



Oughtibridge Primary School Newsletter

14th September

Headteacher's Message

Wow! What a great first full week back! The children have been busy across school settling into their new classes and their new learning topics. Our FS2 have started school in with lunch this week and their first full days. To the those parents and carers who are new to us we are excited to welcome you into Oughtibridge School.

Just a reminder that it is the Sheffield Parent/Carer (PINS) meeting next week on Thursday 23rd September 9am in school all parents/carers are welcome - come and find out about how Sheffield Parent/Carer Forum could help you and your family.

Classes With The Best Attendance This Week



Whole School Attendance since September - Target - 97%

Attendance this week -

KS1 - Y2HM 100%

KS2 -Y6MD, Y5AB, CW - 100%

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

Well done to all our fabulous new starters, they have all settled in so well to school life!

*Please could you make sure that your child comes to school everyday with a **named water bottle, which has water inside.***

*We are taking part in a **balance bike** session in school on **Thursday 17th September**, please could all children come to school wearing their **PE kit.***

We know it has been a busy time for all of you, but if you have not sent in your **ALL ABOUT ME** book can you do by Friday 18th September. A big thank you to all of you who have already sent theirs in!!

Year 4

Y4 NH swimming,. Due to the traffic in Hillsborough and on Church Street, we may return a little late back from swimming each week. Thank you for your patience.

Year 5

Mount Cook Residential – Payment Reminder

Don't forget that you can pay for the Mount Cook residential in instalments. A payment plan has now been added, and the **next instalment is due on 30th September**. Thank you to everyone who has already paid some or all of the payments.

If you need any support with payments or have questions about the trip, please contact the school office.

Year 6

Y6 Football Club, starts on Monday 14th September. If your child has expressed an interest, they should have brought a letter home.

There will be a meeting about home learning and SATs for Y6 parents/careers, on Tuesday 15th September at 5pm - both in school and on Teams. More information has been provided by Dojo, but here is the link, in case you don't have it: <https://msteams.link/DEH2>

You can still order a revision guide for SAT's. Go to the Peak Edge app and select payments. The total cost for the guides is £6.90. Although we appreciate this is still a lot of money, we do feel it represents excellent value and will be of great benefit to the children.

Whole School News



Online support and guidance

Google Search – Are the New AI Features Safe for Children?

Common Sense Media's Youth AI Safety Institute has rated Google's AI Search features as **"Unacceptable Risk"** for children. The concerns relate to AI Overview and AI Mode, which can appear directly within ordinary Google searches.

Their testing found issues including inaccurate information, inappropriate responses to sensitive questions and poor recognition of children who may be in crisis. Importantly, unlike Google's standalone Gemini chatbot, the AI features within Google Search cannot currently simply be switched off by schools or parents while retaining normal Google Search.

Common Sense Media have also published some useful guidance for parents and educators which includes helping children understand that an AI-generated summary is not necessarily the same as information from a reliable source, and encouraging children to check where information has come from.

Link: [How to help children stay safe with Google's AI Search](#)

UK Parliament – New Research on Social Media, Screens and AI

Two new research briefings from the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology caught my attention this week and I think both are worth a read.

The first looks specifically at the impacts of social media on children and young people, including the potential benefits and risks, the strength of the available evidence and where gaps in the research still exist.

The second briefing looks more broadly at screen and AI use, considering potential impacts on areas such as learning, development, sleep and wellbeing.

Given the current debate and proposed restrictions around children's use of social media in the UK, I think these are particularly timely and potentially very useful for school leaders.

Link: [Impacts of social media on children and young people](#)

Link: [The impacts of screen and AI use on children and young people](#)

Parent and carer survey to support PINS project 2026/2027

Oughtibridge Primary School is taking part in the Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) programme. As part of this work, we are asking **all parents and carers** to share their views about their experiences of school, communication, and the support available for children and families.

This survey is for all parents and carers, regardless of whether your child has an identified special educational need or disability (SEND).

Your feedback will help your school and the PINS project understand what is working well and identify opportunities to strengthen support and partnership with families throughout the project. All responses will be treated confidentially and reported anonymously.

[click here for the survey](#)

Sheffield Steelers tickets

Information has been shared digitally with regards to discounted tickets for the Sheffield Steelers this season. The first of these games is on Saturday 10th October (7pm). Families requesting tickets should email the necessary information, found in the letter, to enquiries no later than Friday 2nd October.

KS2 Cross Country

The next KS2 Cross Country fixture is on Saturday 19th September at Ecclesall Woods. Racing begins at 10am, and all KS2 children are welcome to join us! Please meet at the yellow Oughtibridge flag prior to the first race. For any questions, please speak to Mr Butler or Miss Calderbank.

