



Ormskirk Church of England Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents,

The children have nearly completed a long but successful and enjoyable term. Tomorrow morning all the school children from reception to Y6 should be dropped off **at church**. The children who are attending Breakfast Club are walked there by a member of staff. Parents hand their children over to a member of staff at the at the top of the church aisle. Parents are welcome to stay for the service.

Congratulations to Reception who produced a wonderful nativity on Monday evening, which included precise and coordinated actions and drama with confident singing. The children said their words with clarity, and all performed so well. On Tuesday morning Reception went to watch a pantomime at the Southport Theatre and virtually all stayed awake enough to enjoy it 😊.

On reflection at the end of 2025 do remember to look at our Moments of the Month on Sway (via the website). Highlights are often the trips which we continue to offer to every class every term. But also, we have increasingly strong academic results compared to national averages and the next few years coming through are on track for an even higher percentage of children achieving the expected and higher standard in English and maths. The results which appear on the government's Compare Schools SATs results show all pupils including children who have joined us in the juniors. Remember that children who start in Reception with us consistently achieve not just good but outstanding results.

The closing date for Reception applications is in early January. Therefore, Mr Boyd has arranged an Open Day for the first Wednesday of the Spring term (Wed 7th January). Either arrive at 9:30am or 1:15pm for a tour of school. If your child attends our nursery they are not automatically enrolled to school, you **MUST** apply for a place before the January deadline to secure a place. Please remember to clear any outstanding school or nursery balances, before you get too carried away on Christmas spends and January sales.

As mentioned in a newsletter in October, from January to Easter I will be temporality working for the local authority, as the headteacher of Little Digmoor Primary School in Skelmersdale. Mr Boyd will be the Acting Headteacher and all emails to head@ormskirk-ce.lancs.sch.uk will be received by Mr Boyd not myself from this weekend until I return in the summer term. The governors have appointed Mrs Harrison an experienced teacher with a specialist interest in early years as Acting Deputy Headteacher for the spring term. I am sure that as a school community you will make her feel welcome.

We have the most wonderful school, full of so many opportunities and set within stunning grounds. But the most treasured aspect of school are the relationships and warmth between staff, children and parents. I am already looking forward to catching up with everyone in the summer term and have already packed my bag for the Y6 London residential (*metaphorically*)!

Merry Christmas & an early Happy Easter!

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