



NEWSLETTER

OAKWELL RISE
Primary Academy

Friday 17th October 2025

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

This week the children have enjoyed their penultimate week before the term ends. It certainly has been a long one. Mrs Faxon and I have met to plan all the wonderful Christmas activities for the next half term including productions, family events and pantomimes. In week 2 of next half term, we have parent/carer consultations - so keep an eye out on Arbor to book a slot to speak to the classteacher. This also includes children who have special educational needs to review the SEN Plans in place.

Mrs Jenkins

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

This week UKS2 have enjoyed a successful trip to the central mosque in Wakefield to enhance their learning in RE. UKS2 have also enjoyed their Wild Days this week, enjoying their time developing vital safety skills in the outdoors.

Next week is our last week of the half term - don't forget we are not in school on Friday! Have a great weekend.



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Mrs Faxon

ATTENDANCE

Our target is 97%

RECEPTION	96.7%
YEAR 1	97.3%
YEAR 2	94.2%
YEAR 3	94.8%
YEAR 4	100%
YEAR 5	98.6%
YEAR 6	96.7%

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
THIS WEEK IS 95.8%**

NUMBER OF LATES THIS WEEK	18
LOSS OF LEARNING (MINS)	229

Halloween Disco

MUSIC - COSTUME - GAMES

Get ready for some spooky fun! Our annual Halloween Disco is taking place on Tuesday 21st October and has times and ticket prices tailored for different age groups.

Reception Class	2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	£1.50
Year 1 to Year 6	2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	£3.00

Ticket & Refreshment Information

Tickets for all age groups are available on Arbor under trips. All tickets include music by Copycat, a drink, and crisps for every child.

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Halloween Mallow Sticks can be purchased separately on Arbor for **£1.50** - enjoy them at the disco or on the way home! A message will be sent out when these will be available.



INSET DAY

Friday 24th
October
School closed to
children.

Halloween Mallows

Halloween Mallow Sticks
available now via Arbor! £1.50!



order now!

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KEEP YOUR CHILD'S DETAILS UP TO DATE – PLEASE CHECK ARBOR

We kindly ask all families to log in to the Arbor app and check that your contact details are up to date. This includes your phone number, email address, and postal address.

It's also really important to make sure there is at least one additional emergency contact listed, in case we're ever unable to reach you. Keeping this information current ensures we can contact you quickly when needed.

Y6 RESIDENTIAL - DEADLINE APPROACHING

A reminder that the deadline to secure your child's place on the Year 6 residential trip is fast approaching. To confirm a place, we require a non-refundable deposit of £40 to be paid by Wednesday 22nd October 2025.

Please make your payment via [insert payment method/platform, e.g., ParentPay/Arbor] as soon as possible.

NON UNIFORM DAY

TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2025
THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2025



INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS - RESCHEDULED



Please note that individual school photos have been rescheduled and will now take place after the half-term break.

We will share the new date with you as soon as it is confirmed.

Parent/Carer Autumn CRAFT DAY

THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

Nursery AM to Year 6 - 9:00 - 10:00
Nursery PM - 13:45 - 14:30

Join us for a cozy day of seasonal creativity! Spaces are limited, so be sure to secure your spot early.

Sign up via Arbor, under clubs



FLU VACCINATIONS



School Nursing Team will be in school for our annual flu nasal vaccinations.
Reception to Year 6

23.10.25

Please visit www.barnsleysais.co.uk/Forms/Flu to fill in a consent form (one for each child) to ensure your child receives their vaccination.
Our school code is: **BN143107**

GUARDIAN CONSULTATIONS

We are holding our parent/carers consultations on:



Tuesday 11th November
13:30-17:00



Wednesday 12th November
13:30-17:00

Please book your slot with your child's class teacher via Arbor, under guardian consultations.



