

Ormskirk Church of England Primary School

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This was the real light - the light that comes into the world and shines on all mankind. John 1:9

Newsletter no. 12

Advent has started.

8th December 2023

Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th December Year 5 Bikeability Group 2

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day
Children can wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform.

5:30 for 6pm Christingle Service for Years 3 & 4, Ormskirk Parish Church

Wednesday 13th December

2:00pm Reception Nativity and

Thursday 14th December 6:00pm Reception Nativity

Friday 15th December 9:00am 6S class worship - Parents welcome Reception trip to Southport Pantomime

Monday 18th December PFA Christmas Gift Sale

Tuesday 19th December 5:30pm Year 5 Winter Big Sing at Ormskirk School

Thursday 21st December 9:00am Church Service, Ormskirk Parish Church After School Club finishes at 5pm.

Monday 8th January School re-opens

Wednesday 10th January 9:15am or 1:15pm Open Day

Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th January Year 5 Bikeability Group 1 catch up



Year 5 & 6 Athletics

Well Done to Jake, Charlie, Harry, James, Enzo, Tom, Jacob, Aoife, Mason, Amelia, Grace,

Connie, Daisy, Jakey, Jayden, Olivia, Sophie, Charlotte, Anna and Jade who competed at Burscough this morning and won bronze medals out of 8 schools.



On Wednesday, we welcomed back James Kirby, an ex-pupil turned accomplished musician to school.

James

performed his own songs to Years 4, 5 & 6 and answered questions.



Year 6 then had the opportunity of learning the art of song-writing in a workshop.

His first live performance was here at the tender age of 7!



If any parents have missed out on adult tickets for **Young Voices** there is a volunteering opportunity, bucket collecting for charity before the show. You will then be able to watch for free. Please email Mrs Illingworth via the office if you are interested.



Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 13th December

Please book in advance on School Gateway.

Choose **Blue** option for Roast Turkey or

Yellow option for Roast Quorn.

These will be the only options.

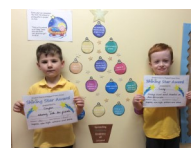
The lollipop lady on the junction of Tower Hill and Greetby Hill (Nicola, whose last day was Wednesday) would like to say

thank you to all the lovely parents and children who made her feel welcome while she was here.



Congratulations to our award winners this week.

Well Done Clayton, Sonny, All of 1B, Dolly, Izzy, Ethan, Caitlin, Harry, Alfie, Violet, Ruby, Daisy and Nick.



Well Done to the Year 2 Athletics team - Tafara, Carter, Henry, Zoe, Hannah, Isaac and Lenora, who competed yesterday.





Dangerous Weather Conditions

As the nights get colder, ponds and lakes start to freeze over and become incredibly dangerous.

We are urging parents to speak to their children about the dangers of playing on frozen ponds. It can be extremely difficult for the Fire Service to rescue people trapped in frozen water.

School Attendance

Until this week attendance has been very good across the school but this week lots of infants have been wiped out by a nasty cough.

Next week we will be sending home your child's attendance for the term. Please look at it and let us know if you see any discrepancies. This will happen at the end of every term from now on.

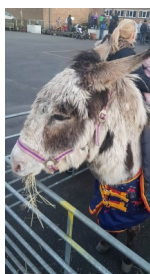
If your child experiences difficulty with their breathing and you are concerned, don't wait. There is a virus going round that causes a respiratory wheeze.

Ormskirk Hospital A&E is only open from 8am-midnight. 24 hour A&E can be found at Wigan (WN1 2NN) and Alder Hey (L14 5AB) hospitals.



Thank you to Years 1 & 2 for their carol concert on Tuesday.

A great way to get into the festive spirit.



In parents WhatsApp groups, please be careful not to be negative about any individual - children, parents or staff, either directly or indirectly. We must remember all the time that we are modelling good practice for our children.

WhatsApp groups have been great for sharing information and asking for last minute help. As a school we have been lucky with our groups compared to other schools. Let's keep up being polite, positive and cheerful!



The PFA will be holding the Christmas Gift Sale on Monday 18th December for all children (including pre-school) – classes will be brought to the sale by their teachers.

