



Oughtibridge Primary School Newsletter 13th July

Headteacher's Message



It's been another action-packed and incredibly rewarding week here at school, and I am constantly amazed by what our children can achieve, even when the thermometer is soaring!

First, I have to say a massive congratulations to our wonderful Year 6 pupils for their absolutely amazing performance this week. The singing was stunning, the acting was superb, and I am sure you will all agree how truly fabulous it was to watch. They brought so much energy and talent to the stage, and we could not be prouder of them.

Well done to the Year 5 children who took part in this week's Cycle Speedway tournament. They did exceptionally well to secure a brilliant 2nd place overall, which is an even greater achievement when you consider they were competing against Year 6 teams from across Sheffield who were incredibly well-prepared for the event! Our team showed fantastic grit and determination.

On Friday, it was an absolute pleasure to lead our weekly assembly, where I handed out progress certificates and a variety of other well-deserved awards. Celebrating the successes, hard work, and kindness of our amazing children is always one of the absolute best parts of my job.

Finally, I want to say a huge thank you to all of our pupils and staff for working so hard in the extreme temperatures we've experienced this week. Everyone has shown brilliant resilience.

Looking ahead to next week, the hot weather looks set to continue, so children are welcome to keep wearing the same relaxed uniform to ensure they stay as cool and comfortable as possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a wonderful, restful weekend!

Classes With The Best Attendance This Week



Whole School Attendance since September - 96.7% Target - 97%

Attendance this week -

KS1 - 2KF 100%

KS2 - 6MD 98.6%

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

FS2 are in need of a toy pram and dolls clothes for their home corner - if anyone has any that they no longer need please let the FS2 team know.

Seaside Day for FS2 is Thursday 16th July - please see the separate information that has been sent home.

All children should have a sun hat and a water bottle every day. with them in school.

Please can all children bring a named carrier bag to school so that they can bring home their school books towards the end of next week.

All parents and carers who have Tapestry access will get an email this week allowing them to download their child's learning journey from their time in FS2 - please download it via the link in the email as soon as possible as we will not have access to them in September.

Year 1

KS1 children are taking part in Martial Arts workshops (Thanks to Savage Martial Arts) on Monday. Children are welcome to attend school in PE kit if they wish.

Year 2

KS1 children are taking part in Martial Arts workshops (Thanks to Savage Martial Arts) on Monday. Children are welcome to attend school in PE kit if they wish.

Year 4

Thank you to Year 4 parents of Early Riser children. Early Risers has now finished in Year 4. There will be no Early risers next week.

To all families of Year 4 children. We have had a wonderful year this year. Your children are hard working, funny and kind. Thank you so much for sharing this year with us. Have a fantastic holiday.

Love Miss Holt, Mrs Needham, Miss Moffett and Mrs Walker.

Year 5

Congratulations to our Year 5 Cycle Speedway finalists, who did an excellent job at Cookson Park this week. They have won silver medals!! Well done team!

Thank you to the Lowe Academy of Music and the Arts for their work leading up to our dance performances of The Oughtibridge Jazz Club this week. The children loved showing each other what they've learned!

Year 6

Hi, as we head towards our fun-filled final week, just a few reminders:

On Monday morning, the children will be in the 'woods of wonder'. Our visit to Crucial Crew is on Wednesday 15th July. We will meet at 8:20 - either at the school gate or by the coach on Haggstones Road (whichever is most convenient for you). The children will need a packed lunch and a drink unless you have ordered a 'grab a bag'.

On Thursday morning, the children have 'life-skills' and will be making guacamole and salsa.

Our leavers' assembly is on Thursday, at 2pm.

Note: please do not send any toys in with the children.

The children may bring in their own old t-shirt, for signing on the Friday.

And finally, we appreciate that the final day is a big moment for the children, but please avoid using any form of confetti cannon or silly string, as the children leave at the end of the day - it just takes too much cleaning up for the staff.

Many thanks, Mr D

Whole School News



Oughtibridge Primary School Term and holiday dates for 2026-2027

[Available on the school website](#)

FREE SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE

From September 2026 All families receiving Universal Credit will qualify for Free School Meals.

☒ The income cap has now been removed

What you need to do:

If you receive Universal Credit, please contact the school office with:

Your Full Name

Your National Insurance Number

Your Date of Birth

We can apply on your behalf.

 Important information: All children in FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 already receive universal infant free school meals. However, if you receive Universal Credit, please still contact us — this helps the school receive additional funding to support your child.

 **To ensure your application is processed and in place for September, please contact the school by 17th July 2026.**

If you would prefer to fill in the application, please follow the link; [Free school meals](#)

Parent online updates

Roblox - Major Update to In-Game Reporting Tools

Roblox, the most popular game in the world, has been making some pretty big changes over the last few months. Midway through June they announced their new age-based [Kids and Select](#) accounts where children are being automatically placed into more specific age categories. Then, over the last few days, Roblox has announced big new changes to in-game reporting tools.

