



# Orton Church of England Primary School

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## Happy New Year

It seems a distant memory now but I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

Our term in school has started well, the children are happy and enthusiastic about their learning.

As you know Mrs Green will retire soon and of course we wish her well. Miss Simpson is now covering some of Mrs Green's Teaching Assistant hours and we have made some changes to our staffing timetable which came into effect at the beginning of this term. Mrs Green is currently facilitating a handover period and the new timetable seems to be working well. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to come and ask.



## URGENT HELP NEEDED AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ASSISTANT ORTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are looking for someone to be an After School Club Assistant three to five afternoons a week. There may also be the opportunity to do some Breakfast Clubs and take on other roles in school.

Full training will be given  
To Start ASAP

HOURS 3.30pm – 5.30pm – Three to five days/ week

Pay: £12 per hour, Holiday Pay & Free Club for own children.

If you are interested, please get in touch with Headteacher – Emma Pomfret for an informal discussion.

Contact Telephone – 015396 24268 / [head@orton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:head@orton.cumbria.sch.uk)

Orton CE School is a  
happy place to learn, grow and thrive.

## Ullswater Cruise

One of our parents has offered us a free evening cruise on Ullswater as a fundraising event. FOOS have discussed this at their recent AGM. It is a fantastic opportunity for our school and fundraising but our current FOOS committee haven't got the capacity to organise this. We are looking for a small team of volunteers who could organise this potentially very special event for our school. Please get in touch ASAP if you think you could help, it would be much appreciated.

## Stars

Our next Stars Assembly of the year is on Friday 26th January at 9.15am. Visitors are very welcome to join us in school for our Stars Celebration! We hope you can join us.

## Westmorland Services Singing

Our children raised a phenomenal £311.37 singing at Tebay Services before Christmas. A huge thank you to the Westmorland Family for allowing us to use their foyer to raise money for school. The money will be used for music resources.



## British Red Cross

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The collections at the end of our Nativity performances raised £123.82 for the British Red Cross. Our older children chose this charity to help those people in the World currently affected by war. Thank you if you contributed.

## Governors

We are really pleased to be welcoming three new governors to our school governing body.

Councillor John Murray—Local Authority governor

John Newton—Foundation governor

Adrian Allen—Foundation governor

We really appreciate them giving so freely of their time for the benefit of our children and the school. There will be more information about them on the school website soon. <https://www.ortoncofeprimary.co.uk/meet-the-governors/>

## Diary Dates



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

16/1/24	7pm FOOS Meeting Town End
24/1/24	Cumbria X-Country Championships
25/1/24	Mrs Green Last Day!
26/1/24	9.15am Stars
26/1/24	Residential Deposits Due
5/2/24	Internet Safety week
6/2/24	Safer Internet Day
9/2/24	2.50pm Stars
9/2/24	Break Up
19/2/24	9am Start of Half term
19/2/24	Udance tickets on sale
20/2/24	Life Education Visit
8/3/24	9.15am Stars
21/3/24	1.30-8.15pm UDance
22/3/24	2.50pm Stars
25/3/24	9.30pm – End of term service
26-28/3/24	Class 3 Keppleway Residential
27/3/24	Action Ants Ball Sports KS2
28/3/24	End of Spring Term
16/4/24	Start of Spring Term
7/5/24	Wheelchair basketball



# Free school meals and clothing vouchers

Apply online to see if your child or children can get free school meals and clothing vouchers. In certain circumstances free school meals are available to families with no recourse to public funds.

## Qualifying for free school meals and school clothing vouchers

### Benefits you receive

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get 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 of **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).

### Benefits your child receives

Children who get paid these benefits paid to them, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get 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

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2023.

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

Any child receiving Income Support or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right is also entitled to get free school meals.

Free schools meals are available to statutory school aged children attending full time education. Full education is full days 9am to 3pm, this excludes private nurseries and further education colleges.

## Apply for free school meals and school clothing vouchers

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

[Apply for free school meals and school clothing vouchers](#)

- 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 for the vouchers.
- If you are unable to apply online please contact the free school meals team - telephone: **0300 373 3300**.

More information can be found here;

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

