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Information Update No. 6

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- > **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
- > **Wednesday**
20th November
2:00 - 6:30pm
Reception Parents'
Evening
- > **Tuesday 26th November**
Individual and sibling
photos
- > **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)

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Ofsted Report will be out on Monday. You should find it pleasant reading! ☺
When reading it you should feel proud of our school in general but also proud of your children's behaviour and positive attitude and response to teaching and learning.

Mrs Forshaw has started her maternity leave and Mrs Monks will be likely to be starting her maternity leave at the end of this month. Therefore, there will be a few lessons when your child will have a different teacher than before half term, and for RC Mrs Routledge will be teaching on Wednesday mornings and Fridays.

Mr Fizz came back for the day today when he talked with a few children about what it is like living as a Muslim. Meanwhile, younger children were learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. This neatly rounded off a whole school **focus on inclusivity and the celebration of diversity** which we have been prioritising since September.

FIREWORK DISPLAY

Fireworks on Monday **will start soon after 4.30pm**. There will be hot and cold drinks and snacks. Please bring cash if you or your family would like the option of these. The refreshments will be at the base of the front field outside the staffroom. There is a **Fireworks Donation option on Gateway** if you would like to contribute towards the cost, there will also be buckets for cash at the display on Monday.

The most important thing is to **keep a close eye on where your child is**. After collecting from school at the normal time, return well wrapped up. The toilets at the end of the office area will be open for your use. Staff will be in high visibility hats or coats.

We would benefit from having some volunteers at this event. If you can volunteer then please let us know by emailing to office@ormskirk-ce.lancs.sch.uk. Volunteers are needed for serving snacks and drinks and we need a few volunteers to wear yellow jackets and help direct people if they are going the wrong way.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

For Remembrance Day poppies are very welcome.
Unfortunately, we have no school poppies to sell
(the same is the case for many local schools).



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

Mon 4 Nov	Tue 5 Nov	Wed 6 Nov	Thu 7 Nov	Fri 8 Nov
Lunchtime				
Year 3-6 Taekwondo Year 3-6 Cross Country		Netball squad development	Year 5-6 Choir	Year 4 Netball
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

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!

SWIMMING DAYS

Reception, Year 1 on Wednesdays.

Year 2 are starting swimming from Tuesday 12th November. 2P will swim after lunch and then 2W last lesson. Therefore, on Tuesdays from 12th November parents of 2W need to pick up their children from the swimming pool.

Swimming for **Year 3-4** continues on Thursday mornings, **but not Thursday 7th November**.

Swimming for **Pre School** on Friday afternoons is now underway 😊

All children need a swimming cap or they may not be able to swim. These can be bought from either office for £5 (cash please).

AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB

John from **Ormskirk Tennis Club** is going to run an after-school tennis club again this half-term. The club is on Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:15 pm. This term it is for **Year 2-5**.

Please check your email for full details regarding tennis club registration.

If you would like more information about the tennis club, please visit www.ormskirktennisclub.co.uk



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

lancashire.gov.uk

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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Could You Become a Home Start Volunteer?

- Do you or a family member have 2-3 hours per week to spare?
- Do you have parenting experience or experience with children?
- Do you want to give something back to our local community?
- Do you have skills, knowledge or talents that could benefit another family in need of support?

If so get in touch today about volunteering with Home-Start Central Lancashire

Available Roles

In-Home Support Volunteer: Providing hands on support within the family home over a 12 week period to work towards aims and goals. Full training is provided.

Social Media Content Volunteer: We are looking for a talented social media content writer to enhance our social media platforms and to engage with followers.

Befriending Volunteers: to offer telephone companionship to families in the local area, who have been identified as requiring support.

Administration Volunteers: To assist the office manager and family support team, answer calls and administration duties

Get in touch with us



volmanager@homestartcentrallancs.org.uk



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Volunteer Qualities

- Must be over 18 years old to volunteer
- Have a positive attitude and a caring nature
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Passionate about supporting, enabling and empowering people who are vulnerable, isolated or in need of support
- Have a non-judgemental attitude to working with people of any, gender, family status, sexual identity, ethnic origin, culture, religion or disability.
- You must understand that some of our families are vulnerable, and it would be an advantage if you had an awareness of key issues such as alcohol, drug abuse and mental health; however, this is not a compulsory requirement as training is provided.
- You must always apply the strictest confidence with regard to the sensitivity of those that you are supporting.
- You must be able to provide a clear DBS, if you do not have a current certificate this can be applied for.

Training and on going support for volunteers

Volunteers are thoroughly trained and supported before and during their time supporting families. You can expect:

- Self-directed and instructor-led induction program training, that is delivered both online and in person.
- Ongoing training in specific areas including trauma-informed practice, domestic violence, abuse, and attachment theory.
- Annual refresher training to ensure you are up to date with all statutory requirements
- Regular support and supervision sessions with an experienced family support coordinator
- Paid expenses when you complete your training and are actively supporting a family within their home

Areas we cover: Chorley, Preston, South Ribble and West Lancashire



To find about volunteering or to complete an expression of interest please scan the QR code which will take you to our website.

Visit us at:



Celebrate National Chemistry Week

Join the Royal Society of Chemistry for a morning of fun science experiments.

Free event for families, no booking required.

Ormskirk Library
Saturday 9 November

10am – 12pm



lancashire.gov.uk/libraries



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



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Aim High

Achieve

Shine

