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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- > **Monday 28th October**
INSET Day (School closed)
- > **Wednesday 30th October**
Flu immunisations
- > **Monday 4th November**
Firework display – School children and parents only
- > **Friday 8th November**
6S class worship at 9:10am
Parents welcome
- > **Monday 11th November**
Remembrance Day
- > **Tuesday 12th November**
4:00 - 5:30pm
Nursery Open Evening
- > **Tuesday 26th November**
Individual and sibling photos
- > **Thursday 12th December**
6:00pm
Reception Nativity
- > **Thursday 19th December**
End of Autumn Term
- > **Friday 20th December**
INSET Day (School closed)

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Looking forward to seeing everyone back on TUESDAY!

Please remember to book dinners and club sessions in advance.

Nursery Bookings and Finances

Over the last few days, I have added on bookings for all nursery pupils and updated bill accounts on parents' Gateways after applying the government funded hours. On the INSET day on Monday I will be responding to any emails regarding this or changes from parents. I will also be sifting through any finances already paid by parents which may be sitting in tax voucher websites or the county holding account where money is held if the destination school has not been made clear. Please note that your Gateway accounts for nursery are up to date to the end of the autumn term, not just until half term.

Ofsted Inspection Report from October 2024

The draft copy of the report should be received by school on Monday and then in the first week of November, we should have the final edition which we can send out to all **parents**.

FIREWORK DISPLAY

This is a private event for our school community, including our nursery.

On **Monday 4th November** all the children go home first at the usual end of the school day time. Then return later in wellies and scarves. Remember coins for snacks and hot drinks. The event will be held on the front field and details of timings will be sent out next week.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

Tue 29 Oct	Wed 30 Oct	Thu 31 Oct	Fri 1 Nov
Lunchtime			
	Netball squad development	Year 5-6 Choir	Year 4 Netball
Busy Bees Club Library Club		Busy Bees Club Library Club	Busy Bees Club
After school			
Rec, Year 1-2 Infant Dance Club		Year 5-6 Athletics	Dodgeball
		Year 1-6 Girl's Football	Year 5-6 Netball

INFANT DANCE CLUB

Reception children who were previously enrolled in the club will start on October 29. Please bring water + comfy clothing.

If any children miss the class 2 weeks in a row then their space will be taken by another child on the waiting list.

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

Almost certain that the following will be our term dates for 2025 to 2026 (governors to ratify in two weeks)

Holiday Pattern for Sep 2025 to Aug 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Starts: Monday 1 September 2025

INSET Days: Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September

Half term: Mon 27 October - Fri 31 October 2025

Ends: Friday 19 December 2025

Spring Term 2026

Starts: Monday 5 January 2026

INSET Day: Mon 5th January 2026

Half term: Mon 16 February - Fri 20 February 2026

Ends: Friday 27 March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Starts: Monday 13 April 2026

May Day: Monday 4 May 2026

INSET Day: Friday 22nd May 2026

Half term: Mon 25 May - Fri 29 May 2026

Ends: Monday 20 July 2026

INSET Day: Monday 20th July 2026

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If your child is **absent for any reason**, the school office must be notified via [Gateway](#) before 9:15am on the first day of absence. The gateway message must include a reason for your child's absence.

As Parent/Guardian it is **your legal responsibility** to ensure that your child attends school regularly or provide proper reason for their absence. It is our responsibility to record such reasons. Children who have regular poor attendance will be referred to the Local Authority Attendance Team.

Before a request for leave of absence is made to school, you should consider carefully the possible effect on your child's education.

If your child needs to be absent from school during term time an application form must be completed which should be returned to school at least two weeks before the intended departure date. School will consider a number of factors before granting permission, including your child's attendance record.

NHS

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child

- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu 1mmunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

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WHAT'S ON

LANCASHIRE FAMILY HUBS NETWORK WEST LANCs

Scan the QR code to find out more about Family Hubs.

Scan the QR code to find out what's on in your local area.

