



Oughtibridge Primary School Newsletter 12th October

Headteacher's Message



As we move further into the autumn term, it has been another busy and exciting week across school. We would like to say a huge **thank you** to everyone who supported our recent **Book Fair**. Thanks to your purchases, we have earned an incredible **£1,094.12 to spend on new books for our school**, helping us continue to develop a love of reading and enrich our classroom libraries.

Our children have enjoyed some fantastic learning experiences this week. **Year 5** had a brilliant day designing, building and programming **LEGO robots**, setting them challenges and creating tracks for them to follow. Meanwhile, **Year 4** spent the day exploring the buildings, architecture and public art in **Sheffield city centre**. The children were a credit to our school throughout the visit, demonstrating excellent behaviour and enthusiasm for learning.

A gentle reminder to **please label all items of clothing**. We currently have a large amount of unclaimed lost property, including jumpers, PE t-shirts and hoodies. Many of these items are unnamed, making it impossible to return them to their owners. Any unclaimed items remaining at the end of this half term will unfortunately need to be recycled.

Finally, thank you to everyone who is continuing to **maintain a positive balance on their lunch account**. Keeping accounts up to date helps our office team enormously. If you are experiencing any difficulties or have any questions regarding payments, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will be happy to help.

We hope you enjoy reading about all the wonderful learning that has taken place this week.
Have a lovely weekend!

Classes With The Best Attendance This Week



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

Attendance this week - 98%

KS1 - HL - 100%

KS2 - MW 99.6%

Year Group News



Foundation Stage

Our autumn walk is one Thursday (15th), please send your child to school with a rain coat 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 name labelled.

Year 1

A reminder that selected children are attending KS1 Ball Skills at Bradfield School on Monday 12th October (3.45 - 4.45). Children should make themselves known to Miss Calderbank on arrival. Parents/carers are welcome to stay and spectate, or drop children off and collect promptly at 3.45pm. Children will need to be dressed in sporty clothing, and have a named water bottle.

If you have volunteered for our walk, thank you, please come into the classroom when you bring your child.

Year 2

A reminder that selected children are attending KS1 Ball Skills at Bradfield School on Monday 12th October (3.45 - 4.45). Children should make themselves known to Miss Calderbank on arrival. Parents/carers are welcome to stay and spectate, or drop children off and collect

promptly at 3.45pm. Children will need to be dressed in sporty clothing, and have a named water bottle.

A reminder that **Year 2 will be visiting Weston Park Museum** Thursday 15th October as part of their learning. Children should come to school wearing their **full school uniform** and bring a suitable **outdoor coat**, as we will be walking between locations during the day.

Children will need a **packed lunch** unless they have already ordered a **school grab bag lunch**, which will be provided by school on the day.

We are looking forward to an exciting and educational visit and know the children will be fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Year 5

A reminder that we are going on our River Walk trip on Friday 16th October. Children will need to come to school in appropriate clothing for our walk... whatever the weather!! We'll be back by lunchtime, so lunch can be ordered in the usual fashion. Thank you to those parents/carers who have volunteered to support us on this walk.

A quick update regarding the upcoming Year 5 residential trip to **Mount Cook**, taking place from **Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th March**:

- **Payment Plan:** Instalments have been set up on the Peak Edge app.
- **Thank You:** A huge thank you to everyone who has already made a payment so far!

If you have any questions or need to discuss the payments, please feel free to speak directly to the school office.

Children in Year 5 and 6 are taking part in a special workshop with Steve Webb (author of the Peng and Spanners series) on Wednesday 14th October. We'd like to extend our thanks to Sophie and the team at Hillsborough Bookshop for making this opportunity a possibility for our children!

Year 6

Children in Year 5 and 6 are taking part in a special workshop with Steve Webb (author of the Peng and Spanners series) on Wednesday 14th October. We'd like to extend our thanks to Sophie and the team at Hillsborough Bookshop for making this opportunity a possibility for our children!

A reminder that **Year 6 will be visiting Eden Camp** Thursday 15th October. This promises to be a fascinating and memorable day, bringing their learning about World War II to life through interactive exhibits and immersive experiences.

Children should come to school wearing their **full school uniform** and bring a suitable **outdoor coat**, as some parts of the visit involve moving between outdoor areas.

Children will need to bring a **packed lunch** unless they have already ordered a **school grab bag lunch**, which will be provided by school on the day.