A variety of gifts will be available to purchase. If you would like your child to join in, please send them in with change if possible (suggested no more than £5) and a carrier bag.

The PFA are also looking for volunteers to help set up and with serving. If you are able to help between 8.40am and around 1pm (or part of) please contact the PFA by email on pfa@ormskirk-ce.lancs.sch.uk or via the PFA Facebook page.



Just so parents are aware, there have been a couple of cases of head lice in Year 1. These children have been treated but please keep an eye on your own children's hair and treat if necessary. Thank you

Swimming Days

Reception Tuesday pm
Year 1 Wednesday am
Year 2 Tuesday am
Year 3 Wednesday pm
Year 5 Thursday pm
Nursery Friday pm

All children need a swimming hat or they won't be able to swim. These can be bought from either office for £4.
There will be no swimming in the last week of term.

Born 2 Move

Autumn Timetable 2023

| Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| 4CM | 4CM | 3S |
| 4W | 5F | 4W |
| 3G | 5I | 5F |

| Clubs running week beginning Monday 11th December | | | | |
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| 11th Dec | 12th Dec | 13th Dec | 14th Dec | 15th Dec |
| Years 1-6 Taekwondo Lunchtime | | Years 3-6 Archery Lunchtime | Years 5/6 Choir Lunchtime | Years 3-6 Cross Country Lunchtime |
| Busy Bees Club Calm Club Lunchtime | Busy Bees Club Calm Club Lunchtime | Busy Bees Club Calm Club Lunchtime | Busy Bees Club Calm Club Lunchtime | Busy Bees Club Calm Club Lunchtime |
| Years 1-6 Football 3:30 - 4:30 | Reception - Year 2 Dance Club 3:30 - 4:30 | Year 4 Netball 3:30 - 4:30 | Years 1-6 Girls' Football 3:30 - 4:30 | Year 5 Netball 3:30 - 4:30 Years 4-6 Dodgeball 3:30 - 4:45 |

Dance Club for Reception, Year 1 & 2 will start after school on Tuesday 12th December. This are a maximum of 30 places on a first come basis. Please message on Gateway if interested.



Christmas Parties

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 - Thursday 21st December
 Year 3 - Wednesday 20th December
 Year 4 - Tuesday 19th December
 Year 5 - Monday 18th December
 Year 6 - Friday 15th December

Reception to Year 2 children can come to school on the day of their party in their party clothes (with a coat and sensible shoes for breaks).
Years 3 - 6 should bring their party clothes in a bag to change into at lunchtime.



We have a large number of unnamed school jumpers that are left lying around school. This makes it incredibly difficult to return them. These will now go to lost property for a week and if unclaimed will be washed and then re-homed in Shop Smart.



New Term Courses

Ormskirk Primary School

Dear parents / guardians,

Next term Active Sport are again running after-school football sessions on Mondays and Thursdays (Girls Football) with Coach Fizaan. To book your place, please visit www.active-sport.co.uk and click 'Find your nearest session' and click the 'West Lancashire' option.

Session Information:

Dates: Monday 8th January – 5th February (5 Weeks) / Thursday 11th January – 8th February (5 Weeks)

Time: 3:30 - 4:30pm

Price: £28.50 - £5.50 per session + £1 Booking fee (Full Block payment only)

Extra Information: Please bring football/sports kit, appropriate for the weather, trainers or football boots, and a drink.

For any further enquiries, Contact Active Sport Sefton - hugh@activesportsgroup.co.uk

Booking information for after school football in January.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2024

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE 15 JANUARY 2024

Lancashire County Council

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY SOUTH

Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2024 and living in Lancashire?

Apply now and check your eligibility for school transport at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools or call 01772 532109

Closing date: 15 January 2024

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

HAVE YOUR SAY Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/education and click 'School Admissions Policies'.

Lancashire County Council

Information about applying for primary school places. Closing date for applications is **15th January**. Don't leave applying until the last minute! Late applications do not always get their first choice of school.

There are places available at 1st Ormskirk Beaver Scouts for girls and boys, aged 6 to 8. They meet on Tuesdays from 6.30 to 7.30pm (during term time) at Wigan Road Scout Hut. Younger children can be added to their waiting list. Text Ann on 07545551132 for more details