Choir

Choir begins on Monday 14th September 3.30-4.30. Please collect your children at 4.30 at the Coumes Office. Children will need to be picked up by an adult as it will very soon be dark by 4.30pm.

Young Voices

You will have received a message last week with a QR code to sign up to the Young Voices Music Room. Thank you to the people who have already signed up. It is very important that your children are signed in, in order to secure places at the Sheffield Arena. Spaces at the Arena are limited and the deadline for seating requests is very soon. If you have any problems signing in please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Never Run Out of Dinner Money with ParentPay Auto Top-Up

We are encouraging parents and carers to make use of **ParentPay's Auto Top-Up** feature to help ensure there is always enough money available in your child's meal account.

Auto Top-Up automatically adds funds to your child's ParentPay balance when it falls below a level that you set. This means you don't need to remember to make manual payments and can avoid low balances that may affect school dinner purchases.

Benefits of Auto Top-Up:

- Convenient and hassle-free
- Helps prevent missed payments
- Ensures your child always has funds available for school meals
- Gives you peace of mind with automatic balance management

Setting up Auto Top-Up is quick and easy through your ParentPay account. Simply choose the minimum balance threshold and the amount you would like to be added automatically.

To find out more and set up Auto Top-Up, please log in to your ParentPay account or visit the ParentPay website for guidance.

Any questions come to the school office.

Thank you for helping us make the school meal service as smooth and efficient as possible.

[Watch the video to show how to set up Auto Top Up](#)

[Watch the video to show how to set up One-click Payments](#)

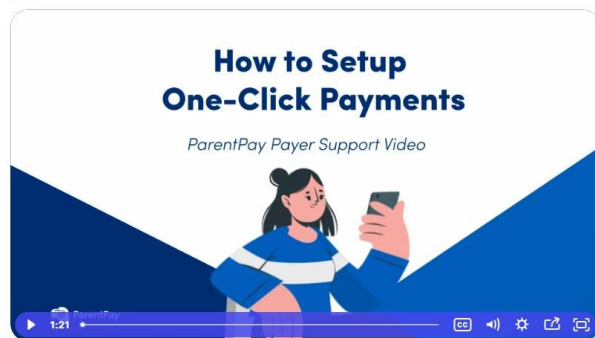
Video



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Video



2 -

https://parenthelp.parentpaygroup.com/csp?sysparm_article=KB0010382&id=kb_article_view&sysparm_rank=2&sysparm_tsqueryId=73450390839b4fd87dff87a8bead3e2



Baby Basics Assembly

Support Our Community Appeal with Baby Basics

We are delighted to welcome Baby Basics Sheffield to school on Tuesday, 22nd September, to support families in our wider community. As part of their visit, we are collecting essential items and would greatly appreciate any contributions from our school families.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office leading up to the visit. The most urgent items requested include:

- **Size 1 and Size 6 nappies**

- **Baby top-to-toe wash**
- **Adult toothbrushes**
- **Adult shampoo**
- **Good-condition second-hand children's trousers and jumpers (ages 3–5 years)**

Thank you so much for your ongoing generosity and support in helping us make a positive difference locally.





SEND Parent Group Meeting

Oughtibridge Primary School



Does your child, at Oughtibridge Primary School, have any additional needs?
 Are you concerned that your child may have additional needs?
 (Any Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND), with or without diagnosis)

Join our meeting with a Project Worker from Sheffield Parent Carer Forum

Wednesday 23rd Sept

at 9 am

Oughtibridge Primary School
(Junior entrance)

Meet other parents and share experiences

Find out more about the PINS project

Have your parent/carer voice heard

Discuss any concerns, ask questions and find support

For further information or to confirm attendance, please email
jenny.johnson@sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk

SOS (supporters of Oughtibridge School)



SOS are a group of volunteer parents who come together to raise money for the children of Oughtibridge Primary School. Each year we aim to raise £8,000 to support enhanced

educational resources and activities that are not government funded. We make fundraising fun and warmly welcome new members (who become new friends) all year round into the committee group.

[Find out more here](#)

Welcome back everyone and welcome to any new followers!

A new year of fundraising begins... so please do support [Supporters of Oughtibridge School - SOS](#) and get involved!

Here are a few things you can do:

1. Follow and share our posts (and get extended family involved!)
2. Play the [Oughtibridge Primary School](#) lottery - <https://www.supportersofoughtibridgeschool.org/lottery/>
3. Donate clothing to our on-site clothing bank
4. Donate your time, raffle prizes or cash (via our website)
5. Use Easyfundraising (see website)
6. Buy refreshments at our events
7. Get a quote from [Sharon's Savvy savings](#). If she can save you money, the school can earn up to £150. See the pinned post!

