

# Orton Church of England Primary School

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## Ms Alderson

As I'm sure you know before Christmas we advertised for a Teaching Assistant to mainly help support Oak Class with their learning. We are delighted to let you know that we appointed Ms Sue Alderson. We have welcomed Ms Alderson into our staff team and she has already had a very positive impact on Oak Class. Ms Alderson will also be working in Breakfast and After School Club. Please say hello to her if you see her around school.



## Spring Term Parent Meetings

Our Spring Term parent meetings will be on Wednesday 12th February. We will be offering free Movie ASC whilst parents are meeting with teachers. A letter with details for booking will be coming soon!



## Young Voices

Young Voices is this Friday!!! Any children who are not going to the concert should come into school as normal otherwise it has to be unauthorised.

## PE Kits

Do you have any outgrown Orton PE Shorts and T-shirts? If you do please send them into school so we can pass them on to children who need them.



## Residential

Payments for the Yr 3 & 4 Hawse End and Yr 5 & 6 London residentials can be made in instalments on ParentPay. The full balances must be paid before the trips.

## Free After School Club

Our free After School Club is Razzamatazz with Chaneen this term until Easter. Razz is every Friday 3.40-4.40pm. All welcome from Reception to Year 6



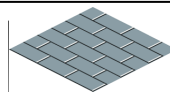
## Free School Meals and Clothing Vouchers

Did you know you may qualify for free school meals and clothing vouchers? Please check even if your child currently is in R to Yr2 so receives universal free school meals. If you qualify, it is important that you apply as this brings extra funds into school known as Pupil Premium which we can use to support all our children's learning.

Scroll down for the criteria and links for how to apply.

## Stars

Our next Stars Assembly of the year is on Friday 14th February at 2.50pm. Visitors are very welcome to join us in school for our Stars Celebration! We hope you can join us.



## Help Needed!

Has anyone got a little tile adhesive and some skills to stick a couple of loose tiles on the wall in the kitchen and on our Mayday mural at the front of school? It is a little job for the right person!!! Get in touch if you can help.

## Lateness

School starts promptly at 9am. Children can be dropped off in the playground from 8.45am. We understand that occasionally circumstances mean you might run a little late for school. However, if a child is regularly 5 minutes late for school they miss a whopping three and a half days of schooling!!! They also arrive in the classroom after the other children have settled and started their learning so they do not have the best start to their day and it is very disruptive to the rest of the class. Please give your child and the rest of the class the best start to their school day by arriving on time everyday.



# Diary Dates



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

Blue denotes new dates

3/2/25	Key Steps Gymnastics at AGS
7/2/25	Young Voices
13/2/25	Birch Class Trip to White Scar Caves
	EVSP Dodgeball Yr 5 & 6
12/2/25	Parent meetings—letter coming soon
14/2/25	2.50pm Stars
	End of half term
24/2/25	9am Start of half term
27/2/25	Life Education
6/3/25	World Book Day
7/3/25	9.15am Stars
	EVSP Girls Football at KSGS
10/3/25	Assembly by PCSO Lamour
13/3/25	EVSP Yr3/4 Quick Sticks at KSGS
W/c 17/3/25	Active Travel Week—Walk to School Week
19/3/25	PCSO Lamour—Water Safety Sessions
21/3/25	2.50pm Stars
24/3/25	Rowan & Birch Trip to Rasigill Hall Farm
25/3/25	Rowan Class—Swimming day
26/3/25	Yr 5 & 6 Football Festival Settlebeck
28/3/25	Oak—Swimming Life Saving Day
1/4/25	9.30am End of Term Easter Service
2-4/4/25	Yr3 & 4 Residential—Hawse End
4/4/25	End of Spring Term
22/4/25	9am Start of Summer Term
	1st 3.40-4.40pm Zumba ASC
25/4/25	EVSP Tag Rugby at Upper Eden RC
12/5/25	SATs Wk—Year 6
16/5/25	University of Central Lancashire Science Fair
19/5/25	Tempest School Photos
23/5/25	Wheelchair Basketball
	End of Half Term
2/6/25	9am Start of Half Term
16/6/25	School Swimming
30/6/25—4/7/25	Yr 5 & 6 Residential London
18/7/25	End of Summer Term



# 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](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/sign-in-universal-credit)







**Day: Wednesday**

**Time: 6-7pm**

**Age: U8s, U10s and U12s**

**Venue: Penrith Leisure Centre – Astro**

**Both Boys and Girls made Very Welcome**  
**Come and give it a go!! – No booking required** 😊  
*Season runs Sept – May ½ term - new players welcome at any time*

For further information:  
contact Emma Nicholson – [emmanicholson75@gmail.com](mailto:emmanicholson75@gmail.com)



### **Penrith Hockey Club**

Penrith Leisure Centre, CA11 8JH  
Junior Co-ordinator: Emma Nicholson  
Welfare Officer: Elizabeth Pullan

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 \(heiapply.com\)](https://www.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"> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Do not contact the school. Calling the school could tie up telephone lines that are needed for contacting emergency providers;</li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Wait for the school to contact them about when it is safe for them to collect their children, and where this will be from.</li> </ul>	
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](mailto: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) [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**



**YOUR  
SCHOOL  
LOTTERY**

- Tickets from just £1 a week
- Chance to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Support our fundraising!

**PLAY NOW:**

Go to

[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)

Search for: Orton



Gamble **Aware**

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)



# Orton

## After School Club

Activity programme for the 7th January 2025 - 14th February 2025



Day	Activity
Monday	Construction Club
Tuesday	Gymnastic Club
Wednesday	Board Games
Thursday (Cheerleading Breakfast Club from 8am)	Cooking Club
Friday	Razzmatazz—Free Club Music, Drama, Dance

3:30pm—4:30pm £3.50

3:30pm—5:30pm £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 [admin@orton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@orton.cumbria.sch.uk).

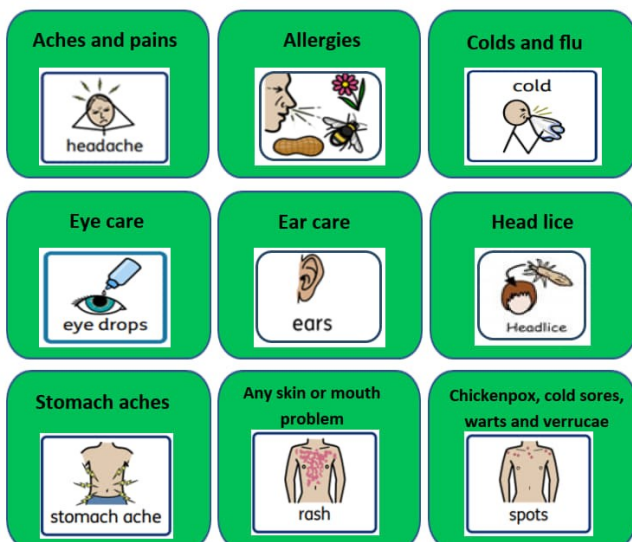




### Free advice and treatment

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 \(thedadpad.co.uk\)](#)

# 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](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19)**

You can telephone for an appointment

**01228 603973 Mon-Fri 8-4pm**



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