



# Orton Church of England Primary School

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## Welcome Back

I hope you have all had a lovely half term break and a little chance to have a rest! This is always the busiest half term of the year as we approach Christmas so take time to look after yourselves! There is lots coming up so please keep your eye on the diary dates below!!

### Primary Science Quality Mark



Over the last year, we have been working towards the Primary Science Quality Mark. This was a huge undertaking which has required a lot of hard work! We already prioritised science teaching and learning but there is always room for improvement to be the best we can be and provide our children with the best possible science experience.

As part of this work we have reviewed and updated the science curriculum, developed a vision for science including pupil and staff views, updated resources and built strong partnerships with other schools particularly Settlebeck and UCC. We submitted a huge amount of evidence to meet a significant number of objectives.

We have recently been informed that we have successfully been awarded the Primary science Quality Mark in recognition of the high quality science we provide. You will now see the quality mark is on our school letterhead. Thank you to everyone who has helped on this journey.

The journey doesn't end here as we continue to strive to be the best we can be for our children!

### ASC

This half term our free club is Art with Andi for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children. Andi makes some phenomenal art with the children. Please book by emailing [admin@orton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@orton.cumbria.sch.uk)

### Brass Lessons

We have some spaces for children to take up brass lessons with Mrs Wignall. As we have spaces we are opening these up to children in Year 2. Mrs Wignall is happy to work with your child to decide which brass instrument suits them best and she will also be able to provide an instrument. Please get in touch with the office if you would like your child to take up a brass instrument.



### Children in Need

Everyone is invited to come dressed in spots for Children in Need on Friday 15th November in exchange for a donation to Children in Need.



### Stars

Our next Stars Assembly of the year is on Friday 22nd November at 9.15am. Visitors are very welcome to join us in school for our Stars Celebration! We hope you can join us.

## Thankfulness

Our Christian Value this half term is Thankfulness. We will be using our worship time to consider what we are grateful for. What are you grateful for? It's often the simple things in life that we take for granted!

### Stay and Play

Stay and Play run every Tuesday afternoon in term time from 1.30pm – 3.30pm Please spread the word as they are open to all parents and their babies and toddlers. Families don't have to be considering Orton School to come along to these free and friendly play sessions. The more the merrier!

### Remembrance

We now have poppies for sale in school. The poppy box will go round the classes everyday when children are welcome to make a donation in exchange for a poppy. Our Remembrance service will be Monday 11th in school at 10.30am—everyone is welcome to join us.

## Diary Dates



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

Blue denotes new dates

- 5/11/24 KS2 Hunter Hall Cross Country
- 6/11/24 Asby Inter School Quiz
- 8/11/24 School Council Elections
- 11/11/24 10.30am Remembrance Worship—All Welcome
- 12/11/24 3.30pm FOOS Meeting in School All welcome
- 13/11/24 Yr5/6 BAE Science event at Settlebeck
- 15/11/24 Children in Need—dress in spots
- 21/11/24 Yr 1 & 2 Basic Moves Festival
- 22/11/24 9.15am Stars
- 23/11/24 Christmas Craft Fair Market Hall
- 28/11/24 FOOS Wreath Making in school
- 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
- 6pm Christingle in All Saints Church
- 14/12/24 Christmas Farmers Market—Date corrected
- 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
- 7/1/24 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.

#### 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>	

# 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**.



# 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'.

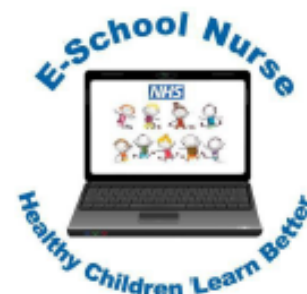
The School Lottery is an excellent fundraiser for our school - raising **just under £1000** per year to supplement the school budget! If you are interested in buying a ticket, and supporting our fundraising, please see the attached poster. If you are already a member please feel free to share with family 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)

# 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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