



Oughtibridge Primary School

Newsletter 17th November 2025

Headteacher's Message



What a busy week we have had in school! We loved celebrating our differences and what makes us unique on Monday with our 'Odd Socks.' School council then spotted children in the playground who were being kind and gave them a Kindness spot to say thank you. On Tuesday we celebrated Remembrance day and held a 2 minute silence. Children have been learning how they can be a 'Power for Good' in our PSHE lessons and how important it is not to be 'bystanders' if they witness bullying or name calling.

Finally, we have ended the week raising money for 'Children in Need'. The children look amazing in their yellow, spots or pyjamas. We had a competition at lunchtime to see who can find the 'Pudsey bears' who were hidden around the dining pod/hall. Thanks for your donations.

It is time for our annual Parent/Carer Questionnaire. Please look out for the link which will be sent soon. The Governors and I really want to know what is going well at Oughtibridge and anything that you would like us to work on. If you would like to talk to me in person, please do not hesitate to make an appointment or catch me on the school gate.

Enjoy your weekend!

Classes With The Best Attendance This Week



KS1 - Y1LC 99.4%

KS2 -Y3FS 98.7%

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

Please can all parents check that all uniform has their child's name clearly labelled on it, we are experiencing an increased amount of lost items and would like to return them to you as soon as possible.

Year 1

On Thursday 20th November Year 1 will be visiting Magna! Please make sure children are wearing their school uniform and they have a warm coat as it can be very chilly inside. Children will need a small backpack to carry their lunch from home or school grab bag. Please make sure your child brings a water bottle. We will be back in school for normal collection time.

Year 2

Y2 enjoyed their campfire up at the Woods of Wonder this week. They lit the fire, toasted marshmallows and experienced how this affected their 5 senses. This will help them with their poetry writing unit of work.

Year 3

Letters have been sent to Year 3 pupils for the upcoming 'Christmas Skills Festival' at Bradfield School on Monday 8th December. Can interested families please return slips promptly so we know if there is adequate space to offer places to other year groups. Thanks!

Year 5

On Wednesday 19th November, Year 5 will be taking part in a live virtual lesson - "Celebrating... Francis Williams". As part of our space topic, we'll learn all about this 18th century mathematician, scholar, astronomer and poet, and the influence he had in history.

Year 6

Selected Year 6 pupils have their Sports Hall Athletics competition at Bradfield School this Monday, 17th November. The event begins at 3.45pm, and should finish by 5pm. Mr Butler and Miss Calderbank will meet all pupils at Bradfield ready for the event to begin.

Whole School News



Bradfield Christmas Card Winners

A huge Congratulations to the Bradfield Christmas Card winner Alyssa in Y2 who will be invited to switch on the Parish Christmas lights and finalist Jonah in Y6 who will receive a gift .

Children in Need

We have had a great Children in Need Day today and have raised an incredible £447.00 so far. A huge thank you for all your contributions to this. This will help to change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. A big thank you to Susan and Katy in the school kitchen for baking our Pudsey Bear biscuits.

Sheffield Steelers Tickets

Our next discounted Sheffield Steelers fixture is Sunday 23rd November. Tickets must be reserved by emailing enquiries no later than Wednesday 19th November. On matchday, tickets should now be collected from Entry C (Box Office)

Cross Country

It's been great to see a strong start to the season for new and experienced Cross Country runners. The next fixture is our local one - Saturday 15th November at Bradfield School. We'd love to see big numbers for a 10am start!

Parking Reminder

Please park responsibly and ensure that residents always have clear access to their homes. Parents are reminded not to use the visitors' car park when collecting their children, except when picking up from Foxes. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration for our neighbours.

Foxes and After Schools club collecting your child

As the nights are getting darker, all children will need to be collected from after-school clubs by an adult. For safety reasons, children cannot be dismissed without an adult present. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

After-School Clubs – Don Building

When collecting your child from an after-school club in the Don Building, please wait at the bottom of the steps. As the evenings are now darker, it can be difficult for staff to see if an adult is waiting for the children. Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping everyone safe.

SOS School Disco – Tickets On Sale Now!

Get ready to dance! Tickets for the **SOS School Disco** are now available — purchase yours online at supportersofoughtibrugeschool.org/sos-disco.

Please make sure to buy your tickets by **Wednesday 19th November** to join the fun! 



It's that time of year when SOS are planning the annual Christmas raffle in aid of raising vital funds for the school.

Last year the generous donations from local business' raised £1,869 which helped fund WOW days, update the library and much more.

This year we have already secured some great prizes and we cannot wait to tell you all about them.

Keep an eye out on our website and socials.

In the meantime, if you have your own business and are wanting to donate a raffle prize, you can visit the below link or drop an email, WhatsApp or speak to Mrs Butler (Y2) before December 8th.

