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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- > **Monday 7th September**
Year 5 Trip to Wales: Conwy Castle & Snowdon
- > **Wednesday 9th September**
Year 6 Trip to Rock & River
- > **Friday 11th September**
Non-Uniform Day
- > **Monday 21st and Friday 25th September**
Open Days One hour tours (9:30am & 1:30pm)
- > **Tuesday 29th September**
Y4 Trip to White Scar Caves and Ingleton/Clapham
- > **Friday 2nd October**
6W class worship – Inspire – Parents welcome (9:00am)
- > **Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October**
Parents' Evenings
- > **Friday 16nd October**
Flu vaccinations
- > **Monday 19th October**
INSET Day – both school and nursery closed whilst staff have high quality computer & AI training
- > **Friday 23th October** Harvest Church service lead by Year 2 in Ormskirk Parish Church (for Y 1-6) - Parents welcome to attend
- > **Monday 26th to Friday 30th October**
Half Term (School Holidays)
- > **Tuesday 3rd November**
School Fireworks
- > **Friday 13th November**
6M class worship – Aiming High – Parents welcome (9:00am)
- > **Tuesday 24th November:**
Individual pupil photos

HEADTEACHER UPDATES

Welcome back to a new academic year at Ormskirk CE Primary School.

Please see the Headteacher Letter to Parents for information about our excellent end-of-year results, which were once again well above national averages, along with other important updates for the term ahead. There are also a number of reminders and school updates to share as we begin the year together.

Good attendance remains one of our key priorities. We know that there are occasional times when children do get very ill and should be off, but please try your utmost to maximise your child's attendance (and don't book holidays in term-time). If your child is unwell, absences can be reported quickly and easily via [Studybugs](#) using the [link at the top of the school website](#) or the mobile app.

It is great that your children are looking so smart. Please remember to check names written in jumpers etc haven't faded after washing them. Regarding jewellery we do allow a single stud in each ear and will put a plaster over for PE lessons. We don't allow bracelets or rings. However, in lessons apart from swimming or PE we do allow a modest sized crucifix or comparable religious symbol on a necklace or as a badge. For other [details about uniform](#) please see the school website.

We embrace **technology** for learning and appreciate all the benefits it can bring (eg for accessibility and research). However, it is essential that any child bringing a mobile phone to school hands in it immediately on entering the school building. Phones will be collected at the start of the Junior corridor by the Hub. The phones are then locked away until the end of the day and then returned. If we found that a child had brought in a mobile phone but not handed it in then we will then lock it away until the Friday of that week and the parent will have to come and collect it. Please be aware that we won't allow smart watches (or sunglasses!) which have the facility to film or access the Internet. Again, if we find such a device, the child's parent will have to collect the device and check its history of usage whilst in school. We do have CCTV in and outside school, which is purely used for security.

The room which used to be called the ICT suite this year will be called the **Music Room**. We now use iPads more than stand-alone computers, so the suite is being used less often. This new location for music is where peripatetic lessons will take place, including guitars and keyboards. One of our action points is to focus on music throughout school this year. We know we are already good at teaching singing and many elements of music, but we really want to excel in music in a similar way we currently do in sports. We particularly want children who have a talent or interest in music to have maximum opportunities to extend their learning and perform to a wider range of audiences. Information about **sports clubs and other activities** can be found on our [School Activities and Clubs page on the school website](#).

Mr Storch

CONKERS!

Our **annual conker competition** will begin in a few weeks, so if you start to spot some big, shiny conkers, please collect them and help your child prepare them by making a hole through the centre and threading a shoelace or piece of string through with a large knot at the end. Due to this year's dry weather, the conker crop may be smaller than usual.

Another consequence of the lack of rain has been the loss of one of our most beautiful trees. The tree on the corner of the big field had become dried out internally and presented a high risk of falling, so it unfortunately had to be removed. However, we plan to cut the remaining trunk to waist height and create a varnished woodland-style table for the children to enjoy. The exposed tree rings will also provide a wonderful opportunity for pupils to learn about growth over time and the varying seasons the tree has experienced during its lifetime.



NON-UNIFORM DAY COMING SOON!



Next Friday (11th September), we will be holding a **non-uniform day**. Children are welcome to wear their own clothes, although those who prefer to remain in school uniform are, of course, very welcome to do so.

We are inviting families to make a **minimum donation of £1** per child in support of **two charities** that are particularly meaningful to our school community: the British Heart Foundation and Alfie's Squad. Every contribution, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated.

FURTHER INFORMATION

**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY**

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027.

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.

School transport

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2027

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**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
SECONDARY**

APPLY NOW!
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School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

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