



NEWSLETTER

OAKWELL RISE
Primary Academy

Friday 21st November 2025

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

We are creeping towards the end of November. The team are working furiously in background to ensure December is a month to remember. The production stage is being erected, the Christmas tree will soon be delivered and the fun events to make special memories will soon be upon us.

Do check out the key dates especially for our productions!

Mrs Jenkins

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

This week in and amongst the chilly weather, the children have been busy with their learning as teachers begin to capture how much progress they have made this half term.

On Thursday, our Reception class welcomed some special visitors from the care home next door. A lovely time for all involved.

Enjoy the weekend everyone



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Mrs Faxon

ATTENDANCE

Our target is 97%

RECEPTION	95.9%
YEAR 1	98.4%
YEAR 2	98.1%
YEAR 3	97.4%
YEAR 4	98%
YEAR 5	93.9%
YEAR 6	98.3%

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
THIS WEEK IS 96.6%**

NUMBER OF LATES THIS WEEK	23
LOSS OF LEARNING (MINS)	227

INSET DAY - FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER - SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN



PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

We understand that parking can be challenging during school drop-off and pick-up times. However, we kindly request that you make every effort to park responsibly.

Please remember:

- Do not block the school driveway at any time. This is essential for emergency vehicle access and school deliveries.
- Do not park on double yellow lines. These markings are in place for safety and traffic flow. Parking on them is illegal and can cause obstructions.
- Please be mindful of our neighbours. Avoid blocking their driveways or parking in front of their properties in a way that causes inconvenience.
- Always ensure your vehicle leaves ample, clear space for pedestrians when parking. Including those using wheelchairs or strollers, to pass safely and without obstruction.

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WINTER WEATHER



As winter weather is truly upon us, with freezing temperatures, increased rain, and strong winds, please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school every day.

A gentle reminder to help us return lost items: please write your child's name clearly in every item of clothing.

Non-Uniform Dates



Friday 28th November

Donations towards
Winter Fair

Tombola
Donations



SANTA DASH

1 DEC 2025

CHILDREN WILL BE
TAKING PART IN A
SANTA DASH!
CHILDREN CAN COME
INTO SCHOOL IN THEIR
PE KITS AND
TRAINERS.



Y6 CRUCIAL CREW
2.12.25



Don't forget Year 6 children are heading off on their Crucial Crew Trip on 2nd December!
If you haven't already please login to your Arbor account to give your consent and make your payment.

Santa's Grotto
@ OAKWELL RISE

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

£3.00

Tickets can be purchased
on Arbor, under trips.

Important Deadline:
Wednesday 10th December at 3pm!

Parent/Carer
Winter CRAFT DAY
TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Nursery AM - 10:00 - 11:00
Nursery PM - Year 6 - 13:30- 14:30

Join us for a for some winter crafts with
your child. Spaces are limited, so be sure
to secure your spot early.

Sign up via Arbor, under clubs.
Sign up opens Friday 14th November at
18:00



BARNSELEY FC COMMUNITY TRUST

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Weekends

MINI KICKERS

Why not sign up your child on our ever-popular Mini Kickers Coaching Club! The clubs are for children aged 2-5 years of age. The weekly sessions are designed to help budding young football stars by developing co-ordination, movement skills and basic football techniques. Sessions are led by qualified and DBS checked coaches in a safe and friendly environment.

£4



FRIDAY'S
4PM - 4:30PM
INDOOR TRAINING CENTRE,
GROVE STREET, S71 1ET



FRIDAY'S
4:30PM - 5:30PM
INDOOR TRAINING CENTRE,
GROVE STREET, S71 1ET



FRIDAY COACHING CLUB

Kick off your weekend in style with professional coaching at a Football League Club! Come along to our weekly Friday Coaching Club sessions! Running during TERM TIME ONLY and open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5-14. All staff are qualified and DBS checked, ensuring that the sessions are carried out in a fun and safe environment.

£5



SATURDAY COACHING CLUB

Our coaching club is open to boys and girls aged 5-14 of all abilities and gives them the opportunity to learn new football skills, improve their technique and most importantly, have loads of fun.

SATURDAY MATCH DAY CLUB

Our Saturday Match day Club is for boys and girls aged 5-14. It includes: Two hours of professional football coaching, (see Saturday Coaching Club!) A lunch from McDonalds and Barnsley FC tickets with supervised entry to, and throughout the game.

£25



SATURDAY'S
10:30AM - 12:30PM
INDOOR TRAINING CENTRE,
GROVE STREET, S71 1ET

SATURDAY'S
10:30AM - 17:30PM
BFC HOME LEAGUE
GAMES (3PM KICK-OFF)
INDOOR TRAINING CENTRE,
GROVE STREET, S71 1ET

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IMPORTANT UPDATE ON CONSENTS

Thank you to those that have updated your consents on Arbor.

We still have a number of pending consents, please do login to your Arbor App and consent or decline. Thank you.



WINTER PE KITS

As we are now hitting the colder months of the year, please ensure your child bring these items in their PE kits:

Leggings/Joggers

T-shirt

Jacket/Jumper

Shorts/vest tops are no longer needed.



HAF **CHRISTMAS PARTY** **FREE** for FSM & SEN eligible children.