<https://www.supportersofoughtibridgeschool.org/raffle/>

You can choose what the business would like to donate (i.e. wine, beer, chocolates, books, window clean, hair products, make-up) and in return we will mention your business on SOS announcements via school and socials.

Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.



Music Mark of Recognition for Dedication & Improvement.

Sheffield Music Hub (Service) would like to celebrate the value that we place on music in our school by presenting the school with the Music Mark of Recognition for dedication and improvement.

OPS you say we did 2024-25



| | |
|--|--|
| Communication could be streamlined. Continue to give as much notice as possible for events. Fewer PDFs | Introduced a new newsletter format, added an online calendar so parents know what is coming up and can plan for the whole year, used the newsletter for most communication |
| Reward 'average' kids | All children will receive at least one certificate in our Friday celebration assembly per year. Staff keep a track of dojos and make sure that all children receive them. Our emphasis is always on rewarding effort not ability |
| Termly updates of what is being covered in school | Curriculum Bulletins are sent home every term. Parent/Carers have the opportunity to look at children's books 3 times a year. Curriculum overviews are available on the website which provide more detail |
| Mathematics curriculum - the importance of mastery maths and how this should be as important as phonics learning | Mastering Number, 15 minute daily programme, which teaches pupils number facts fluency, was introduced in KS1 in 2024-25. This is now being implemented in Y3, Y4 and Y5. Parent workshops will be held in the Spring term |
| More Dress Up days | We limit the number of these due to cost for parents and because many children find them stressful |

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.

Week 2

Oughtibridge Primary School

Autumn/Winter Menu Week 2

27th Oct, 17th Nov, 8th Dec, 5th Jan, 26th Jan, 16th Feb, 9th March

FAB4 A FORCE FOR FOOD!

| WEEK TWO | FAVOURITES MONDAY | WORLD TUESDAY | ROAST WEDNESDAY | PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY | FISH FRIDAY |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Main Meal Option | Pork Sausage & Mash with Gravy | Red Tractor Beef Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread | Roast Gammon with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes | Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Home-baked Jacket Wedges | MSC Fish Fingers & Chips |
| Vegetarian Meal Option | Veggie Sausage & Mash with Gravy <small>VG</small> | Plant-based Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread | Roast Mediterranean Vegetable, Tomato & Mozzarella Tart | Vegetable Chilli & Sunny Vegetable Rice <small>VG</small> | Cheese Flan & Chips |
| Vegetables | Broccoli, Sweetcorn or Baked Beans | Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots | Seasonal Greens & Carrots | British Red Tractor Garden Peas, or Sliced Carrots | British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans |
| Sandwiches | Cheese | Tuna | Hot Roast Baguette | Ham | Fish Finger Wrap |
| Baked Jacket Potatoes | Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans | Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans | Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans | Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans | Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans |
| Dessert | Chocolate Mousse | Chocolate Fudge Cake | Apple Crumble <small>VG</small> & Custard | Flapjack <small>VG</small> | Shortbread Pin Wheels & Fruit Slices <small>VG</small> |

Available Daily: Pick & Mix Selection, Salad, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

England's target for 'free sugar' intake for your child
Recommended fruit and vegetable portion sizes are calculated using School Food Standards.
On average our desserts do not exceed a third of a child's recommended 'free sugar' intake.

Portion(s) of fruit or veg Source of wholegrain Contains plant-based proteins 50% fruit Oily fish Vegan VG

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 [website](#).

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

Y4 - Tropical World

All - December dates letter

Y1 -Y3 - Christmas Multi-skills (letter sent home please return slip as soon as possible)

Upcoming Dates



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

Thursday November 20th - Y1 trip to Magna

Thursday November 20th - Y3 WOW day Science

Friday November 21st - Y5/6 Winter Disco (SOS)

Monday November 24th - Y3/4 Winter Disco (SOS)

Tuesday November 25th - Y2 WOW day Great fire of London

Friday November 28th - Y1/2 Winter Disco (SOS)

Saturday November 29th - Cross Country Parkwood Springs

External Opportunities

Cyberbullying Advice

Children being bullied online, particularly in games and via messaging apps, remains one of the top concerns of many parents and their children. Internet Matters have a range of guides and articles to support parents and carers which I have listed below:

- Talking to children and conversation tips for ages 6-10, 11-13, 14-17 and vulnerable children - [HERE](#)
- What is cyberbullying and what are the signs - [HERE](#)
- Helpful ways to prevent cyberbullying - [HERE](#)
- How to deal with cyberbullying - [HERE](#)
- Parents experiences of cyberbullying - [HERE](#)
- Useful resource - [HERE](#)



Oughtibridge Church family advent crafts - free entry all welcome.

Contact Us

For more information, [visit our website.](#)

We are also on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Call us on 0114 2863167.