



Oughtibridge Primary School Newsletter 19th October

Headteacher's Message



As we enter the final week of this half term, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what has been a fantastic start to the new school year. Since September, our FS2 children have settled into school life amazingly well. They have embraced new routines, made new friendships and become valued members of our school community. I hope that both they and their families already feel a strong sense of belonging as part of the Oughtibridge Primary School family.

Over the coming week, we look forward to welcoming parents into school for the first of our Book Look events in KS1 and KS2. These sessions provide a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements and see first-hand the work they have completed this term. I am sure you will be impressed by the effort, care and pride that they put into their learning each day.

We will then round off the half term with one of the highlights of our school calendar, the annual SOS Pumpkin Pick fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who supports this invaluable event, whether through volunteering, donating, purchasing tickets or simply helping to spread the word. Every contribution makes a difference and helps us provide exciting additional experiences and opportunities for our children.

Last week was a particularly busy and exciting one, with children taking part in a range of enriching educational visits. Our FS2 children enjoyed their autumn walk through Oughtibridge, exploring the beautiful local area and the stunning colours of the season. Year

2 visited Weston Park Museum to deepen their understanding of animals and their habitats, while Year 6 travelled to Eden Camp to enhance their learning about World War II through a memorable and immersive experience.

As we approach the half-term break, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support. I hope you and your families enjoy a restful, enjoyable break together. School will close on **Thursday 22nd October** and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 2nd November**, ready for another exciting half term of learning.

Classes With The Best Attendance This Week



Whole School Attendance since September - 98.1% Target - 98%

Attendance this week -

KS1 - Y2HM 100%

KS2 -Y6MD 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 FS2 children for their enthusiasm, behaviour and engagement on our Autumn Walk this week. A huge thank you to all of our parent volunteers, who supported the children brilliantly and made our walk able to happen.

Thursday 22nd October - FS2 will be taking part in a musical story telling workshop in school.

Year 3

A reminder that selected children are attending KS2 Ball Skills at Bradfield School on Monday 19th October (3.45 - 4.45). Children should make themselves known to Mr Butler 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.

Trip Payment Reminder

 **Trip Date:** 20th April - 21st April 2027

 **Location:** Thornbridge Residential

A reminder that a payment plan has been set up on **ParentPay** for this trip to help spread the cost. Parents and carers can log in to ParentPay at any time to view payment instalments and make contributions towards the balance.

Please ensure that payments are made by the deadlines shown on ParentPay to secure your child's place on the trip. If you have any questions or are experiencing difficulties with payments, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Deposit and consent deadline: 6th November 2026

Final payment deadline: 5th February 2027

Thank you for your support in helping us provide these valuable learning experiences for our children.

Year 4

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Trip Payment Reminder

 **Trip Date:** 15th March 2027 - 16th March 2027

 **Location:** Castleton Residential

A reminder that a payment plan has been set up on **ParentPay** for this trip to help spread the cost. Parents and carers can log in to ParentPay at any time to view payment instalments and make contributions towards the balance.

Please ensure that payments are made by the deadlines shown on ParentPay to secure your child's place on the trip. If you have any questions or are experiencing difficulties with payments, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Deposit and consent deadline: **16th October 2026**

Final payment deadline: 1st February 2027

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Year 5

Information has been shared about our upcoming trip to Madina Mosque next month. There is no cost for this visit, but permission must be given via the Peak Edge App no later

than Thursday 22nd October. If you have any questions about this visit, please contact the class teachers or Mrs Adams.

A quick update regarding the upcoming Year 5 residential trip to **Mount Cook**, taking place from **Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th March 2027**:

- **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.

Y5 & Y6 Pantomime Trip Reminder

A reminder for parents and carers of children in **Year 5 and Year 6** that **consent and payment for the Pantomime Trip** must be completed **by Monday 8th December**.

If you have not yet provided consent or made payment, please do so via **ParentPay** as soon as possible. We are unable to finalise arrangements and book tickets for children without the required permission and payment.

Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to a fantastic festive trip!

Year 6

Trip Payment Reminders

A quick update regarding the upcoming Year 5 residential trip to **PGL (Caythorpe Heath)**, taking place from **Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd June 2027**:

- **Payment Plan:** Instalments have been set up on the Peak Edge app.
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Whole School News



Staffing Update

We would like to share some exciting news about a member of our team. From January, **Sarah Doxford** will begin a one-year secondment as an **Expert at Hand SEND Advisory Teacher**. This prestigious role will allow Sarah to share her extensive expertise and experience in supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities across schools throughout Sheffield.

Whilst we will greatly miss Sarah's day-to-day presence at Oughtibridge Primary School, we are incredibly proud that her knowledge, dedication and passion for inclusion will benefit children, families and staff across the whole city.

We are pleased to confirm that **Laura Holmes** will take on the role of **acting SENDCO** during Sarah's secondment. Laura knows our pupils and families extremely well and will ensure that the high-quality SEND provision and support our children receive continues uninterrupted.

To support this transition, we are currently recruiting an **FS2 teacher for three days per week** to provide cover for Laura's teaching commitments whilst she undertakes her acting SENDCO responsibilities.

