



NEWSLETTER

OAKWELL RISE
Primary Academy

Thursday 13th February 2026

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

We have made it to the end of another marvellous half term with so much joy and learning. Baxter, our school dog, has settled into school life well bringing smiles to so many. Next half term is a fairly short one again but packed with learning and experiences. We will have a focus of our Special Education Needs reviews and gaining parental and children voice.

Mrs Jenkins

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

We have had a busy final week of the half term, with some lovely events that the children have been able to enjoy. Everyone enjoyed the Top Trumps trip to the cinema on Tuesday: it was lovely to see everyone together and enjoying the film. On Wednesday, our choir and several children from Year 3 were able to participate in the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena. This was a spectacular event, enjoyed by all. Have a great half term holiday everyone and we will see you back on Monday 23rd of February.

Mrs Faxon



LIKE AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

ATTENDANCE

Our target is 97%

RECEPTION	89.2%
YEAR 1	96.7%
YEAR 2	92.1%
YEAR 3	92.1%
YEAR 4	96.2%
YEAR 5	95%
YEAR 6	96.3%

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
THIS WEEK IS 93.9%**

NUMBER OF LATES THIS WEEK	24
LOSS OF LEARNING (MINS)	665

OAKWELL RISE PANTRY



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THURSDAYS
3PM



YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL

Reminder Y4 have their residential trip on Thursday 26th - Friday 27th March. Book your child's space via Arbor - £25

OAKWELL PANTRY WE ARE HERE TO HELP

OPEN EVERY THURSDAY FROM 2-3.15PM

We know that sometimes things can get a bit tight. If you or your family are in need of a food parcel or just a few single items, please know that our doors are open and you are always welcome.

Ask Early: If you can't make it at 2pm, you can speak to Mrs Groom on the door during the morning drop off.

KS1 MAGNA TRIP

We have arranged an exciting trip for the children in Year 1 and 2 to visit Magna Science Adventure Centre in Rotherham on Friday 13th March. A contribution of £14.50 is required for this trip. Please make your payment via Arbor, under trips.



GET INTO TEACHING

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Together at the Town Hall is a community event where everyone is invited to come together and enjoy a variety of activities, services, and resources. Starting on Monday 16 February 2026, each day brings a new theme, so there's always something different to explore - whether you're interested in workshops, local support, family activities, or meeting new people. With something for all ages and interests, this is an opportunity to connect, learn, and be part of what makes Barnsley special.

Thursday 19th February, 11-3pm is themed 'a look back in time', with the chance to step into Barnsley's history with remembrance workshops and stories from the past. Veterans' support and armed forces recruitment stalls will be available for adults. A day of heritage, learning, and meaningful resources for all ages.

The poppies Oakwell Rise created for the War Memorial Centenary event will be on display at the Town Hall on the Thursday if any of the children who created them would like to come and see them they would be very welcome! An artist who is a partner of Fusion will be running a poppy making workshop for all ages between 11 and 3pm in the Learning Lab that they could join in with.

Y4 MTC - ROCKSTAR LAUNCH

Get ready to turn the volume up! We are thrilled to invite you and your child to our Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Workshop on **12.03.2026 at 2:30.**




Far from a boring meeting, this will be a high-energy session where we'll reveal the "setlist" for the upcoming check and show you how to help your child become a Maths legend.

We'll be diving into Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS), hosting a "Parents vs. Kids" live battle, and sharing the secrets of how just five minutes of "practice at the stadium" each day can lead to headlining success.

EXCLUSIVE ROCKSTAR REWARDS!

Every child whose parent or carer attends the session will receive:

- A Rockstar Prop: A special item to take home to help them get into the "Rockstar" mindset during their home practice.
- A Golden TTRS Voucher: A printed certificate worth 2,000 BONUS COINS to spend on their avatar in the online shop!

Feel free to bring your best Rockstar attitude—and maybe even a pair of sunglasses! We can't wait to see you there for some air guitar, some healthy competition, and a clear guide on how we can work together to help our Year 4s rock their tables.

Please sign up on arbor.  Arbor

THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE

CAREERS WEEK 9TH- 13TH MARCH

CAN YOU HELP US?

We are looking for parents or carers who would kindly come & share about their job & what they do to the children.

If you would like to support us on this whole school event please contact Miss Sharpe or Mrs Groom.

We are wanting to share all about lots of different occupations!

Thank you! ❤️

CAREERS WEEK 9TH- 13TH MARCH

Calling all parents & carers - Can you help us.

Careers week at Oakwell Rise
Monday 9th March - Friday 13th March
Oakwell Rise

We are looking for parents and carers who would kindly come and share about their job role with the children! We are wanting to share all about different kinds of occupations and would love this to come from within our community. This would only be a short session followed by a few questions from the children - around 10/15 minutes for a class.

If you would like to help us - please speak to Miss Sharpe or Mrs Groom for more information.

Thank you for your support!

Spring

Key Dates

28 JAN	Parenting & Support Meetings
30 JAN	KS1/2 Non-Uniform Day
2 FEB	KS1/2 Non-Uniform Day
4 FEB	Parent Breakfast Club
9 FEB	Y6 Parent/Carer Meetings
10 FEB	Y5 Parent/Carer Meetings
11 FEB	Young Voices
13 FEB	INSET DAY – Festival of Learning
16 FEB – 20 FEB	Half Term
24 FEB	Y5 Swimming Starts
5 MAR	World Book Day
11 MAR	Science Workshops
13 MAR	KS1 Magna Trip
17 MAR	Book Fair
24 MAR	Easter Disco
24 MAR	Parent Craft Day
24 MAR	Non-Uniform Day
26–27 MAR	Y4 Residential Trip

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

