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Information Update No. 7

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- > **Monday 11th November**
Remembrance Day
- > **Tuesday 12th November**
4:00 - 5:30pm
Nursery Open Evening
- > **Wednesday**
20th November
2:00 - 6:30pm
Reception Parents' Evening
- > **Tuesday 26th November**
Individual and sibling photos
- > **Tuesday 3rd December**
Year 5 Winter Big Sing Concert at Ormskirk School
All children are attending the day time rehearsal but please consent on Gateway if your child can attend the evening performance.
- > **Thursday 12th December**
6:00pm
Reception Nativity
- > **Monday 16th December**
Reception trip to the Pantomime
- > **Thursday 19th December**
End of Autumn Term
- > **Friday 20th December**
INSET Day (School closed)
- > **Friday 7th February**
Year 5/6 Young Voices Concert
If parents wish to attend, they need to buy their tickets from the Young Voices website by the 28th November!

HEADTEACHER UPDATES

The fireworks display on Monday was a great success – **thank you** for your support and positive feedback. I also noticed that we had virtually no litter left at the end, which may seem like a small detail, but it really makes a difference.

The final draft of the **Ofsted report** has now been released, though it will only be published on the official site by the end of next week. In the meantime, here are a few quotes:

“Pupils meet the school’s high expectations and achieve well.”

“Children in the early years and pupils in Key stage 1 and 2 learn to be kind, thoughtful and polite.”

“Pupils benefit from high-quality relationships with one another and staff.”

As it gets dark so early and with so many parked cars around, please ensure your child has a **reflective strip or a brighter item of clothing**, rather than just dark clothing. We haven’t had any incidents, but I do worry about this — even though it’s technically outside the school’s remit.

On Monday 11th November we are holding assembly later in the morning so that this will fit in with the 11am three minutes of silence.

On Tuesday from 4 to 5:30pm there is an open afternoon for prospective parents of the Nursery.

QUICKIMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please can parents **label ALL items** of children’s uniform as this means we can return lost items to their owners.
- Please remind your child **not to bring sweets** to eat at school (with the exception of birthday gifts for the class to take home)
- 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.
- 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.

THANK YOU!

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

Mon 11 Nov	Tue 12 Nov	Wed 13 Nov	Thu 14 Nov	Fri 15 Nov
Lunchtime				
Year 3-6 Taekwondo*		Netball squad development	Year 5-6 Choir	Year 4 Netball
Year 3-6 Cross Country				
Busy Bees Club Library Club	Busy Bees Club Library Club		Busy Bees Club Library Club	Busy Bees Club
After school				
Football Club	Year 1-2 Infant Dance Club	Tennis Club 3:30 – 4:15	Year 5-6 Athletics	Dodgeball
Taekwondo 5:30 – 6:30			Year 1-6 Girl's Football	Year 5-6 Netball

Year 2 to 6: **Busy Bees Club** is in the hall and is a mixture of board games, Lego, chess and art. Children just drop in.

Meanwhile, **Library Club** is silent reading and some puzzles in the library area.

*Taekwondo is paid for a session at a time. Just send your child in with £5 each week. This is held in the gym.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please see below for information about applying for primary 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

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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.



SWIMMING DAYS

According to Mrs Sarah Langton, swimming in Nursery is simply fabulous! Well done, pre-schoolers!

Reception, Year 1 on Wednesday.

Year 2 are starting swimming this Tuesday afternoon. 2P will swim after lunch and then 2W last lesson. On Tuesdays, children in 2W will need to be picked up from the swimming pool at the end of the day.

Year 3-4 on Thursday mornings.

All children need a swimming hat (as well as costumes) or they may not be able to swim.

Swim caps can be bought from either office for £5 (cash please).

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Just a friendly reminder that the deadline for ordering books from our Autumn Digital Book Club is approaching soon! Please place your order online by Sunday, 10th November, using our school link:

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/ormskirk-ce/digital-book-club>

Every purchase supports your child's reading journey and helps us earn free books for our school library. Remember, delivery is free to the school and typically takes 3-4 working days after the deadline.

Amelia from Y5 makes her own Christmas cards to make money for charity. They are for sale via the Instagram link and Amelia can bring them into school.



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