arbor.



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# Spring

## KEY DATES 2025



**WEDNESDAY  
22ND JANUARY**

### Y6 PARENT/CARER CONSULTS

Y6 parents book your appointment to meet with Miss Topham via Arbor.

**WEDNESDAY  
22ND JANUARY**

### FS2 WIGFIELD FARM TRIP

Reception Class will be going to Wigfield Farm as part of our topic for this half term.



**THURSDAY  
23RD JANUARY**

### Y6 PARENT/CARER CONSULTS

Y6 parents book your appointment to meet with Miss Topham via Arbor.

**THURSDAY  
23RD JANUARY**

### Y3 DANCE EXPLOSION @ HORIZON

Year 3 will be heading to horizon to take part in a school games event. Please ensure you child brings there PE kit into school on this day.

**MONDAY 27TH  
JANUARY**

### Y3 & Y4 JORVIK VIKING CENTRE - YORK

Year 3 & 4 are heading off to York to visit the Jorvik Viking centre. Please make your payment of £15 via Arbor under trips.



**MONDAY 3RD  
FEBRUARY**

### Y5 & Y6 NATIONAL SPACE CENTRE

Year 5 & 6 are heading off to Leicester to visit the National Space Centre. Please make your payment of £15 via Arbor under trips.



NATIONAL  
SPACE  
CENTRE

**WEDNESDAY  
5TH FEBRUARY**

### WEBSTER STRATTON WITH MRS GROOM

Starting Wednesday 5th February and running every Wednesday afternoon in the Den, 1-3PM.

**MONDAY 10TH  
FEBRUARY**

### SOFT PLAY TOP TRUMPS TRIP

Reception class will be heading to Crazy Club soft play at Barnsley's Superbowl. Please make your payment of £1 via Arbor.



THE UK'S ULTIMATE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE



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## KEY DATES 2025



**TUESDAY 11TH  
FEBRUARY**

### BOWLING TOP TRUMPS TRIP

Y1 & Y2 will head to Barnsley's Superbowl for a game of bowling. Please make your payment of £2 via Arbor.



**WEDNESDAY  
12TH FEBRUARY**

### BOWLING TOP TRUMPS TRIP

Y3 & Y4 will head to Barnsley's Superbowl for a game of bowling. Please make your payment of £2 via Arbor.



**WEDNESDAY  
12TH FEBRUARY**

### E-SAFETY WORKSHOP

Join Mrs M for some E-safety tips and tricks. Sign up via Arbor.

2PM-3PM

**THURSDAY 13TH  
FEBRUARY**

### BOWLING TOP TRUMPS TRIP

Y5 & Y6 will head to Barnsley's Superbowl for a game of bowling. Please make your payment of £2 via Arbor.



**FRIDAY 14TH  
FEBRUARY**

### INSET DAY WELLSPRING FESTIVAL OF LEARNING

SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR CHILDREN

**MONDAY 17TH -  
FRIDAY 21ST  
FEBRUARY**

### HALF TERM

**MONDAY 24TH  
FEBRUARY**

### RETURN TO SCHOOL

School is open from 8AM for breakfast club!

*Back  
to  
school*

**TUESDAY 25TH  
FEBRUARY**

### Y5 SWIMMING LESSONS START.

Year 5 will start their weekly swimming lessons. Please ensure your child brings their swimming costume/shorts and a towel to school each Tuesday.

**THURSDAY 27TH  
FEBRUARY**

### DANCE SHOWCASE @ HORIZON



**THURSDAY 7TH  
MARCH**

### BOOKS AND BUTTIES IN THE DEN

Enjoy a book and a breakfast sandwich with your child. Please sign up via Arbor.

**TUESDAY 11TH  
MARCH**

### SCIENCE PROFESSOR VISIT

**WEDNESDAY 12TH  
MARCH**

KS1 MAGNA TRIP  
Year 1 & 2 are heading off to Magna. Please make your payment of £12 via Arbor under trips.



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## KEY DATES 2025



**WEDNESDAY  
19TH MARCH**

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Book fair will run Wednesday to Tuesday in the hall during breakfast club.



**THURSDAY 20TH  
MARCH**

### SPRING DISCO 2-4PM

Tickets can be purchased from Arbor for £3.50.

### NON-UNIFORM

Children can come to school in their disco outfits or non-uniform.

**THURSDAY 20TH  
MARCH**

### SPRING CRAFT DAY

Parents can join your child(ren) in class taking part in some spring crafts.

9-10AM

Nursery PM - 1:15-2:15PM

### NON-UNIFORM

Children can come to school in their disco outfits or non-uniform.

**TUESDAY 25TH  
MARCH**

### BIG TALK

Oakwell Rise will once again host Big Talk Education on Tuesday 25th March to deliver Relationship Education in line with DfE guidance.



**MONDAY 31ST  
MARCH**

### EASTER SERVICE @ CHURCH

8.30-9.30AM

Parents are welcome to join us at the church across the road.



**FRIDAY 4TH  
APRIL**

### LAST DAY!

School finishes at normal time 3/3:05pm for the holidays.

**MONDAY 7TH  
APRIL - FRIDAY  
21ST APRIL**

### HALF TERM

**TUESDAY 22ND  
APRIL**

### RETURN TO SCHOOL

School is open from 8AM for breakfast club!

*Back to school*

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## PARENT WORKSHOPS

17  
JAN

### PARENT DROP IN SESSION IN THE DEN

Pop in for a cuppa with Mrs Groom on a Friday morning and catch up with parents/carers in our community.

8AM-8.45  
DEN

29  
JAN

### PHONICS SCREENING (Y1 PARENTS)

What is this and how can parents help their children with this? Please sign up via Arbor.

2PM-3PM

29  
JAN

### WEBSTER STRATTON WITH MRS GROOM

Starting Wednesday 29th January and running every Wednesday afternoon in the Den.

1PM-3PM

12  
FEB

### E-SAFETY WORKSHOP

Please sign up via Arbor.

2PM-3PM

5  
MAR

### MULTIPLICATION TABLE CHECK WORKSHOP

(Y4 parents) What can parents do to help their children with this? Please sign up via Arbor.

2PM-3PM

7  
MAR

### BOOKS AND BUTTIES

Enjoy a book and a breakfast sandwich with your child. Please sign up via Arbor.

8AM  
DEN

20  
MAR

### SPRING CRAFT DAY

Parents/Carers can join their children for some Spring crafts, please sign up via Arbor.

NURSERY AM -Y6  
9AM - 10AM  
  
NURSERY PM  
ONLY-  
1.15PM - 2.15PM



# 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 the next academic year, 2025/2026.

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

