



# NEWSLETTER

OAKWELL RISE  
Primary Academy

Friday 9th January 2026

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back!

We hope you had a fantastic half term break and that you're feeling ready and recharged for Spring 1. We have lots of exciting things planned, so watch this space.

For those wishing to join our Reception class in September, the deadline is next Thursday 15th January to apply.

Please apply via [Barnsley Admissions](#).

*Mrs Jenkins*

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

What a lovely, if a bit chilly, start to the new year. The children have come bouncing back through the doors, ready to go! We are looking forward to a busy half term, full of learning and fun. Have a great weekend.

 [LIKE AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK](#) *Mrs Faxon*

## YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES



Celebrate your child's final year at Oakwell with our commemorative 2026 Leavers hoodies and t-shirts. These are a fantastic way to keep a lasting memento of school friendships.

- **How to Order:** Browse the range and buy directly from Vortex Schoolwear: [Click here to order](#)
- **Processing:** Orders are open now and will be processed after the Christmas break.
- **Sizing:** Please check the online sizing guide carefully before purchasing.

**Note:** These items are entirely optional.



## ATTENDANCE

Our target is 97%

RECEPTION	95.5%
YEAR 1	90.7%
YEAR 2	93%
YEAR 3	97%
YEAR 4	98.2%
YEAR 5	93%
YEAR 6	98.5%

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**  
**THIS WEEK IS 95.2%**

NUMBER OF LATES THIS WEEK	31
LOSS OF LEARNING (MINS)	574

## INSET DAY 13.02.26

School will be closed to children on Friday 13th February 2026 due to a staff training day.



## UPCOMING TRIPS

Our Spring trips are being added to Arbor over the coming weeks. We will communicate any trips and payments can be made via Arbor. If you experience any issues, please contact the school office on 01226 281 943.



## GET INTO TEACHING

WITH JOSIE THIRKELL INSTITUTE

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Thursday  
15th January

# Try a School Meal Day Menu

**Main**

Wellspring Big Breakfast  
Sausage, Bacon or Vegetarian Sausage

**Sides**

Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Scrambled Egg and Tomato

**Dessert**

Strawberry Jelly and Ice Cream

Try something new! The meals are delicious, tasty, healthy, nutritious.



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**METRODOME**

## Y5 SWIMMING LESSONS

Our Year 5 children will be starting their swimming lessons on Tuesday 24th February 2026 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/n1GdgBJUzbqmN2H57>

**Session Dates:**

TUESDAY | 24.02.26 | 1PM-2PM  
TUESDAY | 03.03.26 | 1PM-2PM  
TUESDAY | 10.03.26 | 1PM-2PM  
TUESDAY | 17.03.26 | 1PM-2PM  
TUESDAY | 24.03.26 | 1PM-2PM  
TUESDAY | 21.04.26 | 1PM-2PM  
TUESDAY | 28.04.26 | 1PM-2PM  
TUESDAY | 05.05.26 | 1PM-2PM  
TUESDAY | 12.05.26 | 1PM-2PM  
TUESDAY | 19.05.26 | 1PM-2PM  
TUESDAY | 02.06.26 | 1PM-2PM  
TUESDAY | 09.06.26 | 1PM-2PM  
TUESDAY | 16.06.26 | 1PM-2PM  
TUESDAY | 23.06.26 | 1PM-2PM  
TUESDAY | 30.06.26 | 1PM-2PM

On Thursday 15th January 2026 it's Census Day and we have a special menu on offer!

This is a really important day for us. A large chunk of school funding for the year is based on how many children eat a school lunch on this day. The funding goes towards maintaining school resources and to continue to provide a good quality of education for your children. If your child doesn't normally have school hot dinners, why not give them a try!

🥪 Sandwiches and 🍔 Jacket potato options will also be available to order. Please see the attached menu.



  
**WELLSPRING**  
Catering Team

## Free School Meals

Delicious, tasty, healthy, nutritious... and FREE!



- 👉 Our menus meet the government school food guidelines
- 👉 Our menus contain at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables
- 👉 All our foods meet allergen guidelines
- 👉 We offer a tasty hot meal selection with salad and fresh bread options
- 👉 We make food fun, encouraging children to try something new

Register online for FREE school meals at [www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals)

# 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