



Oughtibridge Primary School Newsletter 21st September

Headteacher's Message



As the leaves start turning colour and the weather feels more autumnal, we have wrapped up another busy week, and the children have certainly settled nicely into their new classes! After-school clubs have officially started. A quick reminder If your child is scheduled to attend a club but your plans change, please give the office a call so we can account for all children safely. This includes our Larks and Foxes wrap-around care.

We have sent lots of letters and information recently, including the dates for the year. We have such an exciting year ahead filled with wonderful learning opportunities and activities for the children! If you have any questions about upcoming events or anything else, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Helping Keep Our School Roads Safe

To ensure the safety of all our pupils and maintain good relationships with our neighbours, please keep the following parking tips in mind during drop-off and pick-up times:

- **Never block driveways**, even for a few moments.
- **Leave roads passable** so buses, delivery vans, and emergency vehicles can get through without obstruction.
- **Park legally and safely**, avoiding pavements where children and pushchairs need to walk.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our school run safe and stress-free for everyone!

Classes With The Best Attendance This Week



Whole School Attendance since September - 98.1% Target - 97%

Attendance this week -

KS1 - FS2HL - 100%, 2HM 100%

KS2 - 4NH 100%, 3MW 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

P.E will start for both FS2 classes on Tuesday - please send your child wearing their P.E kit on that day each week.

The children enjoyed their first session of balance bikes and are looking forward to our second session which will take place on Thursday, please can you make sure children are in their P.E kits and have a coat in school.

Year 1

Thursday 24th September - PSHE parents meeting 3.30-4.30pm

Year 2

Wednesday 23rd September - PSHE parents meeting 3.30-4.30pm

Year 3

Tuesday 22nd September - PSHE parents meeting 3.30-4.30pm

Year 4

Tuesday 22nd September - PSHE parents meeting 3.30-4.30pm

Year 5

Wednesday 23rd September - PSHE parents meeting 3.30-4.30pm

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

Wednesday 23rd September - PSHE parents meeting 3.30-4.30pm

Reminder: The bottom gate (Footgate) is locked at 3:30pm. Any Year 6 pupils walking home after this time should leave via the top gate on Naylor Road.

Whole School News



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.



CONNECT INFORM EMPOWER

SEND Parent Group Meeting

Oughtibridge Primary School



Oughtibridge Primary School
Learning Today For Tomorrow

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

PRISM
Premature Infants' Skills
in Mathematics

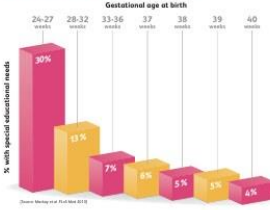
Supporting preterm born children in school

Preterm birth, before 37 weeks of gestation, can affect lifelong development and learning. Children born preterm are more likely to have additional support needs than children who were born at full term.

- Two to three children in an average sized primary school class are likely to have been born preterm.
- Children born preterm are at higher risk for cognitive, social-emotional and learning difficulties than children who were born at term.




Compared with children born at term, preterm born children are more likely to have special educational needs and lower academic attainment.



Gestational age at birth	% with special educational needs
24-27 weeks	30%
28-32 weeks	11%
33-36 weeks	7%
37 weeks	6%
38 weeks	5%
39 weeks	5%
40 weeks	4%

Source: Mowles et al. (2018)

Find out more about preterm birth and how to support these children in school at www.pretermbirth.info

FREE to use.

email: prism@le.ac.uk

action medical research for children
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Prematurity Awareness at Oughtibridge School

As a school we are working with the charity The Smallest Things to become a Prem Aware school. We would be grateful if you could take the time to complete the survey about you and your child.

For the survey, please follow this link - [Prematurity Awareness at Oughtibridge School](#)

For Parents and Carers – Find the Fake

How good are you and your children at spotting misinformation?

Internet Matters' free **Find the Fake** activity is designed for families to try together. It's a simple way to start conversations about whether something online can be trusted and what children can do before believing or sharing it.

Why not try it together and see who gets the highest score?

Link: [Find the Fake – Internet Matters](#)



BOOK FAIR!

