



NEWSLETTER

OAKWELL RISE
Primary Academy

Friday 17th July 2026

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Another year is done at Oakwell Rise.

Thank you to the children, staff and all parents for all your work and contributions to our school throughout the year. It has been another successful year at Oakwell Rise.

I hope you have a fantastic holiday together and we will see you in September.

Mrs Jenkins

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

We have had a fantastic final week at Oakwell. The whole school enjoyed their outing to Locke Park, enjoying some fun in the sun before we finish. Yesterday, we also received the results for our Year 6 children. It is fair to say that they have done themselves absolutely proud, achieving some amazing results. Well done to all - a lovely end to the year and another step towards the next part of their journey. We wish all of Year 6 all the best as they move on. Have a fantastic Summer everyone.

Mrs Faxon



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ATTENDANCE

Our target is 97%

RECEPTION	87%
YEAR 1	97.3%
YEAR 2	94.2%
YEAR 3	92.6%
YEAR 4	93.1%
YEAR 5	94.2%
YEAR 6	97.5%

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
THIS WEEK IS 93.7%**

NUMBER OF LATES THIS WEEK	33
LOSS OF LEARNING (MINS)	797

Y6 LEAVERS - STEP BOLDLY, DREAM BIG

Now secondary school is beckoning ahead, A brand-new adventure, a new path to tread. Though the buildings are bigger, the hallways are new, Remember the strength that is inside of you. Keep rising, keep shining, and always stand tall, The lessons you've learned here will carry you through it all. So spread out your wings as you wave us goodbye, Take flight from the branches of Oakwell Rise!

CLASS OF
2026
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ACTION REQUIRED: ARBOR PROFILE UPDATE

Please log in to Arbor before September to review and update your child's profile. This is crucial for safety and communication.

- Contact Info: Check phone numbers, emails, and emergency contacts.
- Medical Details: Ensure all medical conditions and info are fully up to date.
- Dietary & Allergies: Verify that all allergies and dietary requirements are correct.
- Consents: Review your consent choices. (Note: You can withdraw consent at any time by emailing the school office).
- School Meals
- Clear Balances: Please top up and clear any negative meal balances before the new school year starts to prevent accounts from being put on hold.



RETURN TO SCHOOL

School's Out for Summer! Wishing all of our students and families a fantastic, relaxing, and safe summer break. You've earned it!

Key Return Date:

- Tuesday 1st September
- From 8:00 AM

See you in September!



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EMERGENCY CONTACTS

WHEN SCHOOL IS CLOSED DURING THE HOLIDAYS

- BMBC Social Services emergency contact (children and adults) - 01226 787789
- BMBC Social Services (children) - 01226 772423
- BMBC Social Services (adults) - 01226 773300
- BMBC Housing Options & Homelessness Prevention - 01226 773870 or advice@barnsley.gov.uk
- BMBC Homelessness Emergency Line - 01226 787789
- Berneslai Homes Repairs Hotline (24 hours) - 01226 787878
- NHS Mental Health Single Point of Access (also provides a 24hr helpline) - 01226 645000
- Barnsley Foodbank - 07741 414810
- Domestic Violence Support from South Yorkshire Police - Dial 999 and press 55 if it is not safe to speak
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline - 0808 2000 247
- Samaritans - 116 123 or jo@samaritans.org
- Shelter - 0808 800 4444
- Yorkshire Water Emergency - 0800 573 553
- National Grid Emergency Reports - 0800 111 999
- The Refugee Council - 01226 320111

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



Wombwell Summer Programme 2026

Free activities for children, young people and families across the Wombwell Ward during the 6 week holiday

Activity	Date and time	Venue and Details
Grassroots in the Park	Tues 21 July 1pm to 3pm	Summer Lane Rec
Summer Sports Jam	Wed 22 July 12pm to 4.30pm	Wombwell Park
Family Cook and Eat (pre book)	Mon 27 July 11am - 1pm	St Michael and All Angels Church Hall
Friends of Wombwell Park - Picnic in the Park	Wed 29 July 11am to 3pm	Wombwell Park
Grassroots in the Park	Tues 4 Aug 1pm to 3pm	Wombwell Park
Grassroots in the Park	Tues 11 Aug 1pm to 3pm	Summer Lane Rec
Summer Fun Session	Wed 12 Aug 11am to 1pm	Wombwell Park
Family Cook and Eat (pre book)	Mon 17 Aug 11am to 1pm	St Michael and All Angels Church Hall
Grassroots in the Park	Tues 18 Aug 1pm to 3pm	Wombwell Park
Grassroots in the Park	Tues 25 Aug 1pm to 3pm	Everill Close Play Area
Summer Fun Session	Wed 26 Aug 11am to 1pm	Wombwell Park

Grassroots in the park (age 7+ unless with adult) you can preregister or turn up and play.

Summer Jam (age 8+ unless with an adult) you can preregister or turn up and play.

BYouth will be out and about in local parks providing detached youth sessions every Weds 4-6pm (11-19years). Wombwell Family Hub Gardening project every Thurs 7-9pm.

Checkout Barnsley Libraries and Museums Facebook pages for more fun activities.

Healthy Holidays activities



Scan to register

Grassroots in the park & Summer jam info & booking



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Great Childhood Ambitions



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For more information and to book the Family Cook and Eat sessions please contact clarearcher2@barnsley.gov.uk



Summer Activities

Discover a fun programme of free, hands-on activities taking place at Barnsley College.

Suitable for young people aged 5 and over.

Spaces are limited, so book early to avoid missing out.

Search "Barnsley College" on the Children's University website: www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/activity-search or scan the QR code to view the full list of sessions, dates and booking details.



Contact our Information team on 01226 216 123 or email info@barnsley.ac.uk



HAF SUMMER 2026

Fun Tabletop Activities!

Get ready for a summer of awesome tabletop gaming fun in 2026! Come and join us for hands-on board gaming where you can play your favourite games and discover brand-new ones! From quick games, to challenges, to clever strategy games, there's something for everyone. Bring your friends or make new ones as you play and laugh in a fun and friendly space. Whether you're new to board games or already enjoy them, you're welcome at the table!

Free places for all Primary and Secondary school-aged children and young people who receive benefit related free school meals. Paid places are also available for those who are not eligible for a free space.

Sessions run 10am-2pm with a healthy lunch provided.

Don't miss out—come and join the fun this summer!

Department for Education

FREE to FSM eligible children. Ticket places available to purchase

healthy holidays

Scan QR To book FREE places

Place
Joseph Locke Primary School

Dates
Thursday 30th July
Tuesday 4th August
Thursday 13th August
Monday 17th August

Scan QR To purchase ticketed places



READ to the BEAT

TAKE ON THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE THIS SUMMER AT BARNSELY LIBRARIES

The Challenge is fun, free and helps children aged 4-11 to keep up reading skills over the holidays. Sign up at your local library and earn stickers for each book you read. Children who read six books will be presented with a certificate and medal!

Scan the QR code to find your local library and see the free events taking place in libraries throughout the summer holidays!

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