Users have always been able to report within Roblox, but it can often be quite complex finding a specific category, which is why some children don't bother reporting at all. But Roblox have now stated that this process has been simplified so that questions are automatically adapted based on the type of report, skipping any irrelevant question and making the reporting process much better.

[Link: Roblox - major update to in-game reporting tools.](#)

Article - Why is Turning Off Screens So Hard for Children?

Techno-tantrums - what every parent dreads when asking their child to end a game or activity. Many online activities that children enjoy, such as games, YouTube and (in particular) social media are designed to be engaging, persuasive and grab attention and this is what often makes it particularly frustrating.

It's often a difficult one, what is right for one family may not be good advice for another, but an article in The Conversation piqued my curiosity because it gives parents some options to consider, so I think it's worth sharing with your parents as there may be something here that they haven't considered.

Link: [why is turning off screens so hard for children?](#)

AskAboutGames - New Parental Resources

AskAboutGames has always been an incredibly useful resource for parents with lots of advice and guidance for parents in relation to children and gaming. Recently they have released two new resources:

- The Power-Up Pact - which is all about starting conversations around safe gameplay so that video games can fit into family life.
- Conversation guide - as well as video games in the Power-Up Pact, this guide helps parents keep the conversations going by asking about apps, websites and online spaces children use every day.

Link: [Power-Up Pact](#).

Link: [Conversation guide](#).

PINS project

Please can as many parents and carers as possible complete this survey from Sheffield Parent Carer Forum. You may have been part of the groups this year or you may not it doesn't matter. The closing date is 23rd July. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TL9G6DN>

Spotlight on Oughtibridge Musicians

A reminder that families should already have reserved a place via - [A Spotlight on Oughtibridge Musicians Tickets – Fill in form](#)

- Tuesday 14th July
- Starts at 1:30pm
- Don Hall

We will aim to open the gates from 1:15pm to allow people time to get seated before the event begins.

Larks and Foxes for September 2026 will be available to book from Friday 17th July for the whole term.



🦊 Welcome to Larks & Foxes! 🐦

Wraparound Care at Oughtibridge Primary School
Providing a safe, happy, and active environment for your children before and after the school day.

🐦 Larks Breakfast Club

Start the day the right way!

When: Monday to Friday, from 7:30am until the start of the school day.

What's Included: Breakfast (cereals, toast, drink) to fuel their learning.

Cost: £6 per session

🦊 Foxes After School Club

Unwind, play, and make friends!

When: Monday to Friday, from the end of the school day until 4.30pm or 6:00 pm.

What's Included: A snack provided and then a light tea after 4.30pm.

Cost: 3.20pm - 4.30pm £7
3.20pm - 6.00pm £12
(includes light tea)
per session

Bookings can be made on the payment's page of the Peak Edge App



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

and save money on your household bills



OUGHTIBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Has partnered with Sharon and Utility warehouse to offer you a way to:



SAVE MONEY on essential services like gas, electric, broadband and mobile



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL at no cost to you... just savings



If you move any of your services to Utility Warehouse through Sharon, a donation of up to £150 will automatically go to our school - and you'll save money too.



It's quick and simple, no obligation and every switch helps get money into the school



Why switch to us

To help fund school iPads use the link to contact me



Energy
The UK's cheapest variable tariff when you add more services
Choose from variable, fixed and EV tariffs
Get a free smart meter upgrade
[Power on](#)

Broadband
The UK's cheapest Full Fibre deal
A free UW Hub router with every package
No peaky connection fees
[Stream ahead](#)

Mobile
Connect your family with the UK's best 3+ SIM deal on 5G Unlimited SIMs
Unlimited data with cheaper additional SIMs
Or 10GB data for £5 a month
[Get connected](#)

Insurance
5-star-rated by independent industry experts
Comprehensive cover, inside and out
Add it to your single, great value monthly bill
[Get cover](#)



Year 2 and 5 mum

Facebook/Instagram: Sharons Savvy savings 07926730320



1 - £1 contribution for dress-up day!!

Extra Curricular Information



No afterschool clubs this week.

Register for next years Art Club KS1 & KS2 see leaflet below -

Register for next years Cook stars KS2 see information below -

Art Club

at Oughtibridge
Primary School

An illustration of a young girl with dark hair, wearing an orange t-shirt and blue shorts, painting a picture on a canvas. She is holding a paintbrush and a palette. The background features stylized trees and flowers in various colors.

Register your child for our after-school Art Club
www.linklearningcic.education/register

When?
Tuesday or Friday for one hour after school.

Where?
Oughtibridge Primary School.

Art Club encourages children to express their creativity and learn new skills through experimenting, designing and having fun.

The club is led by Link Learning artists with a wealth of teaching experience and recent DBS certificates.