Autumn

Key Dates

18 SEP F1 Year 1 Computing Homework

23 SEP F1 Year 1 Choice Book Day

24 SEP F1 Non-uniform Parent Workshop

25 SEP F1 Year 1 Choice Book Day

29 SEP F1 Year 1 Choice Book Day

29 SEPT Phonics Parent Workshop

30 SEPT Harvest Festival

1 OCT Parental First Aid

1 OCT Year 1 Non-uniform Day

1 OCT Year 1 Choice Book Day

6 OCT Year 1 Choice Book Day

7 OCT Year 1 Choice Book Day

13 OCT Year 1 Choice Book Day

13 OCT Year 1 Choice Book Day

21 OCT Halloween Disco 2-4PM

21 OCT Non-Uniform day - Disco Outfits

21 OCT Year 1 Choice Book Day

23 OCT Autumn Craft Day

23 OCT Non-Uniform Day

23 OCT Flu Immunisation

24 OCT INSET Day -
School closed for children



NEXT WEEK'S MENU

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Pepperoni Pizza	All Day Breakfast	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Hot Dog	Fish Fingers
VEGETARIAN	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast	Quorn Fillet & Stuffing	Vegan Hot Dog	Cheesy Bean Bake
SERVED WITH	Shoestring Fries and Vegetable Selection	Hash Brown and Baked Beans	Roast Potatoes, Gravy and Medley of Vegetables	Finger Roll, Baby Potatoes and Daily Vegetables	Oven Chips & Garden Peas
DESSERT	Peaches and Ice Cream	Strawberry Delight	Chocolate Chip Cookie	White Chocolate Cheesecake	Oaty Flapjack
JACKET POTATO	Fresh Baked Potato with Cheddar Cheese, Tuna or Baked Beans				
SANDWICH	Cheese, Ham, or Tuna Sandwich				

Available Daily - Cheese & Crackers / Salad selection / Whole Fresh Fruit / Yoghurts PLEASE NOTE: If your child has a dietary need or a lifestyle food preference, please contact the school office or complete the Dietary Information Form on the school website.

NEW LUNCH MENU - W/C 3.11.25

OAKWELL RISE Primary Academy		LUNCH MENU – 3 NOV 2025 to 13 FEB 2026				
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week A 3rd November 24th November 15th December 5th January 26th January	Option 1	Salmon in a creamy pasta sauce	Beef and potato Pie	Roast chicken	Chicken curry	Fish fingers
	Option 2	Tomato and basil pasta	Cheese and potato pie	Vegetarian sausages	Vegetable curry	Vegan nuggets
	Served with	Garlic bread and Salad	Gravy	Mash potatoes Gravy	Rice Naan Bread	Chips
	Alternative Options	Selection of vegetables or Salad bar selection				
	Pudding	Sandwich selection (tuna mayonnaise, ham, cheese) or Jacket potato (tuna mayonnaise, cheese, baked beans)				
		Ice cream sponge roll	Sponge and custard	Blondie	Caramel apple muffin	Selection of homebakes
Week B 10th November 1st December 12th January 2nd February	Option 1	Chicken Burrito	Sausages	Roast gammon and Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Gyros in pitta	Fish fingers
	Option 2	Vegetable Chili Con Carne	Vegan sausage	Vegetable Hot Pot	Vegetable Tagine homemade tomato bread	Cheesy bean quesadilla
	Served with	Rice	Mashed potatoes Gravy	Baby roast potatoes Gravy	Mixed salad	Shoestring fries
	Alternative Options	Selection of vegetables or Salad bar selection				
	Pudding	Sandwich selection (tuna mayonnaise, ham, cheese) or Jacket potato (tuna mayonnaise, cheese, baked beans)				
		Chocolate Orange Sponge and custard	Flapjack	Fruit in Jelly	Fruit Shortcake and custard	Selection of homebakes
Week C 17th November 8th December 19th January 9th February	Option 1	Pepperoni pizza	Pasta bolognese	Roast chicken and stuffing	Chicken noodles	Fish finger
	Option 2	Cheese and tomato pizza	Macaroni cheese	Vegetable cottage pie	Vegetable sweet and sour noodles	Southern Fried Quorn goujon
	Served with	Herby new potatoes	Garlic bread	Mashed Potatoes Gravy	Asian style slaw	Skin on fries
	Alternative Options	Selection of vegetables or Salad bar selection				
	Pudding	Sandwich selection (tuna mayonnaise, ham, cheese) or Jacket potato (tuna mayonnaise, cheese, baked beans)				
		Pineapple upside down cake	Fruit shortbread	Delight	Warm fudge cake	Selection of homebakes

PLEASE NOTE:
If a pupil has a dietary need or a lifestyle food preference, please contact the school office or complete the Dietary Information Form on the school website.

Available daily:
Fresh bread
Alternative puddings: Fruit or Yoghurt

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.

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Child Focused
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