Important message for Y6 parents/carers

As our Year 6 children become increasingly independent, we know that many are beginning to walk to school without an adult. We want to support this growing independence whilst making sure that children are travelling to school safely and arriving ready for the day ahead. This week, staff have noticed a number of Year 6 pupils around the local shops from as early as **8.00am**. As our school gates do not open until **8.40am**, we would ask families to consider the time their child leaves home so that they are not spending a prolonged period unsupervised in the local area before school. We have also seen some pupils using mobile phones while walking and not paying full attention to their surroundings. This presents a particular risk when crossing roads. Please remind your child to keep their phone away while walking and to remain alert to traffic and other hazards.

We are also increasingly aware of issues arising from WhatsApp messages and group chats between pupils outside school. On occasions, unkind comments or messages sent before the school day have resulted in children arriving at school upset or, in some cases, feeling reluctant to come into school at all. We would therefore really appreciate parents and carers regularly checking in with their child about their use of WhatsApp and other messaging platforms, and reminding them that the same expectations around kindness and respectful behaviour apply online as they do face-to-face.

If your child receives messages that cause them worry or upset, please encourage them to speak to a trusted adult rather than responding or allowing the situation to escalate. Thank you for working with us to help our Year 6 pupils enjoy their growing independence safely, responsibly and positively.

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!

Whole School News



Black History Month

As part of our Black History Month learning, children in Years 1, 2 and 3 have enjoyed an assembly where they learnt about inspiring figures from history, including **Walter Tull** and **Rosa Parks**. Further assemblies are planned this month for other Year groups. We use a range of age-appropriate resources to help children understand their achievements and the positive impact they had on the world.

Parents and carers may wish to explore this child-friendly [BBC Bitesize page](#) at home with their child.

KS2 Cross Country

The next KS2 Cross Country fixture is on Saturday 10th October at Parkwood Springs. 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 - a huge thank you to Mr Oldfield for volunteering to coordinate this for the weekend! For any questions, please speak to Mr Butler or Miss Calderbank. Parking near the park is limited and largely on-street, so we would recommend early arrival for this fixture!

Sheffield Steelers tickets

A reminder that our next discounted game is 31st October, 7pm, vs Nottingham Panthers. Tickets can be requested by emailing enquiries no later than Thursday 22nd October. Full details were shared digitally at the start of term.

ParentPay Auto Top-Up

With ParentPay's Auto Top-Up feature, you can set up automatic payments on a weekly or monthly schedule (or when their meal balance gets low) that works for your household budget. Once set up, your chosen amount will be added automatically, helping to ensure your child always has funds available for school meals.

That means no last-minute top-ups, no unexpected low-balance surprises, and confidence that your child can access school meals daily.

Why use Auto Top-Up?

Peace of mind for you: Auto Top-Up helps reduce the risk of low balances and last-minute payments, giving you one less thing to think about during busy weeks.

Confidence for your child: By keeping meal funds available, Auto Top-Up helps ensure your child can access meals without interruption throughout the school term.

Set up Auto Top-Up in 3 simple steps

1. Choose when to top up

Select a weekly or monthly schedule or choose to top up when your balance falls below a set amount.

2. Choose your top-up amount

Decide how much you'd like ParentPay to add to your child's account each time.

3. Relax – we'll do the rest

Your account will be topped up automatically, helping to ensure funds are available for meals when they're needed.

To get started, log in to ParentPay and set up an Auto Top-Up schedule today.

A Massive Thank You for Your Incredible Support!

We want to send a huge, heartfelt thank you to everyone who took the time to attend our recent book fair and purchased books. Your enthusiasm and generosity have been overwhelming!

Because of your wonderful support, we raised an astounding **£1,094.12** in free books for the school! Every single penny of this will go directly toward purchasing fantastic new titles for our class libraries, ensuring our students have access to an even wider variety of engaging and inspiring reads.

Thank you for helping us foster a lifelong love of reading in our children—we truly couldn't have done it without you!



Cycle to School Week

It's [Cycle to School Week](#), and to help pupils to cycle to school safely, from 1st–9th Oct, bring your child's bike to any Decathlon for a FREE safety check!

Cycling to school is a great option to get pupils fit and healthy, keep our streets safer and make the air that children breathe cleaner. Pupils who've travelled actively to school arrive more energised and ready to learn. Plus being in a car, in congested areas, can mean that you are breathing in up to three times more air pollution than people walking or cycling because of the way air is circulated in cars.