FAMILY HUBS NETWORK

Supporting children, young people and families to succeed in Lancashire

QUICK REMINDERS

- Please can parents **label ALL items** of children’s uniform as this means we can return lost items to their owners.
- Please do not leave children **unsupervised** on the junior playground in the morning before the school doors open.
If they have an accident while playing on the play equipment there are no staff around. Any children without an adult will have to be taken into Breakfast Club and parents charged for the session.
- Please do not let young children play in the Reception outdoor learning area while you are waiting to collect Year 1 children.
- On the new trim trail, one important rule we enforce is **no hanging or spinning upside down on the ropes**. If you're supervising your child on the trim trail, please help reinforce this rule.
- Children should not be wearing earrings on days that they have swimming or PE. If they do, they have to be removed for activities and can easily be lost.
- There is a **speed limit** on the main drive and Waterworks Road to safeguard parents and children. This also applies when dropping off for Breakfast Club and picking up from After School Club.
- Children must not ride their bikes or scooters across the playground or into the Hub. Bikes and scooters should be walked across the school grounds as these are busy at the beginning and end of the day.
- We are a **nut-free** school. Please do not send your children in with nuts or nut products for lunch or break times. We have several children with severe nut allergies in school. Thank you!

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please see below for information about applying for primary and secondary school places.

[Online applications](#) are already open. Don’t leave applying until the last minute!



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2025

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025.

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 2025

School transport

Need transport to school? Please don’t forget to check your eligibility for free transport. Search ‘school transport’ at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2025

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2024.

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

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CLOSING DATE
31 OCTOBER 2024

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JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER
or simply come and watch - it's up to you!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS Every Sunday morning	FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS Adults can join in with the kids too!
EVERYONE WELCOME Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - it's up to you!	FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART No special kit needed - wear whatever you like
HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE Share high fives and big smiles!	MAKE FRIENDS Meet lots of new people
LEARN NEW SKILLS Kids can volunteer in lots of roles	FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD Try your best and celebrate your achievements

"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice, it's fun and you can walk if you want to"

Register at parkrun.com and head down to your local junior parkrun event!

notes:

Coronation Park, Sunday, 9am



SCAN ME





Firework Code

- Always supervise young children
- Light sparklers one at a time
- Keep pets indoors
- Keep them in a closed box
- Follow all instructions carefully
- Stand well back

DO's & Don'ts

- Never return to a lit firework
- Don't give sparklers to under 5's
- Don't set fireworks off after 11pm
- Never put them in your pocket
- Never throw them

For more information visit:
www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/bonfires-and-fireworks.aspx



DJ DANNY'S DODGEBALL DISCO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

YEAR 2, 3 & 4.
EVERY FRIDAY At ORMSKIRK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL 3.30PM - 4.30PM

OCTOBER: 11th, 18th
NOVEMBER: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

7 WEEKS OF FUN AND SPORT FOR £35

- Multi-Sport Dodgeball
- Planet Tekkers Dodgeball Football
- TROPHIES MEDALS BONUS PRIZES EACH WEEK
- Target Master throwing challenge
- Star Wars Dodgeball

Join us on this unique after school club, where children will have opportunities to develop and practise a number of fundamental movements and skills in a range of engaging sports and activities. Sessions will be delivered in a safe, fun environment for your child with the added bonus of music and tunes of their choice! MULTI-SPORT DODGEBALL DISCO is for boys & girls from YEAR 2, 3 & 4. The course is played INDOORS. PLAYERS WILL NEED TO WEAR SUITABLE CLOTHING / SPORTS KIT AND FOOTWEAR. Players should also have a drink with them.

To book on this course please TEXT Danny & Rachel on 07584163982 with the following details... Child's Name, Contact number, Medical Conditions
Please also include HOMETIME ARRANGEMENTS:
collected after the course / allowed home alone / attending school's after school club
Please pay £35 via bank transfer, using the following details:
ACCOUNT: DANNY CLARKSON'S FOOTBALL ACADEMY LTD t/a Teamtheme
SORT CODE: 12-24-82 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 06435695
Please use 'ORMSKIRK CHILD'S NAME' as the reference e.g. ORMSKIRK DANNY

Break Time

Fun group activities for children and young people with SEND in Lancashire

Don't forget!

Registrations will be open from **21st October 2024** to **12th January 2025**

Both new and current members must register!

www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND




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Aim High

Achieve

Shine