Play the school lottery

Lottery Tickets are sold at the start of each academic year, launched during the summer holidays and sold throughout the month of September. An annual lottery ticket (£12) covers a £1 entry into each monthly draw.

Sadly we do not have the capacity to offer part year tickets and so please do get your tickets before the end of September!!

The more tickets we sell, the greater the prize fund, so spread the word!!

You don't have to be a parent or guardian of a child at Oughtibridge Primary School to play the SOS lottery – anyone can purchase a lottery ticket – this includes friends, family, neighbours and even school staff!

Tickets also make great presents.

There is no limit to the number of tickets you can buy, though please gamble responsibly. It's simple: the more entries you have, the greater your chances of winning; and the more

people who play, the larger our prize fund is and the more money we raise for the enhanced curriculum activities that SOS fund for the children.

The Prize fund is 50% of the ticket sales. This is then divided equally across the 12 months and paid out via BACS to our lucky winners, selected each month at our committee meetings! If you buy a ticket – it could be you!!

So please look out for an email from SOS asking for your payment details!

[Click here to get your tickets!!!!!!](#)



Extra Curricular Information



Following on from our successful programme of **After School Clubs** last year we are pleased to confirm our offer for the **Autumn term**.

Monday

KS2 - Cook Stars **Starts 28th September**

Y4 -Y6 - Choir

Y6 - Football

Tuesday

Y1-Y3 - Hockey

Mixed group - Art Club

Wednesday

KS2 - SWFC Football

Thursday

KS1 and KS2 - Rewilding

Y4-Y6 - Basketball

Friday

Y1-Y2 - Multisports

Mixed group - Art Club

Guitar/Ukulele/Bass Guitar Tuition at Oughtibridge School

If you would like your child to start guitar/bass or ukulele tuition, please fill in the form below or contact me through email.

I've been teaching at Oughtibridge Primary School for over 8 years and have a wide variety of teaching experience both in school and privately. Lessons are tailored to each student's interest in music, and grades are also optional.

Guitar, bass guitar and ukulele lessons are available for pupils in Year 1 and above.

We also have instruments at school if your child doesn't own one just yet.

How much does it cost? (the first lesson is free!)

* Individual tuition (15 minute duration) - £10.00 per lesson.

* Paired tuition (15 minute duration) - £7.50 per lesson (Max group size of two).

[Please download and complete this form](#) and send via email to steveoguitar1@gmail.com

School Lunch Menu



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.

School lunches are free for all children in FS2 and KS1. School meals cost £3.00 per day (£15.00 per week) for children in KS2. Payment must be made online by Parentmail.

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

- **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.

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

✅ The income cap has now been removed , please follow the link to apply ; [Free school meals](#)

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 MayoorCheese
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
Oily fish
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

Fs2 - Milk - Turning 5 Sept - Dec 2026

Fs2 - Autumn curriculum bulletin

All - Mobile phone air tag agreement

All - Auto top up Parent pay

Choir - Young voices letter and flyer

Y4 - Castleton residential initial letter

Y6 - Football club letter

Y5 and Y6 - Christmas Pantomime

Upcoming Dates



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

Monday 14th September - Choir starts

Tuesday 15th September - Y6 Parent/Carer Sats Meeting 5pm

Wednesday 16th September - Y4 Castleton Initial Parents Meeting

Saturday 19th September KS2 - Cross Country Race 1 - Ecclesall Woods

Tuesday 22nd September - Y3 and Y4 parents meeting - PSHE Curriculum

Wednesday 23rd September - PINS Parent Project coffee morning

Wednesday 23rd September - Y2 and Y5 parents meeting PSHE Curriculum

Thursday 24th September Y1 and Y6 parents meeting - PSHE Curriculum

Thursday 24th September - VR WOW Day AM

Thursday 24th September - Y3 Volcanoes

25th September - European Day of Languages

Friday 25th September - Book fair for parents

Monday 28th September - Book fair for parents

External Opportunities

FREE Music Taster day for young musicians Sheffield Music Hub

On Saturday 10 October, 10:00am to 4:00pm, Sheffield Music Hub will be hosting Learn to Play 2026, a FREE music taster day at Red Tape Central, Sheffield.

The day includes:

- Free 20-minute one-to-one instrumental taster lessons with expert music teachers
- Free "Give it a Go" instrument stalls featuring brass, woodwind, strings, guitar, keyboard and percussion instruments
- Free group music taster sessions, including:
 - Mini Music Makers (ages 4 - 7)
 - Mini Voices Choir (Years 1 - 2)
 - Samba Music (Years 3 - 13)
 - Beginner Recorder Club (Years 2 - 4)

Families can book free lessons and taster sessions here: [Eepos: Sheffield Music Hub](#)

Young people who are unsure what they would like to try are also welcome to simply drop in and visit our instrument "Give it a Go" stalls throughout the day.

