



Oughtibridge Primary School Newsletter

5th October

Headteacher's Message

It has been another busy and exciting week in school, filled with opportunities for learning, discovery and personal growth.

One of the highlights this week has been watching the confidence of our **FS2 children** grow as they develop their balance bike skills. It has been wonderful to see their determination, resilience and excitement as they become increasingly independent and confident riders.

The first proud recipients of our new '**Resilience Rosette**' were recognised in assemblies last week. This new award, presented to one pupil in each key stage every week, celebrates those children who demonstrate resilience by persevering when things are challenging, bouncing back from setbacks and using previous experiences to help them succeed. We are incredibly proud of all those who embody these important qualities and look forward to recognising many more children throughout the year.

Our **Year 5 children** had a fantastic time during their **WOW Day** in the **WonderDome**, where they embarked on an exciting journey through space. The immersive experience brought their learning to life as they explored planets, stars and the mysteries of our solar system.

Children across school have also enjoyed visiting the **Book Fair**, spending time browsing the wonderful selection of books available and carefully choosing stories and information texts that spark their interest and imagination. It has been lovely to see such enthusiasm for reading and a genuine excitement about discovering new books. The funds raised will help us refresh the books in the class libraries in Y2 which are looking a little tatty!

As many of you may have noticed, we have recently made the decision to remove some photographs from our online platforms. In a rapidly changing digital world, we continually review our practices to ensure they align with our commitment to safeguarding and protecting our children. While this means we may share fewer identifiable images online, we remain committed to celebrating the fantastic achievements and learning that take place every day in school. We are currently exploring new and creative ways to showcase our school community and the fabulous work our children do while maintaining the highest standards of safety and privacy. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

We hope you enjoy reading about the many wonderful experiences and achievements that have taken place across school this week.

Classes With The Best Attendance This Week



Whole School Attendance since September - Target - 97%

Attendance this week - 97.5% **Congratulations!**

KS1 - 98.7% FSHL

KS2 -98.7% Y5AB&CW

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

Thank you to everyone who attended our phonics workshop this week, we hope that you found the information useful. We have sent the slides we used home to you via tapestry and reach more.

Year 3

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent information session regarding the upcoming Year 3 residential trip to Thornbridge. The presentation slides have now been emailed out to all parents and carers.

- **Payments:** The payment schedule is now live and set up on the **Peak Edge app**.
- **Deposit Due:** A deposit of **£30** is due by **November 6th**.

As always, if you have any questions or experience any issues with payments, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

Year 4

We are very much looking forward to taking our Year 4 children on an exciting art trip into Sheffield city centre on **Tuesday, 6th October!**

During the trip, the children will have the opportunity to observe and sketch a variety of striking buildings, including well-known local structures such as The Egg Box (Sheffield Town Hall Extension), The Winter Gardens, and the Sheffield Hallam University Student Union, alongside several other architectural highlights.

To ensure your child is fully prepared for a day of exploring and sketching outdoors, please note the following important details:

- **Clothing:** Children should wear their full **school uniform**, along with a **suitable coat** to match the ever-changing autumn weather. Comfortable walking shoes are also a must!
- **Lunch:** Please provide a **packed lunch** from home, unless you have already ordered a school grab bag for your child.

Year 5

Thank you to SOS for providing the funds for our Wonderdome WOW Day yesterday. The children had a wonderful time!

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.

Year 6

Hi everyone. The Y6 children are going to be starting a DT project all about Make Do and Mend after the half term holiday, and we're looking for a little help from our parent community! 🧵👥

As part of the project, the children will be designing and making their own cushion, using an old piece of clothing from home as part of the design. We're hoping to find any volunteers who are able to sew using a sewing machine and who might be able to bring their sewing machine into school to work with the children. Ideally, we're looking for someone who may be able to come into school one afternoon a week, each Thursday, to help the children develop their sewing skills and support them with their projects. If you're able to help, please let us know. We'd be very grateful for your support! 😊 Thank you! The Y6 Team

Whole School News



KS2 Cross Country

The next KS2 Cross Country fixture is on Saturday 3rd October at Bolehills. 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. Parking near the park is limited and largely on-street, so we would recommend early arrival for this fixture!

Sheffield Steelers tickets

Orders for the first discounted game of the season (10th October, 7pm, vs Glasgow) have now been sent to the Steelers. Lead email addresses will receive an email in the next week with a link to complete their purchase. Payments must be made within 72 hours!

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.

A Message About How We Share Images Online

You may have noticed that we have been making some changes to the way we share photographs and images online. As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, we are adapting how we showcase school life in response to growing concerns about the misuse and manipulation of children's images, including through AI technologies.

Moving forward, you are likely to see more:

- Behind-the-scenes photos showing learning and activities
- Hands-on learning and practical experiences
- Photographs focusing on children's work, hands, images taken from behind or without showing full faces where possible

Our aim is simple: to celebrate the learning, creativity, friendships and special moments that make Oughtibridge Primary school life so wonderful, while taking every step we can to protect our children's privacy and safety. Thank you for your understanding and support as we make this important change.

Steve Webb Author visit

We are very excited to be welcoming author Steve Webb into school on Wednesday 14th October! The visit has been coordinated by Hillsborough Bookshop, and we'd like to pass on our thanks to the team for inviting us to be part of this event! Steve Webb is the author of the 'Peng and Spanners' book series, and has recently released the latest book in this collection – 'Peng and Spanners – Doctor Biscuits'.

As part of his visit, children from all year groups across school are invited to pre-order a copy of this book to be handed out on the day, **and all pre-orders will be SIGNED by the author!** Books can be purchased through the Peak Edge App using the Payment link. The total cost is £10.14 per book (£9.99 plus a 1.43% platform fee).

Pre-orders must be made no later than Tuesday 6th October, to allow us time to process orders and, importantly, get the correct number of books to school! We require a minimum of 30 pre-orders across the entire school in order to allow the event to go ahead.

Reminder: No Toys from Home

As a quick reminder for all families, we kindly ask that children do not bring toys from home into school. This includes popular items such as **squishies, fidget toys, trading cards**, and other personal playthings.

Bringing toys from home can often lead to distractions in the classroom, items getting lost or broken, and unnecessary upset among peers.

We understand that some children benefit from sensory items or fidget tools to help them focus and regulate during the school day. Please be assured that if your child has specific additional needs requiring a fidget tool, **school will provide an appropriate, approved one** tailored to their learning environment.

Individual and Sibling School Photos – Friday, 9th October

Just a quick reminder that individual school photos will take place on **Friday, 9th October**. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their smart, full school uniform.

If you would like to have **sibling photos** taken, these will be available early from **7:45 AM** on a first come first taken basis.

Sheffield Parent Carer Forum PINS project - 6pm online Thursday 22nd October

Please join our school worker Jenny Johnson online at 6pm on 22nd October to discuss anything SEND and parenting related but with a starting topic of masking and demand avoidance. Please use the link below:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZigyMDhjNjltYzQ0My00MDA2LTg0OTYtMDY0ZjNmNzg0NjQ5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2200d6f8cf-6400-4e96-9160-3484cf78025c%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%223938ed79-3b3e-4c12-b157-a96b66c33e63%22%7d

Lost Property

We currently have a large amount of lost property piling up, of which is unnamed. If your child is missing any jumpers, cardigans, water bottles, or coats, please pop into the school to have a look through.

- **Label Everything:** Please ensure that **all** pieces of your child's clothing and belongings are clearly labeled with their name.

Doing this makes it so much easier for us to quickly return stray items directly to the right child!

SOS (supporters of Oughtibridge School)



SOS are a group of volunteer parents who come together to raise money for enhanced educational resources and activities that are not government funded, to support the school children.

These include WOW days, equipment upgrades, educational trips plus many more events. Each year we endeavour to raise £8,000 so the children can have the best possible experience of primary school.

We are currently organising this years Christmas raffle but without the generosity of local businesses and parents, we just wouldn't be able to make this event as successful as it is.

If you are able and would like to donate a prize, either from your business or personally, please email sosparentsassociation@gmail.com or visit our website. One of our volunteer parents will be in touch.

If you have donated, volunteered or simply re-posted social media posts for SOS previously, may we take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

Please watch the socials for updates on donations and the ticket release date.

Still Time To Buy Your SOS Lottery Tickets!!

The deadline is Sunday 4th October.

The monthly prize now stands at an amazing **£70**.

The more tickets bought, the higher the cashpot!!

The more tickets bought, the more money we raise for the school.

Go to www.supportersofoughtibridgeschool.org and click on Play the School Lottery.

[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](#)

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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 Gammon 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

KS1 - Threadworms

All - Scarlet Fever

Y4 - Greek WOW day

Fs2 Phonic workshop presentation

Y3 Residential with slides

Upcoming Dates



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

Saturday 3rd October KS2 Cross Country Race 2 - Bolehills

Tuesday 6th October Art Trip Y4

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

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

Ultimate Activity Camps - We Are Now Taking Bookings for October Half Term 2026!!

We are now taking bookings for October Half Term 2026.

Please visit this link for more information - [Ultimate Activity Camps – On The Move](#)

Please see the information attached & below for venues/dates/times;

Hillsborough Leisure Centre Tuesday 27th October, Wednesday 28th October & Friday 30th October

Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre Monday 26th October, Tuesday 27th October & Thursday 29th October

The online booking & payment system will take you through your booking.

Please start by selecting the venue you'd like to book places at. If you want to book multiple dates this can be done in the next stages of your booking. You'll need to fill out the online registration form.

Select your lunch option and decide if you'd like to use our early drop off option.

Finding it difficult? Don't panic. We'll still be available at UACbookings@onthemove.org.uk answer any questions and to support you with your booking.

PLEASE NOTE: There have been recent changes to HAF eligibility. Children can only access a HAF funded place if they receive targeted free school meals. Free school meals are now available to more families through the expanded free school meals scheme. However, children receiving these meals are not eligible for a funded place through Sheffield Healthy Holidays.

To book, you'll need to email us with your new unique HAF code. We'll then provide you with a password to book places.

We will also be delivering Ultimate Activity Camps at;

Wisewood Sports Centre, S6 4BS on Thursday 29th October, 10am - 3pm

Springs Leisure Centre, S2 2AL on Friday 30th October, 10am - 3pm Please visit this link for more information - sheffieldhealthyholidays.org – sheffieldhealthyholidays.org – [Explore, Create, Eat well, Move!](#)



The poster features a large orange and blue graphic with the text "ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP" in white. Below this, there are three circular inset images showing children participating in various activities: one child is jumping over a hurdle, another is playing in a pool, and a third is sitting on a mat. The background of the top section shows a group of children holding up a large, colorful flag.

ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP

Tuesday 27th October
Wednesday 28th October
Friday 30th October
9:30am – 3:30pm

Hillsborough Leisure Centre
Beulah Road, S6 2AN

£22 per person per day*
*Please contact us about FREE places for children & young people in receipt of targeted free school meals

Ultimate Activity Camps are guaranteed to give your child enjoyment and excitement during the school holidays.

AGES 5+

BEST START IN LIFE Sheffield City Council

Email - UACbookings@onthemove.org.uk
Website - www.onthemove.org.uk/UltimateActivityCamps **BOOK NOW**

The Ultimate Activity Camp team are insured, DBS checked, First Aid trained and experienced or qualified in the activities we offer!

Funded by UK Government



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Monday 26th October
Tuesday 27th October
Thursday 29th October
10:00am – 3:00pm

Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre
Moorland Drive, S36 1EG

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Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre
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ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP

Thursday 29th October
10:00am – 3:00pm

Wisewood Sports Centre
Laird Road, S6 4BS

Scan the QR code to book

Places are funded for children in receipt of targeted free school meals

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AGES 8 – 13

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Call or Text
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Sheffield City Council
Healthy Holidays
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BEST START IN LIFE

TEMPORARY FULL-TIME VACANCY FOR A LEVEL 3 TEACHING ASSISTANT

To start as soon as possible upon completion of necessary checks.

Closing Date: 9th October 2026

Contact Name: Louise Bullen (Headteacher)

Telephone Number: (0114) 234 1097

Email Address: enquiries@nooklane.sheffield.sch.uk

Website Address:

We are looking to appoint a highly capable level 3 teaching assistant (grade 4) to join our happy, thriving school. The successful candidate would ideally have experience of working with children with special needs, in particular pupils with autism and/or speech, language and communication difficulties.

Grade 4, £26,403.00 (pro-rata £20,034.65)

Hours: 8.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday (33.5 hours, this includes one hour of professional development training per week on a Tuesday or Thursday evening until 4.30pm), 38 weeks per year.

Temporary post until 31st August 2027

The successful candidate will:

- have excellent inter-personal skills
- embrace our nurturing, inclusive ethos
- be a talented, dynamic practitioner with strong subject knowledge and high expectations of all pupils
- be able to respond effectively to the needs of the pupils in school
- show a commitment to raising pupil attainment and accelerating progress The school is situated in the north-west of the city and is part of Peak Edge Trust. Nook Lane is a warm, welcoming junior school with 248 children, including an Integrated Resource for 13 children with autism. We can offer:
 - a vibrant and mutually supportive place to learn and work
 - a school with a strong reputation for inclusive practice
 - delightful, responsive children who deserve the best
 - an excellent team of friendly, committed and highly skilled professionals
 - access to high quality professional development opportunities

Please contact the school for a Peak Edge application pack by emailing enquiries@nooklane.sheffield.sch.uk.

Please note that applications made on a Sheffield City Council application form will not be accepted.

Please return your completed application form to the School Business Officer, Kerry Wales, by email at the above address or by post to Nook Lane Junior School, Nook Lane, Stannington, Sheffield, S6 6BN.

Visits to school are strongly encouraged.

Applications should be submitted using the attached application form (please contact the school if you require this document in a different format). In line with Safer Recruitment guidance, CVs will not be accepted, nor will applications submitted using forms other than that attached.

Nook Lane Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (ROA) 1974. All shortlisted candidates will be asked to disclose any relevant cautions or convictions prior to interview. The amendments to the ROA Exceptions Order 1975 (2013 & 2020) provide that certain convictions and cautions are 'protected' and are therefore not subject to disclosure to employers. Guidance and criteria on the filtering of these cautions and convictions can be found on the Ministry of Justice website. Please also note that an online search will also be conducted for shortlisted candidates prior to interview.

The successful candidate will be required to complete both an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check and a Children's Barred List check. Please note that it is a criminal offence to apply for this post if you have been placed on the Children's Barred List. Teaching and classroom support staff will also be subject to a prohibition from teaching check.

Candidates are asked to read the school's safeguarding policy

<https://www.nooklanejunior.co.uk/safeguarding-1>.



Apple Picking Event

Kids Plant Trees is holding a family apple picking event at Flying Horse Lawn, Lodge Moor, this Saturday, from 10.30am-12.30pm. There will also be seed collecting to grow at the

organisations new community tree nursery. £3 entry per person. Book here:
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/kidsplanttrees/2421151>



Contact Us

For more information, [visit our website](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/kidsplanttrees/2421151).

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

Call us on 0114 2863167.