



NEWSLETTER

OAKWELL RISE
Primary Academy

Friday 28th November 2025

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Well we started the week with all the usual goodness that the Oakwell Rise magic offers. You may have seen we had some heating complications but with thanks to the Site Team we have stayed warm and open for all year groups. The most magnificent tree has been delivered today to kick start the Christmas season. The lights and baubles were certainly hard to reach the top! Here's to the wonderful events of December which start next week!

Mrs Jenkins

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

This week, some of our children attended the Panathlon School Events Challenge on Tuesday, where they all did an amazing job and represented our school wonderfully. Our EYFS and KS1 pupils also enjoyed a visit from the LA Travel Team, who spoke to them about the importance of road safety. Monday brings the start of December—and with it, our Wellspring December Dash! Children are welcome to come to school in sportswear as they take part in some fun running activities throughout the day. We hope you all have a lovely weekend. A reminder that next Friday is an INSET day and school will be closed to children.



LIKE AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Mrs Faxon

ATTENDANCE

Our target is 97%

RECEPTION	92.7%
YEAR 1	94.3%
YEAR 2	93.4%
YEAR 3	98%
YEAR 4	93%
YEAR 5	89.3%
YEAR 6	94.8%

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
THIS WEEK IS 93.6%**

NUMBER OF LATES THIS WEEK	29
LOSS OF LEARNING (MINS)	608

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



WELLSPRING DECEMBER DASH – SANTA DASH

MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER

On Monday 1st December, children from Nursery to Year 6 will take part in the Wellspring December Dash!

Children are welcome to come to school dressed in their PE kit or sports clothes with trainers. Throughout the day, pupils will complete a set-distance walk, jog, or run, along with a variety of fun sporting activities at Oakwell Rise, all alongside their friends.

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EXTREME READER

We received an amazing response to our Extreme Reader competition – the photo entries were absolutely incredible, and we were truly blown away!

On Wednesday, six lucky winners enjoyed a special trip to Foster's Little Bookshop.

The visit began with a story and a delicious hot chocolate with Mr McHale, before the children headed out into Barnsley. Once inside the bookshop, they had free roam of the children's section, browsing the shelves and searching for the books that caught their eye. After lots of excited page-turning, each child selected one (or even three!) new books to take home. We can't wait for next half term, when we'll be launching our next reading competition: The Masked Reader!



Y6 CRUCIAL CREW
2.12.25



COST OF TRIP
£13.50



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



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**

UKS2 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



OAKWELL RISE DECEMBER EVENTS 2025

**MONDAY 15TH
DECEMBER**

Panto

**BARNSELY
CIVIC**



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

UKS2
10AM - 12PM

£10 payment via Arbor.

**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.



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We are:
Child Focused
Nurturing
Inclusive
Ambitious

Inspiring today, making a difference tomorrow

