



NEWSLETTER

OAKWELL RISE
Primary Academy

Friday 27th March 2026

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Well that is all folks. What a superb half term where our friends from Ofsted came to visit to confirm how wonderful we think our school is. Our biggest success this week is a school swap with our Partnership school in Leeds. What a great experience for all the children! I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break. We will see you in two weeks.

Mrs Jenkins

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

We have had a lovely final week of the half term at Oakwell Rise, packed with events! Our Spring craft day was a huge success - thank you to all parents who were able to join us. A highlight for the week has been our Year 4 Residential: the children have enjoyed a trip to Leeds, enjoying the Royal Armouries, the City Art Gallery and a fabulous sleepover together. We also welcomed the Year 4 children from our partner school in Leeds who spent the evening at Oakwell. What a lovely end to the half term. Have a great Easter holiday everyone and we will see you back in school on Monday 13th April.

Mrs Faxon

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ATTENDANCE

Our target is 97%

RECEPTION	86.5%
YEAR 1	98%
YEAR 2	98.1%
YEAR 3	95.1%
YEAR 4	98.1%
YEAR 5	97.9%
YEAR 6	100%

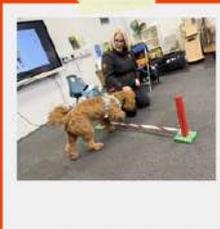
**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
THIS WEEK IS 96.3%**

NUMBER OF LATES THIS WEEK	25
LOSS OF LEARNING (MINS)	232

PAWS-ITIVE NEWS: BAXTER IS READY FOR DUTY!

It's been a whirlwind week of wagging tails and hard work, but we are thrilled to announce that Baxter, our School Dog Mentor, has officially completed his training!

Baxter has passed his assessments with flying colors (and plenty of treats) and is now fully certified to begin his sessions with the children. He'll be stepping into his new role right after the half-term break.




SCHOOL LUNCHES

As we have reached the end of the half term, please can you ensure your meals account is cleared.

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 ready for our return on Monday 13th April 2026.

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.

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EGG CARTON BOX COMPETITION - A "CRACKING" SUCCESS FOR YEAR 6

We were blown away by the "eggs-traordinary" entries into our Egg Carton Box Competition.



Our guest judge, Father Blair, had a monumental task on his hands. He spent a long time admiring the craftsmanship and detail, noting that it was incredibly difficult to pick the winners because the standard was so high.

A huge thank you to Father Blair for his time and for making those tough final calls!



Most importantly, we want to say a massive thank you for your incredible support. Through your entries and donations, we raised:

Total Raised: £57.73!

Every penny of this will go directly toward the Year 6 Leavers celebrations, helping to give our oldest students the send-off they truly deserve.



KEY DATES

30th MAR – 10th APR – Easter Holidays

13 APR Return to School

22 APR Y5 & Y6 Wild Day

27 APR Big Talk

4 MAY BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

6 MAY Y1 & Y2 Wild Day

11 MAY Y6 SAT's Week



RAMPUP

BIKE / SCOOT / SHRED IN THE COMMUNITY

EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2026

**EXCITING SESSIONS
WE BRING THE WHEELS
YOU BRING THE SKILLS**

COMING TO YOUR COMMUNITY THIS HOLIDAY! RAMPUP IS AN EXCITING SESSION THAT GIVES YOUNG SHREDDERS THE CHANCE TO DEVELOP OR UNLEASH THEIR SKILLS IN THE RAMPUP ZONE.

EASTER HOLIDAY SESSIONS WEEK 1

WEDS 1 APRIL
11AM - 2PM
OXSPRING PLAYING FIELDS
SHEFFIELD RD, OXSPRING, BARNSELY S36 8YQ

THUR 2 APRIL
11AM - 2PM
THURNSCOE HOUGHTON RD
THURNSCOE SKATE PARK, BARNSELY S63 0AW



EASTER HOLIDAY SESSIONS WEEK 2

TUES 7 APRIL
11AM - 2PM
BIRDWELL REC
ROCKINGHAM ST, BIRDWELL, BARNSELY S70 5TQ

WEDS 8 APRIL
10:30AM - 1PM
ATHERSLEY COMMUNITY SHOP
LINDHURST RD, ATHERSLEY NORTH, S71 3DQ

THURS 9 APRIL
11AM - 2PM
ROYSTON PARK
ST JOHNS WALK, ROYSTON, BARNSELY S71 4NE

FREE

ALL UNDER 18S NEED TO BE REGISTERED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN



SCAN TO REGISTER

All children need to be registered by a parent or guardian on the RampUP system before they can take part in a RampUP session.

- If your child uses their own bike or scooter you are confirming that it is safe to use.
- Registration will be required once and will cover participant attendance at other RampUP sessions.

Sport and Physical Activity Team

Move more. Live well. Feel better.

WHAT'S YOUR MOVE



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

