



# NEWSLETTER

OAKWELL RISE  
Primary Academy

Friday 6th March 2026

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

After such a great week, last week with our friends from Ofsted, the school is settling down to business as usual. I have worked at the school now for nearly 10 years and still feel utterly proud to see the wonder behind the walls. I'm still proud to say we are blessed with an incredibly dedicated team. One who are excellent - from teaching to making a difference to the children and their families. The inspectors saw this too and made it clear children are thriving in our schools.

Oakwell really has been on a huge journey moving from strength to strength. It is completely unrecognisable from when we joined Wellspring. What an amazing place to learn and grow.

We will share the report with you in the coming weeks once it has been finalised with Ofsted I am sure you'll want to congratulate the team on creating such a marvellous school. *Mrs Jenkins*

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

This week has been a very busy one for us all. We have welcomed many visitors into school throughout the week to talk about their jobs, careers and the path they took to get where they are now. It has been fascinating for all to hear the different stories and has hopefully inspired some children too. We have also enjoyed the delights of Science day on Wednesday, with the children enjoying special assemblies and workshops, as well as completing different investigations. It was a lovely day in school, with such a 'buzz' of activity. Finally, Key Stage One ended the week with a Scientific trip to Magna. I think we will all sleep this weekend!

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*Mrs Faxon*

## ATTENDANCE

Our target is 97%

|           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| RECEPTION | 93.1% |
| YEAR 1    | 94.4% |
| YEAR 2    | 91.8% |
| YEAR 3    | 95.4% |
| YEAR 4    | 97.2% |
| YEAR 5    | 95.4% |
| YEAR 6    | 96.3% |

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE  
THIS WEEK IS 94.8%**

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| NUMBER OF LATES<br>THIS WEEK | 31  |
| LOSS OF LEARNING<br>(MINS)   | 562 |

## HALF TERM

We break up for half term on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at normal time. School will re-open on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April from 8AM.



## Easter Disco

MAR  
24

RECEPTION FROM 14.00 UNTIL 14.30

£1.50

YEAR 1- 6 FROM 14.30 UNTIL 16.00

£3.00

TICKETS CAN BE BROUGHT VIA ARBOR, UNDER TRIPS. TICKETS INCLUDE A DRINK AND A PACKET OF CRISPS

## GET INTO TEACHING

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Your **POP-UP**  
**SCHOOL**  
**BOOK SHOP!**



## BOOK FAIR

Mark your calendars because the Scholastic Traveling Book Fair is coming to Oakwell Rise during breakfast club from the 18th March until 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.

# RED NOSE DAY

## FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

# NON-UNIFORM £1 DONATION



# COMIC RELIEF



**GRASSROOTS**  
SPORTS ACADEMY YORKSHIRE  
CHANGING LIVES THROUGH SPORTS

# OAKWELL RISE MULTI SPORTS CLUB

**Oakwell Rise Primary Academy,**  
Doncaster Rd, Barnsley, S70 1TS

30<sup>th</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April & 7<sup>th</sup> April to  
10<sup>th</sup> April

9:30am - 2:30pm

6 Years to 12 Years



FREE PLACES  
HAF ELIGIBLE



PAID PLACES  
£15 PER DAY



**healthy  
holidays**



OAKWELL RISE

# EASTER EGG

## COMPETITION

MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2026

We want your designs!  
Enter our fabulous Easter Egg Competition, you can design an Easter Egg, drawing, bonnet or decoration for judging.

We will be accepting entries to the competition from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The designs will be judged and a winner will be chosen for each phase.

Each winner will win an Easter Egg!  
All entries will receive a small prize.



Please can we kindly remind parents/carers that school meals must to be paid for in advance.

Login to your Arbor app to Top Up your account.

School meals are £2.65 per day and needs to be paid on you child's Arbor meal account.

Please contact the school office if you experience any issues with your Arbor App.



# Spring

## Key Dates

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 5 MAR                           | <del>World Book Day</del>     |
| 9-13 MAR                        | <del>Careers Week</del>       |
| 11 MAR                          | <del>Science Workshops</del>  |
| 12 MAR                          | <del>MHTC Rocket Launch</del> |
| 13 MAR                          | <del>KS1 Magna Trip</del>     |
| 17 MAR                          | Book Fair                     |
| 20 MAR                          | Red Nose Day                  |
| 20 MAR                          | Non-Uniform Day - £1 Donation |
| 23 MAR                          | EYFS Parent Craft Day         |
| 24 MAR                          | Easter Disco                  |
| 24 MAR                          | KS1 & KS2 Parent Craft Day    |
| 24 MAR                          | Non-Uniform Day               |
| 26-27 MAR                       | Y4 Residential Trip           |
| 27 MAR                          | Last Day                      |
| 30th MAR – 10 <sup>th</sup> APR | Easter Holidays               |
| 13 APR                          | Return to School              |
| 22 APR                          | Y5 & Y6 Wild Day              |
| 27 APR                          | Big Talk                      |

# 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.

Inspiring today, making a difference tomorrow



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We are:  
Child Focused  
Nurturing  
Inclusive  
Ambitious

