



Oughtibridge Primary School Newsletter 13th October 2025

Headteacher's Message



Week 6

The weather has been kind this week and we have had some fabulous autumnal days. The Y1s have been on a local walk and FS2 children have been learning to ride bikes in the sunshine. Meanwhile, Foresters have completed their work in the Woods of Wonder. The children are enjoying all the new resources which have been funded by a donation from the local Coop. This grant was facilitated by the S.O.S committee. Thank you to the committee members for arranging this.

Cross Country Success!

Storm Amy provided "traditional" Cross Country conditions for the start of the season this weekend, but didn't stop our runners from a set of fabulous results! They would really like more team mates to join them so please contact Mr Butler or Miss calderbank for more information.



1 - Sofia needs 3 more Y5/6 girls to make up a team!



2 - Freddie came first out of all the Y3/4 boys across the city. What an achievement!

Classes With The Best Attendance This Week



KS1 - Y1KD

KS2 - Y6BB

Please remember the school gates close at 8:50am and staff start completing the register after this time. Children are set tasks as soon as they enter the classroom and if your child is regularly a couple of minutes late, they do miss out on vital maths and spelling practice!

Year Group News



Foundation Stage

We're going on a 'Signs of Autumn' nature walk on Thursday 16th October 2025 at 9.30-10.30/11.00am. Depending on the weather, all children will need to bring a raincoat and suitable footwear such as wellington boots, that they can bring to school and get changed into. The day might be a cold one, so hats, gloves and scarfs are recommended. Please make sure that these are all labelled.

Year 1

The KS1 Ball Skills event organised by LINKS takes place this Monday 13th October (3.40 - 4.40) at Bradfield School. Children should be registered in and out of the event with Miss Calderbank, and parents are welcome to stay and spectate if they wish.

Thank you to all who have returned their letter for the KS1 Learn to Ride Sessions on Monday 20th October. We can confirm that the children who have returned their letter, have secured a place. For the session, please ensure your child has the equipment listed on the letter. Thank you.

Year 2

The Y2 Weston Park trip is on Wednesday 15th October. Remember to bring a packed lunch and a drink. A waterproof coat is highly recommended as we will be outside a good deal of the time. Children must be in school uniform.

Year 3

All Year 3 children who have sent reply slips for the KS2 Ball Skills Festival (20th October, 3.40 to 4.40) have been successful in gaining places.

Year 4

Year 4 children wishing to attend the KS2 Ball Skills Festival (20th October, 3.40 to 4.40) will be informed ASAP as to whether they have been allocated a place. We have asked LINKS for an extra allocation of spaces, and are waiting to hear back from them.

Thank you to all who have returned their letter for the Y4 Cycle Skills session on Monday 13th October. We can confirm that the children who have returned their letter, have secured a place. For the session, please ensure your child has the equipment listed on the letter.

Thank you.

Year 5

As communicated, Year 5 are heading out on a local River Study on 22nd October. Children will need to attend school in weather-appropriate, outdoor clothing on the day of the trip. We'll be back by lunch, so lunches can be ordered as normal.

Year 6

The Y6 Eden Camp trip is on Wednesday 15th October. We will meet at the main gate at 8am (If it is more convenient, you can make your way straight to the coach, near the bus stop, on Haggstones Road. A member of staff will be based in both locations to register each child. Remember to bring a packed lunch and a drink. A waterproof coat is highly recommended as we will be outside a good deal of the time. Children must be in school uniform.

Whole School News



Parent/Carer Information

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

KS2 Cross Country

The next event of the season is Saturday 18th October at Bolehills (10am start). We'd love to have some more new faces at this event! Races are between 800m and 1500m for Y3/4s, and 1600m and 2000m for Y5/6s, so are quite accessible! If your child is interested, please speak to Mr Butler!

Sheffield Steelers Tickets

Our next discounted Sheffield Steelers fixture is Saturday 25th October (7pm). Tickets must be reserved by emailing enquiries no later than Wednesday 22nd October. On matchday, tickets should now be collected from Entry C (Box Office).

Book Fair

Thank you so much with all your efforts in supporting the book fair. We have raised £970 in book fair rewards for our school!!

Parents' Evening Appointments

Appointments for Parents' Evening will be live on the Peak Edge App from **Monday 13th October at 6pm**. If you experience any difficulties accessing the Peak Edge App, please contact us as soon as possible at enquiries@oughtibridge.sheffield.sch.uk so we can resolve the issue before appointments go live. Thank you.

SOS Pumpkin Trail

Please let us know by Wednesday, 15th October if you would like to order a pumpkin for siblings. Once we have the numbers, we will confirm whether this is possible.

Thank you!

Harvest Festival

We are collecting non perishable food donations and toileteries for the Archer project and S6 food bank. Please send your donations into school by Friday 17th October.

