



Orton Church of England Primary School

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Christmas Farmers Market



As usual we have been asked if our children would sing in church at the Christmas Farmers Market

on Saturday 14th December at 10am for around half an hour. We need as many children from across school to come and join in singing our nativity songs and some more traditional Christmas carols. Please put the date in your diary and bring your children to sing whilst you enjoy a brew and a mince pie in the lovely atmosphere. If we don't get enough children then we won't be able to carry on with this lovely Christmas tradition which our community loves. Please come along with your children and support us.

Christmas Party—Thursday 19th December

Children are welcome to come in their party clothes on Party day! Please remember we will be playing outside as usual so nothing too precious. Mrs Davidson & Mrs Douthwaite will be making most of the party food but as usual we are asking families for a small donation of party e.g. Crisps, savoury snacks, cakes, biscuits.



Nativity Performances

Our Nativity Performances will be next Tuesday. All children from Reception to Year 6 are expected to be at the evening performance. Please bring the children to school no earlier than 5.50pm. Doors will not open to either the children or parents until this time.

Stay and Play

There will be no Stay and Play next Tuesday 10th December due to our Nativity performance at 2pm. There will be a session on Tuesday 17th December



Christmas Post

School Christmas post box is now open. Last post Thursday 19th December!

Young Voices

Final balances for Young Voices are due next Monday 9th December. You can see your balance on ParentPay

Children in Need

Thank you for your support our School Council raised £133.20 for Children in Need



Stars

Our next Stars Assembly of the year is on Friday 13th December at 2.50pm. Visitors are very welcome to join us in school for our Stars Celebration! We hope you can join us.



Help Needed!

We have various wooden gardening tools and a wooden bench that need some TLC. Does anyone have the skills to help us out or know maybe a grandparent who has a little time on their hands? Please let us know if you can help

Christingle



The All Saint's Christingle service is on Monday 16th December at 6pm in All Saint's Church. Our older children will be making the Christingles in school.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come along to this lovely service.

End of Term

Our end of term Christmas Service will be at 1.30pm on 20th December. Everyone is welcome to join us in All Saint's Church. Following the service you will be able to collect your children from school at around 2.30pm. Buses will leave around 2.30pm.

After School Club will be available but is it **ESSENTIAL** you book then we know what staffing provision we need.

Christmas Jumpers



On Friday 13th it is Save the Children Christmas Jumper day so we are inviting everyone to wear a Christmas jumper in exchange for a donation of £1 to Save the Children.



Christmas Jumpers can be worn for Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 18th December.

Diary Dates



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

Blue denotes new dates

9/12/24	Young Voice Final Balance Due Nativity Dress Rehearsal
10/12/24	2pm & 6pm Nativity & FOOS Hamper raffle
11/12/24	Singing at Methodist Drop In
12/12/24	KS2 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang—Blackpool
13/12/24	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day FOOS—Secret Santa 2.50pm Stars
14/12/24	Christmas Farmers Market—Date corrected
16/12/24	Yr 3 & 4 Residential deposit due 6pm Christingle, All Saints Church— Date Change
17/12/24	EYFS & KS1 The Man who wanted to be a penguin—Brewery, Kendal
18/12/24	Christmas Lunch (Christmas Jumpers)
19/12/24	Christmas Party (Party Clothes)
20/12/24	1.30pm End of Term Christmas Service Church End of term
7/1/25	9am Spring Term Starts
10/1/25	Free ASC Razzmatazz 3.40-4.40pm
17/1/25	Tim Farron Visit
7/2/25	Young Voices
14/2/24	End of half term
2-4/4/25	Yr 3 & 4 Residential Hawse End
16/6/25	School Swimming
30/6/25—4/7/25	Yr 5 & 6 Residential London

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.

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[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: <p><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></p>	

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

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

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Search for: Orton



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



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 Video Clinics (By appointment only)



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

Tuesday and Thursday

You will be able to talk to the nurse over a live video link using [Attend Anywhere](#). The link is private, secure, confidential and convenient.

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.

For more information on the **E-School Nurse video clinic**

Please read the information leaflet or visit:

www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19

You can telephone for an appointment

01228 603973 Mon-Fri 8-4pm



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