➡ Come and find your next favourite book! ⬅



FRIDAY
25TH
SEPTEMBER

 3:30pm – 4:00pm



MONDAY
28TH
SEPTEMBER

 3:30pm – 4:00pm

📍 **COUMES HALL** 📍

WHY VISIT?

- ★ Browse exciting new books
- ♥ Find great reads for your child
- 📖 Support reading at home
- 🏆 Every purchase helps our school



PAYMENT INFORMATION

 **NO CASH – CARD PAYMENTS ONLY** ★

Card payments can be made on the day via a QR code at the Book Fair.

The QR code will be available at the event and allows secure card payments for all purchases.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



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

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](#)



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

and save money on your household bills

Supporters of Oughtibridge School



UGHTIBRIDGE 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

To help fund school iPads use the link to contact me



Facebook/Instagram: Sharon's Savvy savings 07926730320

Year 3 and 6 mum

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

and save money on your household bills

Beat future price hikes with our fixed tariffs



When I tell people I can help it's real... I'm not here to hassle or chase people, but assuming I can't help is factually incorrect. The uncertainty for the future is real and costly, so if you want to get all your ducks in a row and I take care of literally everything let me know.

No cost to look but here are some highlights:

- ♥ Cheapest UK ENERGY
- ♥ Sims on EE network from £6 including EU ROAMING
- ♥ Full fibre broadband from £23.95
- ♥ 5 * insurance products
- ♥ Welcome bonus up to £250
- ♥ Cashback card to lower your bills every month
- ♥ Personal service and help throughout

I'm not passionate about energy, broadband or Sims. I'm passionate about helping people, saving people money and making a difference.

UP TO £150 DONATED TO SCHOOL

Fixed Tariffs

Fixed tariffs save people money versus the competition



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!!!!!!](#)



Personalised Christmas & Gift Creations

This year school will be **helping kids design artwork at school. YAY!!!!** These will be returned to you with an order form. One piece of artwork per order form. If you want to order Christmas cards of your child's artwork you can, but again this year you can ask for **as many forms as you like**. This will allow you to **design a Christmas pattern for cards** etc but **also do personalised designs for different members of your family. THESE DO NOT NEED TO BE CHRISTMAS.**

Parents may request **multiple order forms**, allowing children to create different designs for different family members or occasions. Siblings' artwork can also be included.

Important Information

- Artwork and order forms will be sent home from school.
- If you do not wish to place an order, please return the order form to school.
- Additional forms are available from Reception.
- Artwork should be created on A4 paper and use bold colours for the best printing results.
- **Please FULLY complete the form before returning – some people forget to add names, choose the direction of the design etc. Please read the form fully to make sure you are getting what you have designed.**

Available products include cards, mugs, wrapping paper, gift labels, notebooks, playing cards, and gift packages, with proceeds helping to support activities and initiatives organised by the Supporters of Oughtibridge School (SOS).

- **Artwork will be sent home on Monday 21 September.**
- **All orders and artwork must be returned by 28 September.**
- **Finished products will arrive well before Christmas.**

For questions, please contact Sharon Harvey or a member of the SOS team



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

Tag Rugby - Y1 and Y2

Cookstars - KS2

Tuesday

Benchball - KS2

Art - Y1 and Y2

Wednesday

Football - KS2

Cheerleading/gymnastics - KS2

Thursday

Dodgeball - Y1 and Y2

Forest School - Y1 - Y6

Friday

Cricket / Athletics - KS2

Multi Sports - FS2

Art - KS2

Monday

KS2 - Cook Stars

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

After-School Club Attendance

Just a quick reminder: please let the school office know if your child won't be attending an after-school club they are signed up for. This policy applies to all clubs, including Larks and Foxes. **Telephone 01142 863 167**

GUITAR, BASS AND UKULELE LESSONS



- 1st lesson is free
- 15 or 30-minute lessons during school
- Paired or 1-1
- Lessons tailored to every student
- Grades optional
- End of term performances

