



NEWSLETTER

OAKWELL RISE
Primary Academy

Thursday 13th February 2025

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Well, that's another fabulous half term of fun, learning and joy. A huge thank you to the staff and our families for going the extra mile in support of our mission each and every week in creating a special experience for the children.

They really are a special bunch.

Enjoy a half term and we will see you in a week!

Mrs Jenkins

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

It is the end of another half term and we have finished in style with some excellent learning and lots of fun. The children have all been enjoying their Top Trumps Treat, with a trip to bowling or soft play. What fun!

Thank you for all your support.

Have a lovely half term break.



LIKE AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Mrs Faxon

ATTENDANCE

Our target is 97%

RECEPTION	91.4%
YEAR 1	92.6%
YEAR 2	93.3%
YEAR 3	94%
YEAR 4	87.8%
YEAR 5	95.7%
YEAR 6	97.2%

Enjoy the half term break!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

THIS WEEK IS 93.2%

NUMBER OF LATES THIS WEEK	237
LOSS OF LEARNING (MINS)	15



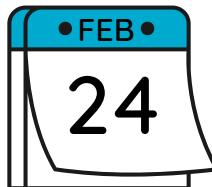
KS1 MAGNA TRIP



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.



FEBRUARY HALF TERM

School has finished for the February half term. We return on Monday 24th February from 8am. Friday 14th February is an INSET day for staff training and school is closed for children.

UPCOMING FRIDAY FEASTS

FEB 28 HARRY POTTER MARSHMALLOW

MAR 7 MAD SCIENCE MINI CHEWS

MAR 14 DINO POPS

MAR 21 LITTLE FOREST FRIENDS

MAR 28 HOT WHEELS CHOCOLATE EGGS

MAR 4 SPRING MALLOW STACKER

Y5 SWIMMING LESSONS

Our Year 5 children will be starting their swimming lessons after the half term on Tuesday 25th February 2025 at Barnsley Metrodome.

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.

GET INTO TEACHING

WITH JOSIE THIRKELL INSTITUTE

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BARNSELY

HOLIDAY TIMES

17TH FEB	11AM - 5PM
18TH FEB	11AM - 5PM
19TH FEB	11AM - 5PM
20TH FEB	11AM - 5PM
21ST FEB	11AM - 5PM
22ND FEB	10AM - 6PM
23RD FEB	11AM - 5PM

BOOK VIA MOBILE APP



HOLIDAY SPORTS CLUB

at Dorothy Hyman Sports Centre

Get your kids active and having fun this February half-term!

Get ready for a jam-packed week of multi-sports activities, including Football, Cricket, Dodgeball and much more.

Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th February
9am - 3pm | Ages: 6 - 16 years

Cost: £15 per child. Sibling discount: £10 per sibling. Payments are taken at reception on the day.

What to Bring: Packed lunch and plenty of water.

To book email us at: info@letsgetgoing.co.uk

Let's GET GOING! & PLAY SPORTS

Brought to you by **your space** to feel good



Have a crafty time

This February half term @ BARNSELY MUSEUMS

EXPERIENCE BARNSELY
MUSEUM & DISCOVERY CENTRE

SENsational

Tuesday 18 February

Book on this multisensory experience for families with PMLD, autism and who are neurodiverse. The sessions take place in the Learning Lab inside the museum. The space is set up with a range of sensory items, along with soft floor mats and soft lighting.

Free, but places are limited. Book tickets through Eventbrite. 11am - 12noon and 1pm - 2pm

Perky Puppets

Friday 21 February

Come along to explore our Stories of Childhood exhibition and have a go at making your own sock puppet toy. Suitable for all ages. Free, drop in 10am-12pm and 1-3pm

Please note that Experience Barnsley Museum is open Tuesday - Saturday.



COOPER GALLERY

Paper Illusions

Wednesday 19 February

Inspired by our exhibition "Four Seasons in One Day" young artists are invited to create their own magical masterpiece to take home. If you enjoy art and amazing your family and friends with your creations, then this is the workshop for you!

Suitable for ages 7+. As places are limited, please book your place at Art Tickets. £3 per child. 10am-12pm and 1-3pm

Nicely Icy
Thursday 20 February

Which creatures live in and around Worsbrough Mill Country Park? And what do you think they get up to when it's cold and icy and nobody's there? Create your own ice skating animal character and winter scene in a tin in this fun workshop.

Suitable for ages 7+. As places are limited, please book your place at Art Tickets. £3 per child. 10am-12pm and 1-3pm

WORSBROUGH MILL
WORKING MILL & COUNTRY PARK

Books and Boots at Wentworth Castle Gardens
Monday 17 - Friday 21 February

Join some family friendly craft drop-in sessions, make your own bookmark or recycle old book pages into something new. Why not continue your adventure around the gardens throughout the week and the rest of February with our Wentworth Welly Boot Wander? Discover stories of old Wentworth gardeners, explore 'painted and planted' wellies designed by the garden volunteer team and have fun doing some silly things with wellies as you wander along garden pathways.

Ask at the visitor reception on arrival for more information. Free drop-in sessions, daily 11.30am-2.30pm. Visit our website to discover more activities to enjoy at Wentworth Castle Gardens www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/yorkshire/wentworth-castle-gardens

For more details on activities visit www.barnsley-museums.com or check out our social media @Barnsley Museums

OAKWELL RISE

Spring

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 WELLSRING 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

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**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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Spring



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

20
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.



OAKWELL RISE
Primary Academy

We are:
Child Focused
Nurturing
Inclusive
Ambitious

Inspiring today, making a difference tomorrow