What we offer

- Painting
- Character design and illustration
- Craft activities with creations to take home
- A brand new activity every week
- Creative tuition tailored to the interests and learning style of the individual

Find out more
linklearningcic.education

Price
£6.50 per session

Want to know more?
Call us on 07494968351

Or email
jess@linklearning.education

How to register
Register online
linklearningcic.education/register

Who are we?
We're Link Learning. A team of teachers, musicians and artists who believe that every child should have the opportunity to develop and express their creativity.

We work with schools, children's hospitals and community centres to deliver high-quality creative activities that encourage exploration, discovery and experimentation.

Cook stars

Cook Stars Sheffield North are delighted to be returning to **Oughtibridge Primary** to host their cooking after school clubs in the new school year. There are some new spaces available in the weekly sessions.

The clubs will begin in w/c **28th September** and run for **4 weeks** (3:20-4:40pm). The cost of the sessions is £13.50 per week which covers:

- All ingredients - alternatives provided for allergies/dietary requirements.
- All equipment for children to have their own workstation.
- Aprons
- Packaging to take dishes home
- A durable, reusable recipe card for children to keep and build a collection over time.
- A drink and a snack
- A craft activity to enjoy while the food cooks.

Please use the following link to reserve your space, or join our waiting list:

<https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/5074>

If the club shows as full, Emma from Cook Stars recommends you join the waiting list so you are informed as soon as any places do become available. There is no charge for joining the waiting list.

If you have any questions, please email emma.wildman@cookstars.co.uk

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.

Important Update: School Meal Prices & Payment Policy for 2026/27

As we prepare for the upcoming 2026/27 academic year, we want to share some important updates regarding our school dinner service.

To ensure Taylor Shaw can continue providing nutritious, high-quality meals for our pupils despite rising food and supply costs, the price of a school meal will be **£3.00 per day** (£15 per week) starting this September.

Moving to a "Top-Up First" System

To keep our administrative systems running smoothly, we are introducing a strict **no-debt policy** for school meals from September.

- **Maintain a Balance:** Children must have a positive balance on their accounts in order to order a school dinner.
- **Insufficient Funds:** If there is not enough money in the account to cover meals, your child will not be able to have a school lunch.
- **The Next Steps:** In these instances, the school office will telephone you, and you will be expected to immediately top up the account online or bring a packed lunch into school for your child before lunchtime.

We understand that balancing family budgets can be challenging, and we want to work together to avoid any stressful last-minute phone calls. We kindly ask that you check your child's account regularly.

Thank you so much for your continued cooperation, support, and understanding as we implement these changes to keep our school meals running efficiently.

Free School Meals: If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, or if your financial circumstances have recently changed, please contact the school office in confidence. We are always here to help guide you through the application process.

OUGHTIBRIDGE PRIMARY					
Spring/Summer Menu Week 2					
30 th Mar, 20 th Apr, 11 th May, 1 st Jun, 22 nd Jun, 13 th Jul, 14 th Sept, 5 th Oct, 26 th Oct 2026					
WEEK TWO	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PLANET PIZZA THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option	Sausage & Mash with Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Margherita Pizzawith Pasta Salad	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Meal Option	Veggie Sausage & Mash with Gravy ^{VG}	Plant-based Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Yorkshire Pudding Stuffed with Roasted Vegetable Casserole & Roast Potatoes	Plant-based Meatballs in an Arrabbiata Sauce ^{VG} with Rice & Garlic Bread	Cheese Fian & Chips
Vegetables	Broccoli, Sweetcorn & Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	Garden Peas & Sliced Carrots	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Sandwiches	Cheese	Tuna	Hot Roast Baguette	Ham	Fish Finger Wrap
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Beans ^{VG} Tuna Mayo or Cheese	JacketPotatowithBeans ^{VG} TunaMayoor Cheese	JacketPotatowithBeans ^{VG} TunaMayoor Cheese	JacketPotatowithBeans ^{VG} TunaMayoor Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans ^{VG} Tuna Mayo or Cheese
Dessert	Banana Bread Cookie	Raspberry Jelly & Fruit Slices ^{VG}	Blueberry Cake & Custard	Chocolate Mousse	Fruit Slices & Flapjack ^{VG}

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

Portion(s) of Fruit or veg
Source of wholegrain
Contains plant-based proteins
50% fruit
Dairy free
Vegan
VG

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.

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

Y3 - violin pathways

Y3 - Swimming lessons in Y4

Upcoming Dates



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

Monday 13th July - Rocksteady Concert (Monday Group)

Tuesday 14th July - Rocksteady Concert (Tuesday Group)

Tuesday 14th July - Spotlight on Oughtibridge Musicians

Wednesday 15th July - Y6 Crucial Crew

Thursday 16th July - FS2 seaside day

Thursday 16th July - Y6 Leavers assembly

Friday 17th July - SOS Dress up day (£1 minimum contribution)

Friday 17th July - School closes for summer holiday

School is closed from Monday 20th July and will reopen on Thursday 3rd September.

External Opportunities

Contact Us

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

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

Call us on 0114 2863167.