Provided by Oldfield Music
Contact Steve:
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 3 6 th Apr, 27 th Apr, 18 th May, 8 th Jun, 29 th Jun, 20 th Jul, 31 st Aug, 21 st Sept, 12 th Oct 2026					
WEEK THREE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PLANET PIZZA THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Meat Main Option	Burger with Potato Wedges	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Yellow Rice	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Margherita Pizza with Pasta Salad	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Meal Option	Vegetable Burger with Potato W edges	Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Yellow Rice ^{VG}	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Pasta and Cauliflower Cheese Bake	Cheese & Onion Roll with Chips
Vegetables	Sweetcorn & Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Seasonal Greens, Carrots & Salad	Broccoli, Sweetcorn & Coleslaw	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	Chocolate Cookie ^{VG}	Pineapple Upside Down Cake & Custard	Orange Jelly ^{VG}	Chocolate & Apple Cake	Cherry Iced Sponge Cake

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

Portion(s) of fruit or veg

Source of wholegrain

Contains plant-based protein

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 - Baseline Assessment from the DFE

All - SOS Christmas fundraiser

Upcoming Dates



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

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

Wednesday 23rd September PINS Parent Project coffee morning

Wednesday 23rd September Y2 and Y5 and Y6 parents meeting - PSHE Curriculum

Thursday 24th September Y1 parents meeting - PSHE Curriculum

Thursday 24th September VR WOW Day AM Y3 Volcanoes & PM Y6 WW2

Friday 25th Sept European Day of Languages

Friday 25th Sept Book fair for parents

Monday 28th September Deadline for SOS personalised gift orders to be returned to school

Monday 28th September Book fair for parents

Thursday 1st October Phonics meeting for parents FS2

Thursday 1st October Y5 WOW Day - Wonderdome

Saturday 3rd October KS2 Cross Country Race 2 - Bolehills

Tuesday 6th October Art Trip Y4

Monday 5th October KS1/2 New Age Kurling - Bradfield (15:40-16:40)

Thursday 8th October Y1 KidzFit WOW Day - pm only

Friday 9th October Individual photos (siblings from 7.45am)

Saturday 10th October KS2 Cross Country Race 3 - Parkwood Springs

External Opportunities

Family Transitions Sheffield Parenting Hub

Family Transitions is a 5-week programme for parents who are separated or divorced. The programme focuses on managing emotions, developing positive communication with your co-parent and creating a way forward for your family post separation.

Upcoming dates:

Monday 21st September 10am-12pm online

Wednesday 23rd September 10am-12pm online

Programme Overview

- Session 1: Separation or Divorce
- Session 2: Coping with Emotions – Part 1
- Session 3: Coping with Emotions – Part 2
- Session 4: Managing Conflict
- Session 5: Balancing Work, Family and Play

This programme is aimed at managing co-parenting communication and creating positive co-parenting relationships. It isn't designed to manage situations where there are safety concerns regarding engaging with your co-parent or there is a history of family abuse. In that situation, please reach out to your local domestic and family abuse support provider.

Parents can self-refer by contacting Sheffield Parent Hub on 0114 2057243 or by email at sheffieldparenting@sheffield.gov.uk



SFSS Orienteering 2026/27

The 2026/27 SYO Saturday Series and SFSS schools league kicks off in Endcliffe Park on 3rd October from 12.30-3.30pm. Entry is free for Sheffield school pupils Y3 to Y13. The public event runs alongside the schools' league so families and younger siblings can also take part. There's no need for pupils to sign up in advance – just turn up on the day. We'll have plenty of volunteers on hand to explain what to do.

The specific details for the event at Endcliffe Park are on our website:

<https://www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk/events/event/1042:saturday-series-1>

ORIENTEERING

THE MIND AND BODY WORKOUT

2026 / 27 Saturday Series

incorporating the SFSS Schools' League

Orienteering is a challenging outdoor adventure sport. The aim is to navigate between control points marked on an orienteering map and decide the best route to complete the course in the quickest time. It does not matter how young, old or fit you are, as you can run, walk or jog the course at your own pace.

