



NEWSLETTER

OAKWELL RISE
Primary Academy

Friday 1st May 2026

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

I often share stories about Baxter, our school Dog. So here we go again. He has had his first birthday (and party!!) celebrating moving a little further through his life. He came to school this morning and spent time in Breakfast Club both inside and on the playground. All the children were really respectful and waved at him rather than getting too close and overwhelming him. Some children helped me jointly walk him around the playground and learn about his wellbeing needs. Mrs Groom will start taking children for wellbeing sessions with Baxter so watch this space!

Mrs Jenkins

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

We have had another lovely, sunny week at Oakwell. We have been able to enjoy our time outside and carry on with all our learning in the busy classrooms. It has been great this week to see some of the children's work this week, particularly some of the hard work in reading, which is so important for all our children. We hope you enjoy the long Bank Holiday weekend and we will see you back in school on Tuesday.

Mrs Faxon

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ATTENDANCE

Our target is 97%

RECEPTION	96.3%
YEAR 1	95.2%
YEAR 2	98.3%
YEAR 3	94.4%
YEAR 4	95.1%
YEAR 5	95.1%
YEAR 6	98.3%

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
THIS WEEK IS 95.9%**

NUMBER OF LATES THIS WEEK	27
LOSS OF LEARNING (MINS)	538



Please can we kindly remind parents/carers that school meals must 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 ensure you are on the correct account before paying. We have had an increase of meal payments being made to the nursery top up account in error.

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



PARENT /CARER QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to everyone who attended our parents consultations.

We kindly ask if you haven't already, that you complete the below parent/carer questionnaire.

<https://edurio.com/poll/4eEMAN>

You do not need to complete if you have filled out a paper form.

Thank you in advance.



BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 4th May for the bank holiday.

WARMER WEATHER

As the weather turns warmer, please make sure your child brings:

- A labelled water bottle
- A hat for sun protection
- Suncream applied before school
- If your child is able to reapply suncream themselves, please send in a labelled bottle.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: PUNCTUALITY AND COLLECTIONS



We have recently seen a rise in late arrivals and collections. To ensure a smooth learning environment, please ensure your child arrives by 8:40am for an 8:45am start. Prompt collection at 3:00pm or 3:05pm is equally vital, as is the 4:00pm finish for After School Club. Late arrivals disrupt lessons, while late collections require staff supervision beyond scheduled hours.



We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our school day running on time.



LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property box is overflowing! This is located outside the hall door.

If your child is missing a jumper or any other item of clothing, please come by and check if it's here.

Can we also remind you to ensure each item coming into school is labelled with your child's name, this helps us to reunite lost property to its rightful owner.



18.5.26

Y3 & Y4

15.5.26

Y5 & Y6

22.5.26

Nursery &
Reception
Y1 & Y2

Our whole school McDonald's trip is coming up soon!

Please check the timetable to see when your child's class will be heading out to enjoy their meal.

Nursery and Reception children will enjoy their McDonald's lunch within school.

The cost of the meal is £3.89 per child. Please make your payment via Arbor.



SUMMER WILD DAYS



A chance for your child to develop their wild skills 'beyond the four walls' developing a variety of skills such as forest skills, language development, fine and gross motor skills, keeping safe and understanding the world around them.

A £3.70 contribution payment must be paid via Arbor, under trips prior to your child's trip taking place. If you experience any trouble making payments, please contact the school office.

Please ensure your child wears old clothes & trainers/wellies such as joggers, t-shirt, jumpers and waterproof clothing, as they will be venturing outdoors in all weathers!

WILD DAY TIMETABLE 25/26

FS2	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
TBC	06.05.26 AM	06.05.26 PM	20.05.26 AM	20.05.26 PM	22.04.26 AM	22.04.26 PM

Summer 1

Key Dates

21 APR	...
22 APR	...
23 APR	...
24 APR	...
27 APR	...
4 MAY	Bank Holiday - School Closed
6 MAY	Y1/2 Wild Day
11-14 MAY	SAT's Week - Year 6
15 MAY	Y5/Y6 - McDonalds
18 MAY	Y3/Y4 - McDonalds
19 MAY	Class Photos
20 MAY	Y3/Y4 Wild Day
21 MAY	Census Day
22 MAY	FS/KS1 McDonalds
25-29 MAY	MAY Half Term - School Closed
1 JUNE	Return to School
2 JUNE	Poetry Day