



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

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

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.



**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

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WELLSPRING
We Make A Difference

Thursday
15th January

Try a School Meal Day Menu

Main	Sides	Dessert
Wellspring Big Breakfast Sausage, Bacon or Vegetarian Sausage	Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Scrambled Egg and Tomato	Strawberry Jelly and Ice Cream

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



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.



Barnsley
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

We Bake A Difference



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

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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Primary Academy

We are:
Child Focused
Nurturing
Inclusive
Ambitious

Inspiring today, making a difference tomorrow

