



NEWSLETTER

OAKWELL RISE
Primary Academy

Friday 16th October 2026

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

As the term comes to a close, I want to celebrate what a fantastic start to the school year we've had! Our pupils have settled brilliantly into their new classes, working hard and showing great enthusiasm every day. Thank you to our wonderful staff and families for your support in making this half term such a success.

Looking ahead, Autumn 2 is always one of our most exciting terms, packed with special events, performances, and seasonal celebrations! I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for an action-packed term ahead.

Mrs Jenkins

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

It has been a lovely final week of the half term, with the children enjoying our crafts and disco day earlier in the week. We have ended the week spectacularly with our parent breakfast: it was so lovely to see so many children and parents attending and enjoying some delicious food. We hope you all have a lovely half term holiday and look forward to seeing you all in 2 weeks time.

Mrs Faxon



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ATTENDANCE

Our target is 97%

RECEPTION	90%
YEAR 1	93.1%
YEAR 2	98.7%
YEAR 3	93.8%
YEAR 4	93.3%
YEAR 5	93.9%
YEAR 6	94.2%

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
THIS WEEK IS 93.9%**

NUMBER OF LATES THIS WEEK	31
LOSS OF LEARNING (MINS)	401

POSITIVE LANGUAGE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

As role models for our children, the adults in our community set the standard for how we speak and interact with one another.

Please remember that swearing, as well as loud or offensive language, is strictly prohibited on school grounds at all times, including during drop-off and pick-up.

GUARDIAN CONSULTATIONS

We are holding our parent/carer consultations on:



Tuesday 10th November
13:30-17:00



Wednesday 11th
November 13:30-17:00



Y4 ONLY - Thursday 12th
November 13:30-16:30

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

19-30
OCT

OCTOBER HALF
TERM

2
NOV

RETURN TO
SCHOOL

13
NOV

CHILDREN IN NEED
PJ DAY!

16-20
NOV

ANTI BULLYING
WEEK

Y6 GUARDIAN CONSULTATIONS

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



Monday 9th November
13:30-15:00



Tuesday 10th November
15.10-17:00



Wednesday 11th November
13:30-17:00

GET INTO TEACHING

WITH JOSIE THIRKELL INSTITUTE

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We Make A Difference

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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for Education



**healthy
holidays**

OCTOBER CAMPS

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 | grassrootssportsacademy.co.uk/booking/

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.



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.

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 AM	11.11.26 PM	18.11.26 AM	18.11.26 PM	25.11.26 AM	25.11.26 PM
19.05.27 ALL DAY	28.04.27 AM	28.04.27 PM	05.05.27 AM	05.05.27 PM	21.04.27 AM	09.06.27 ALL DAY



INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Purple Cow Photography will be in school on Wednesday 4th November to take the children's individual school photos.

If you have a younger non-school aged child and would like a sibling photo taken, these will be taken between 8am-8.30am in the Den.

Siblings in school will taken throughout the 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

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