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UPCOMING EVENTS :

- > **Tuesday 26th November**
Individual and sibling photos
- > **Tuesday 3th 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.
- > **Wednesday 11th December**
Christmas Lunch, Early Christmas Jumper Day
- > **Thursday 12th December 6:00pm**
Reception Nativity
- > **Sunday 15th December 10:30am**
Shine Out Committee leading worship at Ormskirk Parish Church
- > **Monday 16th December**
Reception trip to the Pantomime, Christmas Gift Sale
- > **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

- A huge **thank you to Mrs Dooley and Mr Clare** for all their hard work in clearing ice and snow and gritting over the past few days. You wouldn't believe what time work on clearing paths starts in the morning!
- Mrs Monks is planning to start her maternity leave on Friday. Meanwhile, **congratulations to Mrs Forshaw** who now has a bonnie baby boy!
- The **roof project** is now complete and scaffolding will be coming down Monday. So there should be a few more spaces in the front drive area and morning drop off will be have less parked cars in the way around the round about.
- **Swimming** should be on this week for Rec to Year 4 – we struggled a little with staffing last week, but fingers crossed all will be well next week.
- **Individual and sibling photos** on Tuesday 26th November. Remind children to be careful of toothpaste in the morning dropping on jumpers! 😊

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

All previously published term dates for the 2025–2026 academic year have been ratified and can be viewed on our website via the following link:
<https://www.ormskirk-ce.lancs.sch.uk/virtual-office/term-dates>

EARLY MORNING INTERVENTION

Please, can children NOT arrive before 8:15am as morning intervention starts at 8:20am. Thanks.

QUICK IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited** on school grounds! Thank you for your cooperation.
- Please remember **never to park across someone's driveway** if parking on local roads. You can use the free car park beyond the station called Station Approach.
- Please can parents **label ALL items** of children's uniform as this means we can return lost items to their owners.
- Please note that **payment for a pre-ordered school lunch will not be refunded** if cancelled on the day it is due. The exception is a child's absence due to illness.
- 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!

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

Mon 25 Nov	Tue 26 Nov	Wed 27 Nov	Thu 28 Nov	Fri 29 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

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.



SWIMMING DAYS

Reception, Year 1 on Wednesdays.

Year 2 on Tuesdays afternoon. 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).

DONATE A CHRISTMAS JUMPER

Early Christmas Jumper Day is on **Wednesday 11th December**.

If you have any child-sized jumpers in wonderful, wearable condition, we would be delighted to receive them. Donated jumpers will be made available through Shop Smart, located in the Pupil Office, throughout November and December. This initiative not only supports families within our school community but also promotes reusing clothing, which helps reduce waste and benefits the environment.

Thank you for contributing to a more sustainable future while supporting others in need!



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

- Nursery** – Tuesday 17th December (morning)
Rec – Wednesday 18th December (9:30am - 11:00am)
Y1 – Thursday 19th December (1:00pm - 4:30pm)
Y2 – Tuesday 17th December (9:30am - 12:30pm)
Y3 – Wednesday 18th December (1:30pm - 3:30pm)
Y4/5 – Tuesday 17th December (1:30pm - 3:30pm)
Y6 – Friday 13th December (1:30pm - 3:30pm)

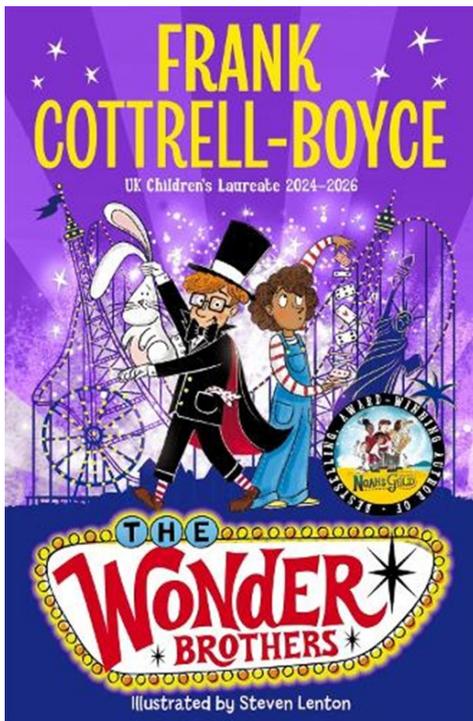
CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE

The PFA will be holding the **Christmas Gift Sale** on Monday 16th December. This is a special event where children can independently (with a little guidance) choose and purchase gifts for their family and loved ones. It's a delightful day that the children truly enjoy, and PFA warmly invite volunteers to help set up and with serving. Please contact via email at pfa@ormskirk-ce.lancs.sch.uk. Thank you!

MEET FRANK COTTRELL-BOYCE

Saturday 7th December, from 15:00

[Waterstones](#) are delighted to welcome bestselling beloved children's author **Frank Cottrell-Boyce** who will be in-store to sign his latest book *The Wonder Boys*.



They will also have available a selection of some of Frank's other fabulous books. Pick one up and ask Frank to sign a dedication to you or a gift for Christmas.

No ticket is required, pop in and say hello!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Please book in advance on School Gateway. Choose **Blue** option for Roast Turkey Sausage or **Red** option for Roast Vegetarian sausage. These will be the **only** options.

