



Friday 9th October 2026

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

This week we welcomed Governors to our lovely school to share our lovely school with them once again. They enjoyed listening to staff about our PSHE and Personal Development Curriculum. They then spoke to a group of our wonderful children to hear the impact on their lives. They really did shine and demonstrate a wider range of skills and knowledge

*Mrs Jenkins*

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

We started the week at Oakwell with a concert by our Rocksteady provider: an exciting assembly during which a few members of staff demonstrated their musical skills! Next week is our final week of the half term - it has flown by! This will be an enjoyable week, with the highlight being our craft and disco day on Tuesday. Have a great weekend everyone.

*Mrs Faxon*

## ATTENDANCE

Our target is 97%

|           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| RECEPTION | 98.2% |
| YEAR 1    | 95.4% |
| YEAR 2    | 99.3% |
| YEAR 3    | 97.7% |
| YEAR 4    | 98.5% |
| YEAR 5    | 98.6% |
| YEAR 6    | 98.2% |

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS 98%

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| NUMBER OF LATES<br>THIS WEEK | 37  |
| LOSS OF LEARNING<br>(MINS)   | 483 |



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## YEAR 6 CRUCIAL CREW

Our Year 6 children will be going on a trip to Crucial Crew.

Date: Tuesday 10th November  
Cost: £14.60 per child

Please ensure payment is made via Arbor to confirm your child's place.

## Y6 GUARDIAN CONSULTATIONS

Please note there is a slight change for the Y6 Guardian Consultations.



Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
13:30-15:00



Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
15:10-17:00



Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
13:30-17:00

## Y6 RESIDENTIAL MEETING

We would like to invite you to a short information session regarding the upcoming Year 6 residential trip planned for 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May 2027. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the trip and what your child can expect. It's also the perfect chance to ask any questions you might have about the trip. We look forward to seeing you there!



Monday 12th October



3:00pm - 3:30pm



Year 6 classroom

## GUARDIAN CONSULTATIONS

We are holding our parent/carer consultations on:



Tuesday 10th November  
13:30-17:00



Wednesday 11th  
November 13:30-17:00

## NURSERY



Friday 16th November  
19:00-11:00 & 13:00-14:45

Please book your slot with your child's class teacher via Arbor, under guardian consultations.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

13  
OCT

HALLOWEEN DISCO

13  
OCT

AUTUMN CRAFT  
DAY

13  
OCT

NON UNIFORM DAY

19-30  
OCT

OCTOBER HALF  
TERM

2  
NOV

RETURN TO  
SCHOOL

13  
NOV

CHILDREN IN NEED  
PJ DAY!

16-20  
NOV

ANTI BULLYING  
WEEK

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New  
Skills



Develop  
Awareness of Other  
Cultures, Religion,  
Ethnicity and Gender  
Differences



Gain  
Qualifications



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Don't Forget!  
Book your  
ticket now!

YEAR 1 - YEAR 6  
MUSIC - COSTUME - GAMES

Halloween Disco

OCT  
13

FROM 14.30 UNTIL 16.00



RECEPTION  
MUSIC - COSTUME - GAMES

Halloween Disco

OCT  
13

FROM 14.00 UNTIL 14.30

## OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS – BOOK NOW!

Grassroots Sports Academy Yorkshire is delighted to be running our Healthy Holidays October Camps, packed with sports, games, activities, new friendships and plenty of fun!

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October 2026

**FREE FUNDED PLACES AVAILABLE!**  
Children eligible for means-tested Free School Meals can access FREE funded places through the Healthy Holidays programme.

Paid places are also available from £15-£30.

All camps include a FREE meal, with a fantastic mix of activities designed to keep children engaged, active and having fun throughout the holidays.

**BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!**

<https://grassrootssportsacademy.co.uk/booking>

Spaces are limited and bookings are coming in quickly, so we strongly recommend securing your child's place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!



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Department  
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**healthy  
holidays**

# OCTOBER CAMPS

**FUN SPORTS ACTIVITIES & MORE!** **BOOK ONLINE**

**26TH OCTOBER – 30TH OCTOBER**



**BIRKWOOD**  
9:30am – 2:30pm  
**AGES 5-11**



**ESPORTS**  
10am – 2pm  
**AGES 8-16**



**HEATHER GARTH**  
9:30am – 2:30pm  
**AGES 5-11**



**KEXBOROUGH**  
8:30am – 5pm  
**AGES 5-11**



**FREE PLACES AVAILABLE**  
for children on means tested  
Free School Meals



**PAID PLACES AVAILABLE**  
**£15 – £30**



**BOOK ONLINE**

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## EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES IN SCHOOL CHOIR (YEARS 3–6)!

We currently have Spaces available in our school Choir Club, which runs every Monday for children in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6.

This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to sing, have fun, and build confidence. Even more excitingly, children who join the choir will have the special option to perform at the incredible Young Voices concert at the Sheffield Arena this coming February!

If you would like to sign your child up, please call the school office as soon as possible to secure their place.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE: SCHOOL EARRING POLICY FOR PE

If your child has pierced ears, please remember that only small studs are permitted at school.

For safety reasons during PE lessons, children will be asked to remove their earrings wherever possible. If your child is unable to remove their studs themselves, please ensure you take them out at home on their scheduled PE days.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our pupils safe during physical activities.



## WILD DAYS

Our Wild Days program helps pupils develop forest skills, language, motor skills, and an understanding of the world through outdoor learning. The 2026/27 timetable for each year group is listed below.

**Payment:** A £4 contribution must be paid via Arbor (under 'Trips') before your child's trip. Contact the office if you experience any payment issues.

**Clothing:** We venture outdoors in all weathers! Please ensure your child wears old clothes (joggers, t-shirt, jumper), waterproofs, and trainers or wellies.

WILD DAY TIMETABLE 26/27

| FS2                 | YEAR 1         | YEAR 2         | YEAR 3         | YEAR 4         | YEAR 5         | YEAR 6              |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
|                     | 11.11.26<br>AM | 11.11.26<br>PM | 18.11.26<br>AM | 18.11.26<br>PM | 25.11.26<br>AM | 25.11.26<br>PM      |
| 19.05.27<br>ALL DAY | 28.04.27<br>AM | 28.04.27<br>PM | 05.05.27<br>AM | 05.05.27<br>PM | 21.04.27<br>AM | 09.06.27<br>ALL DAY |





# More families eligible for free school meals

**From September 2026, there will be significant changes to Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility in England.**

All children in households on Universal Credit will be eligible — regardless of income.



**Apply now by scanning the QR code or visiting [barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals-form](https://barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals-form)**

Transitional protection is ending, which means some current eligibility may change. Families will receive an official notification by letter if they're affected.

These changes aim to give more families the support they need and ensure every child can access a healthy meal at school.

Find out more about free school meals at [barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals](https://barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals)