



Orton Church of England Primary School

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Children in Need

This Friday is Children in Need. As usual we are inviting everyone to come to school dressed in spots or just something comfortable in exchange for a minimum £1 donation to Children in Need.

Ankoma Outreach & Mrs Woodmass



Ankoma Outreach supports the Ankoma sub-district in rural Ghana with the development of Education, Healthcare and Sanitation. They aim to support and inspire the community to live their happiest lives. This is a long term project with established links between Ankoma and our local area through Asha Richardson.

It is very exciting that Mrs Woodmass has applied and been accepted to join a group of 20 local school staff to travel to Ankoma to support this work in February 2026. This visit to Ankoma, Ghana is an opportunity to connect, learn and inspire. For our school this will enable us to foster global relationships, build new perspectives and enhance knowledge. By teaching our children about the lives of others in our world, it will enhance their awareness of ongoing global issues, inspire them to find out about more about the world we live in and learn how they can have a positive impact on the lives of others and the world.

During the visit the team will be renovating classrooms, building a brand new library, spending days in schools, observing, delivering and co-delivering classes with local teaching teams.

Mrs Woodmass will hopefully be taking a suitcase full of resources that will help renovate a classroom and inspire the teaching of phonics and reading. We are hoping to raise funds and donations at school and our new eco committee members will be leading some ideas for fundraising events. Our children and wider school community will be able to see how our donations from school make an impact in Ankoma. We will be asking for your support with this over the coming months.

Your donations will change lives.

Please scroll down for more information. In particular FOOS request for Jolly Jars and support at the forthcoming Market Hall Christmas Fayre and information about a Youth Choir Mr Ball's wife Liz, who came to school on World Mental Health Day has set up. She would love to see some of our children joining the choir.

School Nurse & 0-19 Growing Healthy



WAF council have recently launched their own E School Nurse service and 0-19 Growing Healthy website & app full of advice & where to go for help & support. Scroll down to the last page for more details & QR code <https://hdfchildrenshealthservice.co.uk/ourservice/growing-healthy-0-19-westmorland-furness/>

Stars

Our next Stars Assembly will be Friday 28th November at 2.50pm. Visitors are very welcome to join us in school for our Stars Celebration! We hope you can join us.

URGENT Key Stage 2 Residential Deposits

The deadline for residential deposits to be received has now passed as it was yesterday (Monday 10th Nov). If you are wanting your child to go on residential but haven't paid the deposit please pay this ASAP as we will now be going ahead with provisional bookings based on those who have paid deposits. We will not be able to guarantee places for those who haven't paid deposits. If you are having difficulty with this for any reason please let Mrs Pomfret or Mrs Percival know ASAP.

£20 per person
Thurs 20th Nov,
7-8:30pm, at Orton School
Wreath Making
Includes a glass of mulled wine and mince pies. Help us raise funds for our School.
Contact Debra Capstick
07739865043

Diary Dates



All diary dates are subject to last minute change. More details will follow near the time.

- 11/11/25 10.40am Remembrance Worship
- 13/11/25 KS1 Basic Moves
- 14/11/25 Children in Need
- 20/11/25 7-8.30pm FOOS Wreath Making
- 24/11/25 KS1 Road Safety Drama Workshop
- 26/11/25 KS2 Tri Golf AGS
- 28/11/25 2.50pm Stars—Note change of date
- 29/11/25 FOOS Stall at the Market Hall Christmas Fair
- 3/12/25 KS2 Singing at Methodist Drop In
- 5/12/25 FOOS Bags to Schools
- 9/12/25 Christingle Service in All Saint's Church time TBC
- 10/12/25 KS2 Elf The Musical —Blackpool
- 11/12/25 Christmas Lunch (Christmas Jumpers)
- 12/12/25 KS2 Singing at Tebay Services
- 12/12/25 9.15am Stars—Note Change of time
- 13/12/25 Farmers Market—Children singing in church
- 16/12/25 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
- 17/12/25 2pm & 6pm Nativity
- 18/12/25 EYFS & KS1 Dear Santa at The Dukes Theatre
- 19/12/25 9.30am End of Term Christmas Service
Christmas Party
End of term
- 7/1/26 9am Start of Spring Term
- 29/1/26 Yr 3 & 4 Come and Try Cricket KSGS
- 27/3/26 Life Education
- 12/3/26 Yr 3 & 4 Quicksticks KSGS
- 25-27/3/26 Yr 3 & 4 Residential to Keppleway
- W/c11/5/26 SATS Wk
- W/c15/6/26 Swimming Week
- 22-26/6/26 Yr 5 & 6 Residential to Isle of Man



Orton

After School Club

Activity programme for the 27th Oct 2025 - 19th Dec 2025

Day	Activity
Monday	Karaoke club
Tuesday	Christmas bakes
Wednesday	Seasonal crafts
Thursday	Andys Art Club— “Bee Creative” <i>*Free club KS 1</i>
Friday	Friday Chill

** Andys Art club this half term will be free for KS1 (Reception—2).*

3:30—4:30 £3.50 3:30—5:30 £7.00

To help our After School Club team with planning and ensuring we have enough resources please make sure you book in advance through our email office@orton.cumbria.sch.uk.

Start your brass journey with us

JOIN MELODY MAKERS CLASS OF '25!

Tuesdays 5:00-5:45 pm
at Tebay Methodist Church CA10 3XB

We provide instruments, tuition + music
Friendly, Fun + Fabulous

Musical experience is not necessary for this
group

Full band membership is £12/month

Visit <https://drumandbrass.co.uk/db-in-cumbria/>
or click on the QR code

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CUMBRIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIRECTORATE SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025/2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025

STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Wednesday 3 September	Friday 19 December	Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October

Number of school days in term – 73

SPRING TERM 2026

STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Wednesday 7 January	Friday 27 March	Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February

Number of school days in term – 53

SUMMER TERM 2026

STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 13 April	Friday 17 July	Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

Number of schools days in term – 64

Good Friday – 3 April
Easter Monday – 6 April

Early May Bank Holiday
Monday 4 May

Number of days in year – 190

INSET Days/Sessions

The 190 day school year identified above makes no provision for the additional 5 days non-contact time for which full-time teachers are contracted. Therefore, any INSET sessions should be arranged either outside the above school term dates or outside pupil hours.

The following dates are suggested as dates that could be used for INSET: -

Monday, 1 September 2025

Tuesday, 2 September 2025

Tuesday, 6 January 2026

Plus two others, to be locally determined.

The PTA structure

The make-up of a PTA varies between schools, but essentially there are two parts: the elected Committee, which oversees and manages the association, and the PTA volunteers who provide support at events, fundraisers and more. The core positions are usually Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, however, there are other informal positions which can be beneficial to fill in order to spread the workload. Here's how a committee could be formed...



Skylarks Youth Choir

A BRAND-NEW choir for children aged 8 and above!

All styles of music...Disney songs, songs from films, musicals etc!

Learn to sing in harmony!

Make new friends!

Perform in concerts!



Wednesdays (term time)

4.30pm till 5.30pm

Haydock Community Centre, St. Catherine's RC Church, Drovers Lane,
CA11 9EN

Please contact Liz for a registration form and more information.

hello@lakelandlarks.co.uk



FRIENDS OF FOOS Market Stall FRIENDS OF

Sat 29th November, Orton Christmas Fayre

FOOS are holding a Christmas stall in Orton Market Hall and we're planning another Jolly Jar Tombola!

Please can you start collecting jam jars and fill them with whatever you can think of; it could be sweets, crafty bits and pieces, toy cars, lego, crayons or even pickles or jam! We look forward to seeing your creative ideas! The jars will then be used as tombola prizes on the stall. Please have your jars in school by **Mon 24th Nov**



You could even decorate your jars as a rainy day activity!



If anyone would like to volunteer to help run the stall on the day please see Debra Capstick



Thank you for you support.





Help with Childcare Costs in Before and After School Childcare

Tax Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare is a scheme open to working parents of children under 12 (or 17 if disabled) to help with childcare costs. For every £8 paid in, the government will pay in an extra £2, up to £2,000 (£4,000 if the child is disabled) per child per year.

How to apply?

www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare

Universal Credit for Childcare

Universal Credit is a payment to help with living costs. It is paid monthly. Parents can receive up to 85% of their childcare costs, the maximum amount a month is:

- £951 for one child
- £1630 for two children or more

Eligibility for Universal Credit childcare costs

Parents can only get Universal Credit childcare costs if:

- Are in paid work, or have accepted an offer of paid work (it does not matter how many hours you or your partner work)
- Pay for childcare for the relevant child or young person.

How to apply?

Apply at www.gov.uk/sign-in-universal-credit





Westmorland and Furness
SEND Information, Advice
and Support Service

CONTACT US

[Westmorland and Furness SEND IAS Service | Sendiass](#)

Your local SEND IAS Service Co-ordinator will listen to your concerns and can offer:

- Appropriate support, impartial information, and advice on a range of SEND related queries including - identifying a need, exclusions from school, complaints, and disagreements when something goes wrong.
- Advice regarding SEND related health and social care matters.
- Detailed explanations of how the Special Educational Needs (SEN) process should work, for example the support that should be ordinarily available for all children and young people with SEND in early years, schools, and post sixteen settings.
- Information about local and national voluntary organisations
- Information about young peoples' and parents' support groups in your area
- Support through the Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP) Process including annual reviews.
- To help you learn more about the SEND Code of Practice and your legal rights.
- Support at meetings where appropriate.

A child or young person may have learning difficulties caused by:

- A physical disability
- A problem with sight, hearing, or speech
- Difficulties with reading, writing or mathematics
- Emotional or behavioural problems
- Communication and social interaction.

For self-referral, please contact your local co-ordinator:

Area	Co-ordinator	Phone	Email
Kendal, Coniston, Windermere, Ambleside, and Grange area	Zoe McSorley	07774 337248	zoe.mcsorley@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk
Barrow and Ulverston area	Celia Jones	07917 041116	Celia.jones@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk
Penrith and East Cumbria	Emma Stephenson	07769 835448	Emma.stephenson@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk



Westmorland
& Furness
Council

Information,
Advice & Support
Services Network



Offering impartial information, advice and support to children and young people with special educational needs and or disabilities and their parents & carers.

There are lots of online parenting courses that Westmorland and Furness Council provide for free. Please feel free to access them at the link below. You will need the code WORDSWORTH to access some of them.

SOLIHULL APPROACH ONLINE MODULES.

[Online Learning \(heiapply.com\)](http://heiapply.com)

Parents/carers/grandparents/young people etc courses: CODE: WORDSWORTH

- Understanding pregnancy, birth and your baby
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child
- Understanding your teenager's brain
- Understanding your child's feelings
- Understanding your child's mental wellbeing
- Understanding your child with additional needs
- Understanding your relationships
- Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)**



Orton CE Primary School Lockdown Procedure Extract for Parents

No.	Communication - BETWEEN PARENTS AND THE SCHOOL	Tick / Initial / Time
School lockdown procedures, especially arrangements for communicating with parents, will be routinely shared with parents either by newsletter or via the school website.		
13	In the event of an actual lockdown, any incident or development will be communicated to parents as soon as is practicable using the school website messaging facility. EP & VP have access to website and can do this remotely if not on site. Facebook and email can also be used.	
14	Parents should be given enough information about what will happen so that they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are reassured that the school understands their concern for their child's welfare, and that it is doing everything possible to ensure his/her safety; • Do not contact the school. Calling the school could tie up telephone lines that are needed for contacting emergency providers; • Do not come to the school. They could interfere with emergency provider's access to the school and may even put themselves and others in danger; • Wait for the school to contact them about when it is safe for them to collect their children, and where this will be from. 	
15	Movement may be permitted within the building dependent upon circumstances but this must be supervised by a member of staff.	
16	Parents will be told: <i>'..the school is in a full lockdown situation. During this period the telephones and entrances will be un-manned, external doors locked and nobody allowed in or out...'</i>	

Qualifying for free school meals and school clothing vouchers

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers#Contact>

If you already get free school meals and clothing grants you do not need to apply for each school year.

Free school meals are available to statutory school aged children attending full time education.

Full time education means full days from 9am to 3pm, private nurseries and further education colleges are not included.

Qualifying for free school meals and school clothing vouchers

When you can apply

To be eligible for free school meals, your family's annual household income must be no higher than:

- £22,700 for families outside of London with one child
 - £26,300 for families outside of London with two or more children
- This includes any wider income or support you may be getting and any earnings from employment.

You must also have less than £16,000 in savings, including any shares, investments and bank accounts - but not including your home.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - Provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit Also your annual gross income is no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- children who get these benefits paid to them, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also claim free school meals.

Your child may also claim free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- in full-time education
- free school meals are available to statutory school aged children attending full time education. Full time education is defined as full days from 9am to 3pm, this excludes private nurseries and further education colleges.

When not to apply

If you receive working tax credits you may not be eligible for free school meals or clothing grants.

To check please contact us. Call us: [0300 373 3300](tel:03003733300) Email: FSM.ClothingGrants@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Apply for free school meals and school clothing vouchers

If you already get free school meals and school clothing grants you do not need to reapply for each school year.

[Apply for free school meals and school clothing vouchers](#) https://ems.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

Where possible all parents and guardians should apply online. You will need to register on the Citizen Portal to do this. If you apply online, you will receive an immediate response telling you if you are eligible or not.

If you are unable to apply online, please contact the free school meals team using the contact details below

When another child starts school

Even if you are receiving free school meals and school clothing vouchers for your other children, you will need to apply for each child starting school for the first time, for example new starters in a reception class.

Enter our
Super Draw

Win a **£1,000 Sainsbury's
Voucher**

OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE



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- Chance to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Support our fundraising!

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Search for: Orton



Gamble **Aware**

See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 28/09/24.



support our school join our lottery!

Sign up today at www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play

Lottery News

There are lots of reasons for our families to join the School Lottery:

1. It is easy
2. It is a good way to raise money for our school, with it costing our families from as little as £1 per week
3. One of our supporters wins a cash prize every week, the more supporters we have the more you win
 4. An added bonus of winning one of the national cash or gift prizes, this month, it is £1,000
5. If you refer your friends and family, you are also in with the chance to win an extra £200 Amazon voucher

We haven't heard that anyone has won any of the £25, 000 national prizes in July or August!

Well done to all our winners and thank you to those who have donated their winnings back. Also, a big thank you to our supporters. It is always great to see new people winning and also those who seem to win regularly!

This academic year, we have raised **£434.80**.

Since our launch in October 2014, we have raised an amazing **£9,000** for our 'Friends of Orton School'.

The School Lottery is an excellent fundraiser for our school - raising **just under £1000** per year to supplement the school budget! If you are interested in buying a ticket, and supporting our fundraising, please see the attached poster. If you are already a member please feel free to share with family members that might like to join.

Winners are announced weekly on our FOOS Facebook page.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Friends of Orton School (FOOS)

E-School Nurse Clinic

(By appointment only)

Twice weekly health support and advice for parents, carers and professionals who are supporting children and young people aged 5-19 years old.



Tuesday and Thursday

Telephone for an appointment

0300 304 9039

You will be able to talk to a school nurse, the contact will be private, secure and confidential. In consultation with you, the nurse will assess the child or young person's health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.



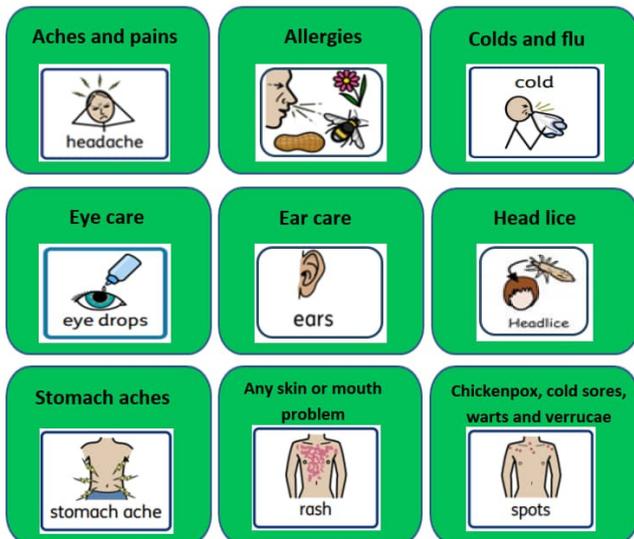
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Free advice and treatment

Did you know your local pharmacy can help with minor illness? Just walk in and ask for advice.

Visit your pharmacy if you're suffering from:



Free advice and treatment

If you don't pay for your prescriptions you can get a wide range of medication free from your local community pharmacy.

Pharmacists are experts in the use of medicine and they can help you manage your minor illness.



DADPAD - App for new dads for advice and support

Dads-to-be in Lancashire and South Cumbria can now download the DadPad app for advice and support. The app is a useful resource before baby arrives and after baby is born, and is designed to be used as a quick, on-the-go reference tool, allowing new dads to enjoy their babies and feel more confident about fatherhood. The app covers topics such as:

- Feeding, holding, changing, and cleaning your baby
- Surviving without sleep and coping with crying
- Getting to know your baby
- Home safety and first aid
- Looking after yourself and supporting your partner.

The app is now free to download for parents in all Lancashire and South Cumbria postcodes.

[DadPad](#) | [DadPad app](#) | [Essential guide for new dads \(thedadpad.co.uk\)](#)