Extra Curricular Information



Monday

Lego & Construction - Y1, Y2 and Y3

Football - Y6

Choir - Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Tuesday

Hockey - Y1 and Y2

Art - Y1 and Y2

Wednesday

Football - Y4 and Y5

Streetdance - Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Thursday

Ultimate Frisbee - Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Friday

Basketball - Y5 and Y6

Multi Sports - Y1 and Y2

Art - Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

School Lunch Menu



School lunches are free for all children in FS2 and KS1. School meals cost £2.90 per day (£14.50 per week) for children in KS2. Payment must be made online by Parentmail.

Children will order their lunch at registration time. Any child arriving after 9:30am, who hasn't pre-ordered a meal, will need to be provided with a packed lunch from home.

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Week 3	Favourites Monday	World Tuesday	Roast Wednesday	Pizza Party Thursday	Fish Friday
Red	Sweet & Sour Meatballs & Sunny Rice	Beef Lasagna & Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Margherita Pizza & Tomato Pasta Salad	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
Green	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake	Veggie Lasagna & Garlic Bread	Mediterranean Tart	Cheese Flan & Home baked Wedges	Cheese & Onion Puff Pastry Roll
Sandwich	Cheese	Tuna Mayo	Hot Roast Baguette	Ham	Fish Finger Wrap
Jacket potato	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans
Vegetables	British Red Tractor Garden Peas or Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, or Sliced Carrots	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Dessert	Strawberry Mousse & Fruit Slices	Chocolate Cookie &	Vanilla Cupcake	Chocolate Crunch 'Concrete' &	Homemade Jam

Letters Sent Home This Week



The App has been active this week. Please check your emails before requesting copies of any letters which have been sent home. Copies of letters are also available on our website¹.

Please ensure your mobile is switched on at all times to receive any emergency texts (if you have registered for this service).

List of letters

All - Book look and pumpkin pick

All - Parents evening

All - Parent/Carer Spy dog information

Y4 - Ball Skills

Y5 - River Walk

¹<https://oughtibridgeschool.co.uk/parents-information/letters/>

Upcoming Dates



All upcoming events are detailed in the calendar on the Peak Edge App.

Y2 Weston Park - 15th October

Y6 Eden Camp - 15th October

FS2 Local Walk - 16th October

Y4 Greek WOW day - 20th October

FS2 Diwali WOW day - 22nd October

Y1 Kidz fit WOW day - 22nd October

All Book look - 23rd October

SOS pumpkin pick - 23rd October

Curriculum Day school closed - 24th October

External Opportunities

Invitation to Participate

in the following research project

How does participation in indirect nature-based intervention impact emotional regulation, social connection, and wellbeing in mothers with ADHD?

My name is Nicola, and I am a student at the University of Derby on the BSc Occupational Therapy Programme. I am looking for participants to take part in a study exploring how indirect nature-based intervention might impact emotional regulation, social connection, and wellbeing in mothers with ADHD.

Taking part involves data collection via pre / post activity questionnaires and participation over a period of 7 days in which you will watch a short (approx. 3 minutes) nature based video or listen to a short nature themed Soundscape on at least 5 out of the 7 days. You will be asked to write a short journal entry each day documenting your mood and stress levels before and after watching / listening to the recordings. In addition to this, you will also be sent a daily 'nature pause' prompt via text or email (depending on your preference).

Your participation will remain confidential and anonymous and is completely voluntary. You may also withdraw from the research after participation. There is no obligation to participate.

To take part you must meet both of the following criteria:

- Participants **must** be a mother / main female carer (biological / adoptive / step-parent / guardian etc.) to a child / children aged 18 or under.
- Participants **must** have **ADHD**, either formally diagnosed or self-identified.

If you would like to participate in the study or would like more information please contact Nicola Fletcher on n.fletcher@unimail.derby.ac.uk

This study is being supervised by Dr Christopher Barnes, Senior lecturer in Psychology at the University of Derby who can be contacted on the following:
email: c.barnes1@derby.ac.uk tel: 01332 592216.

Thank you for considering participating in this project.







AT FIRTH PARK ACADEMY
ACCESS VIA SPORTS ENTRANCE ON BELLHOUSE ROAD(S5 0RD)

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS ONGOING DURING SCHOOL TERM TIMES
(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR/PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE)

		
Group 1	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Ages 4 - 5
Group 2	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Ages 6 - 7
Group 3	7:00pm – 8:00pm	Ages 8 - 9
Group 4	8:00pm – 9:00pm	Ages 10 - 13

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. The course will run on a weekly basis **EVERY WEDNESDAY** during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS. All of our coaches have been DBS/CRB POLICE CHECKED. The course is open to boys and girls aged between 4 and 13. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term (usually 10-15 weeks) every child will receive an engraved merit trophy and course certificate, with chances to win extra trophies including penalty shoot out, american shoot out and champions league competitions.

The cost of the course is £7.50 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£30) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. We have the use of excellent facilities, with the course held indoors in the large sports hall.

TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT
'FIRTH PARK' + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP TO;
07846 770 250
Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)

Contact Us

For more information, visit our website.²

We are also on Facebook³ and Instagram⁴.

Call us on 0114 2863167.

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⁴<https://www.instagram.com/oughtibridgeprimaryschool/>