



# Orton Church of England Primary School

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To make sure we keep everyone as safe as possible please do not drop off or collect your children outside school. Please park a little further away and walk.

We have an unofficial agreement that everyone avoids driving on the lane past school at drop off and collection times so that everyone can walk to school safely. If you do need to drive past school then please try to drive from north to south (the same direction as the buses).

We have a duty to keep pedestrians & vehicles on site separate. Please help us by not walking across the school carpark & sticking to the pedestrian path even at Breakfast & After School Club.



Please pass on to anyone who collects your child(ren).



## 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. It is a fantastic opportunity for our school & 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 9th February at 2.50pm. Visitors are very welcome to join us in school for our Stars Celebration! We hope you can join us.

## FOOS Textile Collection

FoOS have arranged a textile collection with a new supplier for Monday 19th February. This is the Monday straight after half term! Hopefully we can all find the time for a good clear out during the break.

This new supplier will collect anything other than furniture, so that includes:

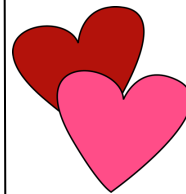
- Clothes and shoes, including uniform.
- Household linens - bed linen, curtains, cushions, blankets etc.
- Hard and soft toys.
- Books and games.
- Small electrical items.
- Crockery.
- Bric-a-brac.

Start collecting now and tell your friends please. The more they weigh, the more they pay! All proceeds raised will benefit the children of Orton School.

Please ensure all items are good, clean condition.

### Children's Valentine Disco

Please scroll down for details of the FOOS Valentine Disco. Drop your children off from 5.30pm. If they are in ASC please send them with party clothes and a packed tea.



## Diary Dates



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

5/2/24	Internet Safety week
6/2/24	Safer Internet Day
7/2/24	FOOS Valentine Disco
8/2/24	Quicksticks Hockey
9/2/24	2.50pm Stars
9/2/24	Break Up
19/2/24	9am Start of Half term
	Udance tickets on sale
	Textile Collection
20/2/24	Life Education Visit
23/2/24	Key Steps Gymnastics
27/2/24	Parent Meetings
8/3/24	9.15am Stars
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

FRIENDS OF



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**DISCO**

with DJ Mrs Mounsey!

**£2**  
on the door

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shop

**Wednesday 07/02/24**

**5.30-6.30pm at Orton C of E School**



# 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>