



## Orton Church of England Primary School

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### Welcome Back

Welcome back after the half term break, I hope you all had a lovely week. Spring feels like it might just be on its way !!! We are looking forward to another busy half term.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the textiles/ bric a brac collection, your response has been amazing! We hope you have lots of space in your homes now!



### 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.



### Life Education

Tomorrow we are having our annual visit from Harold and the Life Education team. They will be running workshops throughout the day for all our children.

There will be a parent session from 8.55-9.10am in the school hall. This is an opportunity for parents to find out what the children will be learning and to ask questions.

There will be some optional Harold merchandise on sale for £1.00. Absolutely no pressure though.



### Stars

Our next Stars Assembly of the year is on Friday 8th March at 9.15am. Visitors are very welcome to join us in school for our Stars Celebration! We hope you can join us.

### U Dance Tickets



Class 3 and 4 will be taking part in UDance on the evening of Thursday 21st March at the Crown and Mitre Hotel in Carlisle. Parents can now buy tickets by following the link below;  
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/udancefestivalcumbria/1157766>  
If you are planning to come and watch, please buy your tickets ASAP as they do sell out.

### Sensory Box

Mrs Cairns is putting together a sensory box for our children to use. She is looking to include some fidget or sensory toys. If you have any that are surplus to requirements that you would be willing to donate we'd really appreciate them. They would need to be in good clean condition.



### Music Inspiration Days

Cumbria Music Service are planning some Music 'Inspiration days' across Cumbria.



The link below takes you to the hub website and the list of days should grow!

Their next event is a Jazz camp for Girls on Saturday 2nd March  
**All Cumbrian Schools are welcome.**

<https://cumbriamusicclub.com/music-inspiration-days/>

Jazz camp is for girls aged between 8 and 15 yrs of age.

Look out for more music Inspiration days in the future.

## Diary Dates



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

19/2/24	Udance tickets on sale
20/2/24	Life Education Visit
22/2/24	Class 2 Road Safety Workshop
	Class 3 & 4 Textiles Art Visit to Fairfield Mill
23/2/24	Key Steps Gymnastics
27/2/24	Parent Meetings
29/2/24	Rescheduled Quickstick Competition
7/3/24	Charlie's Church—N/ R & Yr1
8/3/24	9.15am Stars
9/3/24	Spring Farmers Market—Spring Bulbs for sale
15/3/24	Class 3 Residential Payments final date
21/3/24	1.30-8.15pm UDance
22/3/24	2.50pm Stars
25/3/24	9.30am – 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
W/c 17/6/24	Swimming Wk
W/c 1/7/24	Class 4 IOM Residential

# 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>



**NEW!**

Starting Monday 26th Feb 2024!

NEWBIGGIN-ON-LUNE

**Little  
Lambs**

BABY & TODDLER  
GROUP

NEW BABY & TODDLER GROUP  
AT NEWBIGGIN-ON-LUNE CHAPEL,  
MONDAYS (TERM TIME), 10-11:30AM  
REFRESHMENTS FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN  
£2 ENTRY (PLUS 50P PER EXTRA CHILD)