Please find full information here: [Learn To Play 2026 - FREE Music/Instrument Taster Day! | Sheffield Music Hub](#)



TRY A RANGE OF
INSTRUMENTS FOR FREE!



FULL DETAILS
HERE:



FREE MUSIC TASTER
SESSIONS
SATURDAY 10TH
OCTOBER

FREE LESSONS



Neurodiversity Sheffield
Support Sessions

No diagnosis or booking required

Upcoming events - open to all

Drop-in sessions

A drop-in session is a chance for parents and carers to come and talk to us, to our professional partners and to each other to get support, information and advice. No diagnosis or booking is required.



Woodhouse Community Hub & Library, S13 7GD

Wednesday 16th September 2026, 9.30am–12.00pm

Emmanuel Academy, Waterthorpe, S20 7JU

Wednesday 30th September 2026, 9.30am–12.00pm

Foxhill Forum, S6 1BT

Friday 30th September 2026, 9.30am–12.00pm

Lowedges Community Centre, S8 7HL

Tuesday 17th November 2026, 9.30am–12.00pm

Scotia Works, S1 4SE

Thursday 10th December 2026, 9.30am–12.00pm



ADHD information sessions

An information session is a 90-minute ADHD training session led by our project worker. You do not need to book to attend and no diagnosis is needed.

Scotia Works, S1 4SE

Tuesday 15th September 2026, 10.00am–11.30am

Thursday 5th November 2026, 10.00am–11.30am



For more information please refer to our events page on our [website](https://www.family-action.org.uk) or scan the QR code:

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STARTING SCHOOL

A simple road safety guide for families

Simple habits for safer school journeys.

1 HOLD HANDS Stay together near roads and in car parks.	2 STOP • LOOK • LISTEN Use the same routine every time you cross.	3 BELT UP Use the correct child restraint on every journey.
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The journey begins

Starting school is a good time to practise safe habits near roads, crossings, cars and the school gate.

PARENTS AND CARERS SET THE EXAMPLE

Before you set off

- Choose the safest route, allow enough time and hold hands near roads.
- If driving, park away from the school entrance where possible.

WALKING TO SCHOOL

Practise this simple crossing routine

THE ROUTINE

STOP at the kerb. **LOOK** all around. **LISTEN** for traffic. Keep looking and listening until you are safely across.

Keep close

- Hold hands and keep your child on the side away from traffic where possible.
- Do not let them run ahead, fall behind or cross car parks alone.

Spot the dangers

- Look for vehicles moving from driveways, junctions or parked spaces.
- Take extra care where drivers may have a limited view.

The Green Cross Code

1. Find a safe place to cross, then stop.
2. Stand on the pavement near the kerb.
3. Look all around for traffic and listen.

Starting school road safety • STOP, LOOK and LISTEN

4. If traffic is coming, let it pass, then look and listen again.
5. When there is no traffic near, walk straight across the road.
6. Keep looking and listening while you cross.

Choose a safer crossing place

Use a pedestrian crossing or school crossing patrol where available, and stop, look and listen every time.

ASK AS YOU WALK

Ask: "Where should we stop?" • "What can you hear?" • "Is it safe to cross?"

Parent tip: Ask one question at each crossing so your child learns to think before stepping out.

IN AND OUT OF CARS

Quick safety checks for every car journey

BELT UP	Use the correct child restraint every journey and check the belt is not slack or twisted.
SET THE EXAMPLE	Fasten your own seat belt first so your child sees it as routine.
USE CHILD LOCKS	Use child locks where needed to prevent doors being opened while the vehicle is moving.
PAVEMENT SIDE	Help your child get in and out on the pavement side whenever possible.

Around the school gate

Parking close to the entrance increases congestion and reduces visibility.

- Keep speed low and watch for children crossing between vehicles.
- Do not stop on or opposite School Keep Clear zig-zag markings; they keep crossing areas visible and safer for children.
- Keep school entrances clear by parking further away and walking the final part of the journey.
- Switch off your engine while waiting to reduce pollution.
- Make sure children get out on the pavement side, everyone wears a seat belt, and the correct child car seat or booster is used.

Quick reminder: hold hands, stop-look-listen, belt up, and park-and-stride where possible.

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[Eat Smart Sheffield Newsletter - for Parents/Carers](#) You may have heard of Eat Smart Sheffield - in fact, there's a good chance we work with your school... or you may have been to one of our parent/carer sessions... or you may follow us on s...[Go to this Sway](#)

Contact Us

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

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

Call us on 0114 2863167.