These events are specifically aimed to introduce people of all ages to the sport and also incorporate the SFSS schools' league. However all our events have courses suitable for all abilities - see the website for more details. No need to pre-enter: just turn up on the day. Start times from 12.30pm - 3pm.

Sat 3 Oct	Endcliffe Park
Sat 7 Nov	Ecclesall Woods
Sat 28 Nov	EIS & Olympic Legacy Park
Sat 23 Jan	Bolehills Park
Sat 6 Feb	Norfolk Park
Sat 20 Mar	Shirebrook Country Park
Sat 24 Apr	Parkwood Springs
Sat 15 May	Graves Park
Sat 19 Jun	Meersbrook Park
Prize-giving event Millhouses Park - 3 July	

SOUTH YORKSHIRE ORIENTEERS.ORG.UK

SATURDAY SERIES SCHOOLS & ADULTS LEAGUE 2026 / 27

League Format

Nine events spread over the academic year for pupils from Y3/4 up, with a separate league for adults. The series culminates with a fun event and prize-giving. Dates and venues are listed overleaf. Overall positions for competitors and schools will be calculated from their best 5 results. The events are held on Saturday afternoons. They are run by South Yorkshire Orienteers and courses are open to the general public, so anybody can give it a go!

Registration & Start Procedure

Register on the day between 12.30-2.30pm. Entrants will receive a map with the course printed on and an electronic timing chip. Competitors on each course will start at 1 minute intervals. You are welcome to go individually or in a pair or group. Parents can talk through the course and can shadow (follow) competitors around the course but please let children navigate themselves.

Costs

Children £2. **Pupils Y3 & above, whose school is a member of the SFSS, are free.**

Adults £5, £4 for club members

Second runs £2 (£1 if paid for 1st run)

Courses

Orienteering courses are graded by colour; this table shows the course pupils should enter to be part of the league. Adults run whichever course they would like and will be allocated points for the adult league.

Course	Year
White	Y3/4, Y5
Yellow	Y6, Y7
Orange	Y8, Y9
Light Green	Y10, Y11
Green / Blue	Y12, Y13

About SYO

South Yorkshire Orienteering club is one of the most successful clubs in the country at both Junior and Senior level. We organise regular orienteering events and training throughout the year. We can also arrange introductory sessions for Running Clubs, Schools, Scouts, Guides, Youth Groups etc.

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Thornbridge Outdoors 20

Sat 3 October 2026

• 20.3 miles • 850m ascent • Run or walk

A Peak District challenge with a purpose

Run or walk a spectacular 20.3 mile route through Little Longstone, Eyam, Froggatt Edge, Curbar Edge, Baslow Edge, and Chatsworth before returning to Thornbridge Outdoors. Every entry helps the Friends of Thornbridge Outdoors to support outdoor learning.

- ✓ Fantastic scenery
- ✓ Friendly marshals
- ✓ Free Thornbridge beer for finishers!
- ✓ Family activities at the start/finish area

£29

Supporting more young people to
access outdoor learning

**Friends of
Thornbridge Outdoors**
— Peak District —

Swim Sheffield

- *Swimming Lessons at Swim Sheffield*
- *Want to get your little one swimming before the summer holidays? Now's the perfect time!*
- *Here's why families love learning with us:*
- *Teachers in the water – offering hands-on support every step of the way*
- *Small class sizes – just 6 swimmers per group (for over 3,s and only 12 swimmers per group for under 3,s) for maximum attention*
- *Fun, themed lessons – keeping kids excited and motivated to learn*
- *Flexible scheduling – classes available 7 days a week to suit your routine*

- *From water confidence to stroke development, we've got your little swimmers covered!*
- *Lessons from half price for the first 3 months for children right from baby up to 12 years old, held in a spacious 20m pool at Swim Sheffield based at Archer Road Retail Park*
- *Secure your child's spot today and build their confidence in the water just in time for summer!*
- *Email us at sheffield@swim.co.uk to find out more or book your space.*

[#SwimmingLessons](#) [#SwimSheffield](#) [#KidsActivities](#) [#LearnToSwim](#) [#SummerReady](#)
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Contact Us

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

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

Call us on 0114 2863167.