We are excited for Sarah as she embarks on this fantastic opportunity and know that Oughtibridge Primary School's SEND provision remains in very capable hands. We look forward to sharing further updates with you in due course.

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.

KS2 Cross Country

The next KS2 Cross Country fixture is on Saturday 14th November, and it's on local ground - Bradfield School! 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.

Thank You to Our School Photographer

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to **Mateus Ochoa** for giving his time and expertise to support our school by taking new photographs of our pupils.

The images will be used to refresh our school website and other communications, helping us to showcase the fantastic learning, experiences and achievements that take place at Oughtibridge Primary School every day. Throughout this process, the **safety, privacy and wellbeing of our children have remained our highest priority**, with all photographs being taken and selected in line with school procedures and parental permissions.

High-quality images help us to give families and prospective parents a genuine insight into life at Oughtibridge, and we are extremely grateful to Mateus for helping us present our school community at its very best.

Thank you, Mateus, for your support and for capturing so many wonderful moments from around our school.



Parent Talk: Raising Kids in the Smartphone Era

Our school is hosting a Parent Talk, full of practical ideas and friendly discussion about helping kids thrive in the digital age. We'll look at what's working for families right now — from first phones to healthy habits at home. No judgement, just real talk and small steps that make a difference.

All parents are warmly welcome – whether you've already made decisions about smartphones or are just starting to think about it.

This is for parents/carers only not suitable for children.



**SMARTPHONE
FREE CHILDHOOD**

South Yorkshire

Parent Talk: Raising Kids in the Smartphone Era

Practical ideas and friendly
discussion about helping kids thrive
in the age of smartphones.

📍 **Oughtibridge Primary School**

📅 **26 November 2026**

🕒 **5:00 pm**

Parents and guardians only, please - content not suitable for children.



1 - We are a prem aware setting.

We have been awarded The Smallest Things Prem Aware Award



**Remember to place your portrait photograph order by
Monday 19/10/2026
for FREE delivery to
Oughtibridge Primary School**
Every order generates funds for your school too

www.schoolphotographs.co.uk



SOS (supporters of Oughtibridge School)





2 - Pumpkin Pick - Volunteers Required

The Pumpkin pick is on Thursday 22nd October.

Please make sure you have purchased your child's ticket via the Peak Edge app.

We also would like some **volunteers** to help with the refreshments and Pumpkin Trail. If you are free from 2pm please let the office know or email:

[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

KS2 - Cook Stars

Y4 -Y6 - Choir

Y6 - Football

Tuesday

Y1-Y3 - Hockey

Y1-Y2 - Art Club

Wednesday

KS2 - SWFC Football

Thursday

- ***Please be aware that there will be no after school club on Thursday 22nd October.***

Friday

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](#)

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Spring/Summer Menu Week 1					
13 th Apr, 4 th May, 25 th May, 15 th Jun, 6 th Jul, 7 th Sept, 28 th Sept, 19 th Oct 2026					
WEEK ONE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PLANET PIZZA THURSDAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
Main Meal Option	Sausage in a Roll with Tomato Pasta Salad	Mild Beef & Bean Chilli & Yellow Rice	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Fish Fingers & Chips	
Vegetarian Meal Option	Vegetable Sausage in a Roll with Tomato Pasta Salad ^{VG}	Macaroni Cheese with Vegetables or Salad	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Cheese Flan & Chips	
Vegetables	Coleslaw & Garden Peas	Vegetable Sticks or Sweetcorn	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	Garden Peas, Baked Beans	
Sandwiches	Cheese	Tuna	Hot Roast Baguette	Fish Finger Wrap	
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Beans ^{VG} Tuna Mayo or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans ^{VG} Tuna Mayo or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans ^{VG} Tuna Mayo or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans ^{VG} Tuna Mayo or Cheese	
Dessert	Apple & Cinnamon Rolls	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Strawberry Jelly ^{VG}	Various Desserts	

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

Y5 - Madina Mosque

All - Parents evening letter

Upcoming Dates



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

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

October Half Term Football Camp

Our October Camps are live and taking bookings.

We have now fully transitioned across to our new booking site Abler, this booking site now allows multiple payment methods as opposed to the previously used booking site.

We can't wait to see be back working with you after the great summer camps we had. All sessions are delivered with fun and development as the focus, we aim to support the participants in their footballing and personal journey. Children of all abilities are welcome from academy players to first time footballers between the ages of 5 - 14 years.

As mentioned we have now moved to a new booking site, hopefully you have already signed up and created an account to speed up your booking process, please see the booking link below

[Abler - Marketplace](#)

We look forward to seeing you on the pitch.





🏀 Complimentary Ticket Offer for Sheffield Hatters Home Opener! 🏀

Date: Sat 17th Oct 2026

Time: 7PM

Venue: Canon Medical Arena, Sheffield

Matchup: Sheffield Hatters v Oaklands Wolves

🏠 **Special Offer:**

https://www.intix.co.uk/event/b-braun-sheffield-hatters-v-oaklands?promotion_code=SCHOOLS

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!

Contact Us

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

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

Call us on 0114 2863167.