If you don't have a bike you can get the same benefits by walking, cycling or using a wheelchair to get to school.



Next terms Lunchtime menu

Autumn/Winter Menu 2026/2027 OUGHTIBRIDGE PRIMARY					
WEEK ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meat & Veg	RT Pork Sausage & Bean Wholewheat Pasta Bake & Garlic Bread	Chicken Tikka Curry & Mixed Wholegrain Rice	Roast Chicken with Onions, stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Home-made Jacket Potato Wedges	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Sausage & Bean Wholewheat Pasta Bake & Garlic Bread	Tomato, Basil & Vegetable Pasta Bake - Wholegrain TM	Cheese Potato & Onion Pottery Whirl with Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Cottage Pie TM	Cheese Pan & Chips with Ketchup TM
Vegetables	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Carrots & Garden Peas	Seasonal Greens & Country Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Peas, Broccoli & Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Sandwiches	Cheese	Tuna Mayo	Hot Roast Baguette	Ham	Fish Finger Wrap
Baked Jacket Potatoes	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, Cheese, Salmon Mayo, or Beans
Dessert	Chocolatey Cornflake Crispy	Gingerbread Cookie & Fresh Fruit	Orange Jelly & Fruit Slices TM	Marble Sponge & Custard	Chocolatey Brownie
WEEK TWO	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meat & Veg	All Day Pork Sausage Breakfast with Homemade Honey Glazed Potatoes	Beef Bolognese with Wholegrain Penne	Roast Chicken with Onions, stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Home-made Jacket Potato Wedges	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Meal	All Day Vegetarian Sausage Breakfast with Home-made Honey Glazed Potatoes TM	Vegetarian Minced Meatballs & Mixed Rice Veg	Quorn Girdle with Onions, stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Lasagne	Cheese & Onion Roll & Chips
Vegetables	Broccoli, Sweetcorn or Baked Beans	Garden Peas & Carrots	Seasonal Greens & Country Mixed Vegetables	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Sandwiches	Cheese	Tuna Mayo	Hot Roast Baguette	Ham	Fish Finger Wrap
Baked Jacket Potatoes	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
Dessert	Shortbread Biscuit & Fruit Slices TM	Chocolatey Orange Fudge Cake	Orange or Strawberry Jelly with Fresh Fruit	Lemon Drizzle Cake & Custard	Chocolatey Oily Slice
WEEK THREE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meat & Veg	RT Pork Sausages & Mash	Seaview Chicken Pie served with Homemade Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon with Onions, stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza with Pasta Salad	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Sausages & Mash TM	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable & Lentil Keema Slice with Roast Potatoes & Onions or Mixed Wholegrain Rice	Vegetable Pasta Carbonara	Cheese Pan & Chips
Vegetables	Sweetcorn, Baked Beans, Broccoli	Carrots & Garden Peas	Seasonal Greens & Country Mixed Vegetables	Carrots or Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Sandwiches	Cheese	Tuna Mayo	Hot Roast Baguette	Ham	Fish Finger Wrap
Baked Jacket Potatoes	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
Dessert	Chocolatey Cookie TM	Apple Sponge & Custard	Raspberry Jelly	Crunchy Biscuit with Fruit Slices TM	Iced Sponge Cake

SOS (supporters of Oughtibridge School)



SOS are proud to announce that the Pumpkin Pick is scheduled to take place on Thursday 22nd October.



SOS annual **Pumpkin Pick** event will take place on the sports field (weather pending) between **15:20** and **16:20** on **Thursday 22nd October**.

Currently, it's limited to one pumpkin per child. If you want to purchase another for a younger sibling, please email the school at enquiries@oughtibridge.sheffield.sch.uk

There will also be a **Pumpkin Trail**, so make sure you bring your pencils for an extra bit of fun!!

TICKETS: You will need to buy a pumpkin in advance through the Peak Edge app in the usual manner as per other school events. Please purchase before **3pm** on **Friday 16th October**.

Refreshments will be supplied by the SOS volunteers outside Y5 Mr. Butler's class near the field entrance.

