



Ormskirk Church of England Primary and Nursery School

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3rd September 2026

Headteacher Letter to Parents Autumn Term 2026

It has been super seeing all the children back in school and receiving so many smiles within ten minutes of the doors opening. Welcome to the following children who have just joined our school: Eshaal (1W), Elise (1W), Lily (4W), Dylan (5I) and Layla (5I).

On Tuesday next week we welcome all of our new Reception.

Great Results from End of Summer Term Year 6 SATs

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: school	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally	Average scaled score: school	Average scaled score: nationally
English reading	86%	75%	109	106
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	81%	74%	107	105
Mathematics	78%	75%	107	105
English writing (teacher assessment)	81%	73%	N/A	N/A
Science (teacher assessment)	86%	82%	N/A	N/A

Meanwhile, results from the Y4 Times Table Screening were above the national average as were the number of children who passed their phonics screening in Y1. Finally, our end of Reception assessments also showed that children were performing above the national average. A huge congratulations to all of those children who have attained high scores and also those who made tremendous progress, regardless of their starting points.

Sporting Successes in Summer

We had already had triumphs in many sports before the summer, including winning the area swimming & excelling in football. Then in the summer we reached the Lancashire Finals for athletics, netball and cricket. This autumn we will be entering numerous tournaments and will be re starting various club. These will include football, dance, taekwondo, cross country running, dodgeball disco and netball. Do read the weekly newsletters for club updates.



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Trips Already Starting

On Monday Year 5 are starting their humanities project on Castles & the United Kingdom by visiting Conwy Castle and the going to the summit of Snowdon. On Wednesday Year 6 are off to Rock 'n' River to do climbing, abseiling and canoeing. On Tuesday 29th September Year 4 will be going inside the White Scar Caves and walking near Ingleton and Clapham. All trips in the autumn and spring are completely free for parents remember. Details for the trips for the younger classes will be shared in due time in the weekly newsletters.

Swimming Days

Reception start to swim after the October half term and Year 3 will be starting their swimming after Christmas. Meanwhile, swimming for other classes will start from Wednesday, with Year 2 swimming on Wednesday morning, Y1 on Wed afternoon. Y4 and Year 5 will be swimming on Thursday mornings. Pre-School will start swimming in a few weeks and they will be using the pool on Thursday afternoons.

Optional Drop In, 'Who is Who' and Parents' Evenings

On Tuesday there will be an informal drop in between 330 and 430pm for any parents who feel they need to quickly touch base with their child's class teacher before the parents' evening in October. This drop in will take place in your child's classroom and will be on a first come first serve basis. It is likely there will be group of parents waiting at 330pm, so if you don't like waiting but want to still pop in, then maybe go home & return at 415pm. Remember there are parents' evening in only a few weeks, so at the drop in we are only expecting a few parents.

Towards the end of next week you will receive a description of the staff who will be working around your child this year. This will include pictures of staff in your child's year group and the other year group in their phase. Remember that we have a Phase Lead who will be the next point of contact for you after your child's teacher if you need help or have a concern. The names of the phase leaders are: Mrs Mc Bride (nursery), Miss Cocks (Reception), Mrs Wadsworth (Y1 & Y2), Mrs Hardman (Y3 & Y4) and Mrs Illingworth (Y5 & Y6).

Some Key Dates Ahead

- Friday 11th September: Non-Uniform Day – raising money for two charities. Details in newsletter.
- Monday 21st and Friday 25th September: Open Days One hour tours (9:30am & 1:30pm)
- Tue 13th and Thursday 15th October: Parents' Evenings

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- Monday 19th October: INSET Day – both school and nursery closed whilst staff have high-quality computer & AI training
- Monday 26th to Friday 30th October Half Term
- Tuesday 3rd November: Fireworks (here)
- Tuesday 24th November: Individual pupil photos
- Friday 18th December: End of autumn term

Great to see virtually all of you back (today's attendance was over 96%).

Mr Storch