Fun Tabletop Activities with Imagination Gaming

Come and join us this Christmas Eve for our Christmas Party! There will be music, crafts, lots of amazing new games, as well as the usual favourites that you all enjoy, and festive fun. Wear your Christmas jumper, come decorate Christmas cookies and make reindeer food, all ready for the festive period! With lunch, Christmas crackers and a gift for all attendees, this is one party you do not want to miss!

It's going to be Snow much fun!

To book:

Joseph Locke Wednesday
Primary School 24th Dec
10am-2pm

healthy holidays

Merry Christmas!

December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm

OAKWELL RISE

NOV/DEC

EVENTS 2025

**FRIDAY 14TH
NOVEMBER**

Nursery Parent Consults

We are holding our parent/carer consultations on:

Friday 14th November
9:00-11:00 and 13:00-14:30

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

**FRIDAY 14TH
NOVEMBER**

Children in Need

Children can come into school dressed in their PJ's for Children in Need Day.



**THURSDAY 20TH
NOVEMBER**

Year 4 Residential Meeting

We're holding a meeting to discuss the Y4 residential trip. 3PM-4PM

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the trip and what your child can expect. It's also the perfect chance to ask any questions you might have about the trip.

**FRIDAY 21ST
NOVEMBER**

Non - Uniform Day

Children can come into school in non-uniform.

We are asking for a donation for our Bottle Tombola. Please note bottles need to be full and unopened.



**WEDNESDAY
26TH NOVEMBER**

Extreme Readers Trip

Selected children will be heading off to visit Fosters Book Shop.



**FRIDAY 28TH
NOVEMBER**

Non - Uniform Day

Children can come into school in non-uniform.

We are asking for a donation for our Tombola.



**MONDAY 1ST
DECEMBER**

Wellspring Santa Dash

Children will be taking part in a Santa Dash! Children can come into school in their PE kits and trainers.



**TUESDAY 2ND
DECEMBER**

Year 6 Crucial Crew

Year 6 children will be heading off to The Lifewise Centre in Rotherham, South Yorkshire's very own interactive safety centre and is home to the Joint Community Safety Department of South Yorkshire Police and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue.



OAKWELL RISE DECEMBER EVENTS 2025

**MONDAY 8TH
DECEMBER**

Nursery Christmas Performances

Our children are performing a variety of Christmas shows in December and tickets are available to purchase via Arbor for £1. The shows details are:

10.30AM - 11.00AM
2PM - 2.30PM



**TUESDAY 9TH
DECEMBER**

Christmas Performances

Our children are performing a variety of Christmas shows in December and tickets are available to purchase via Arbor for £1. The shows details are:

FS2/KS1 - 2PM-3PM



**TUESDAY 9TH
DECEMBER**

Panto

**BARNSELY
CIVIC**



Our children will be walking to Barnsley Civic to watch the amazing pantomime Sleeping Beauty

LKS2
10AM - 12PM

£10 payment via Arbor.

**WEDNESDAY
10TH DECEMBER**

Winter Fair

Come one, come all and join us at our Winter Fair!
Time: 2pm-3.30pm
Where: Hall

Parents/carers to enter via the hall and go to their child's classroom to sign their child(ren) out.



**THURSDAY 11TH
DECEMBER**

LKS2 Church Visit

Children will be heading over to the church to take part in a carol service.



**THURSDAY 11TH
DECEMBER**

Christmas Performances

Our children are performing a variety of Christmas shows in December and tickets are available to purchase via Arbor for £1.

The shows details are:
FS2/KS1 - 9.30-10.30AM
LKS2 - 2PM-3PM



**FRIDAY 12TH
DECEMBER**

Panto

**BARNSELY
CIVIC**



Our children will be walking to Barnsley Civic to watch the amazing pantomime Sleeping Beauty

FS2/KS1
10AM - 12PM

£10 payment via Arbor.

**MONDAY 15TH
DECEMBER**

Christmas Performances

Our children are performing a variety of Christmas shows in December and tickets are available to purchase via Arbor for £1.

The shows details are:
LKS2 - 9.30AM-10.30AM



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**MONDAY 15TH
DECEMBER**

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**TUESDAY 16TH
DECEMBER**

Winter Craft Day

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

Nursery AM - 10AM-11AM
Nursery PM -
1.30PM - 2.30PM

Reception - Y6
1.30PM - 2.30



**WEDNESDAY
17TH DECEMBER**

Xmas Jumper Day

Children can come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers/outfits.



**WEDNESDAY
17TH DECEMBER**

Christmas Dinner

Children can enjoy a Christmas dinner for lunch on this day or a packed lunch from home.



**WEDNESDAY
17TH DECEMBER**

Santa's Grotto

Children will have the chance to visit Santa in our Oakwell Rise Grotto for £3. Tickets can be brought on Arbor, under trips. He will also be visiting each class.



**THURSDAY 18TH
DECEMBER**

Party Day

Children will be enjoying a party in their classrooms.

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



**FRIDAY 19TH
DECEMBER**

Carols Around The Tree

Year 5 & 6 will be leading Christmas Carols around the Tree in the Hall.
12.00PM - 12.45PM



**FRIDAY 19TH
DECEMBER**

Last Day!

School will finish at 1PM on the last day of term. Children can come to school in festive clothes or non-uniform.

*Happy
holidays*



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