[Find out more here](#)

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

Y1-Y2 - Art Club

Wednesday

KS2 - SWFC Football

Thursday

KS1 and KS2 - Rewilding

Y4-Y6 - Basketball

Friday

Y1-Y2 - Multisports

Y3-Y6 - 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**

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
Main Meal 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 Wedges	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 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

All - KS1 and KS2 book look and all school SOS pumpkin pick

Y6 - Boys football Stocksbridge Jnr

Upcoming Dates



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

Monday 12th October KS1 Ball skills - Bradfield (15:40 - 16:40)

Monday 12th October Tag Rugby Y5,Y6 Forge Valley- 4-6 (3.30pm arrival)

Tuesday 13th October Harvest festival

Thursday 15th October Y2 Weston Park Museum

Thursday 15th October Y6 Eden Camp

Thursday 15th October FS2 Autumn Walk

Friday 16th October Y5 River Walk

Monday 19th October Y4 WOW day Ancient Greek

Monday 19th October KS2 Ball Skills Bradfield (15:40 - 16:40)

Monday 19th October Y5,Y6 Tag rugby Isobel Bowler Leisure United Westfield 1-3pm
(12.30pm arrival)

Thursday 22nd October FS2 Musical Stories workshop

Thursday 22nd October Y1 -Y6 Book Look 2.45 - 3.15pm

Thursday 22nd October SOS pumpkin patch 3.20-4.20

Thursday 22nd October Final day of half term.

Friday 23rd October **school is closed** and will reopen on Monday 2nd November

External Opportunities



🏀 Complimentary Ticket Offer for Sheffield Hatters Home Opener! 🏀

Date: Sat 10th Oct 2026

Time: 7PM

Venue: Canon Medical Arena, Sheffield

Matchup: Sheffield Hatters v Manchester Basketball

🏠 **Special Offer:** <https://www.intix.co.uk/event/b-braun-sheffield-hatters-v-manc>

Code: SCHOOLS

How to Claim:

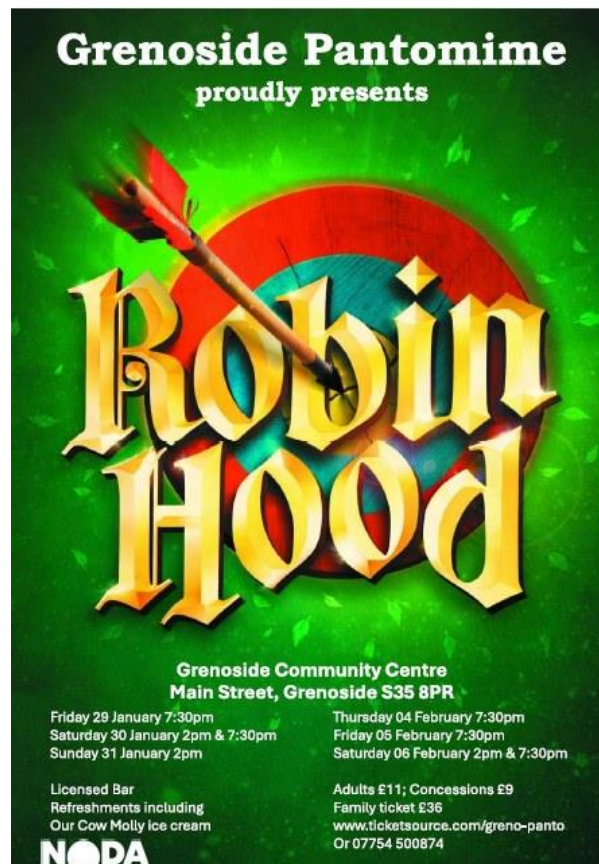
1. **Visit:** [Sheffield Hatters Tickets](#)
2. **Enter the promo codes at checkout.**

Hurry – Limited Tickets Available! This offer won't last long, so secure your seats today and be part of the excitement!

Bring your energy and cheer on the Hatters as they light up the court!

Got Questions? Feel free to contact Claire Ellicott at claire.ellicott@thesheffieldsharks.com for assistance.

We look forward to welcoming you to an evening filled with action, fun, and memories to last a lifetime!



On Wednesday 14th we're meeting outside the Trek Bicycle store in Fox Valley and then on Thursday 15th we're meeting by the entrance to Wheata Wood on Bower Lane. Both rides start at 6pm and will be less than 4 miles.

Places are limited so we're asking that any families interested in joining us sign up through Eventbrite to let us know they're coming. Here are the links: Wednesday's ride:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/2002996556620?aff=oddtcreator> Thursday's ride

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/2003007844382?aff=oddtcreator>



Contact Us

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

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

Call us on 0114 2863167.