



GREAT ORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back! and a special welcome to the new children and their families that have joined us this September.

The children have all received new reading record books. Can I ask parents to listen to your child read as often as possible and record this in their reading record books.

The Reading challenge for this year is BOOK BINGO. And the children have all received their 'bingo cards'. Another BOOK SWAP event will be arranged after half term – details will follow.

ATTENDANCE

Can I please remind you that attendance is key to the success of your child.

We expect all children to attend school on a regular basis.

Learning is progressive and absences result in gaps in their learning.

Your child's absence should only be for a valid reason and if necessary, we will be asking for evidence of appointments.

Monday 6th October 2025 – Class 1 trip to Brockhole

Please arrive at school by 8:45 a.m. so that we can set off promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Children will need a packed lunch, water bottle, warm waterproof coat and sensible shoes. They should wear their school uniform (joggers are allowed).



Nasal Flu Vaccinations - Friday 10th October 2025

For those children whose parents have given consent.

School photographer - Thursday 16th October 2025

If you would like family photographs taken with younger siblings then you are very welcome to join us at 2:00 p.m.



'Harvest Festival Assembly' - Monday 20th October 2025

Families and friends are invited to join us in the school hall at 9:00 a.m. for a performance of songs and poems by the children.

We are asking for donations of tinned and packet goods/food, which this year will be distributed to Carlisle Key.

Carlisle Key is a local charity that helps vulnerable 16 to 25 year olds to gain confidence, support and resources they need to avoid the risk, or resolve the reality of homelessness. They have an independent and impartial drop in advice service specialising in housing, financial and other related issues. Any donations should be sent into the school office.



We will also have a UNIFORM SWAP table set up in the hall, where parents can donate/take uniform items for free.

Tuesday 21st October 2025 –PCSO Kirkpatrick will be joining to give a Bonfire Safety Talk.



Wednesday 22nd October 2025 – Class 1 Parent Workshop – more details to follow.



Halloween Party – Thursday 23rd October 2025

The Halloween Party for all classes will be during school time on the afternoon of Thursday 23rd October 2025. Children may bring a fancy dress outfit to change into if they wish. This should be sent in a named carrier bag and should be child appropriate i.e. nothing too scary please.

There will be plenty of party games and snacks.

We are part of the Battery Recycling Campaign in conjunction with Cumberland Council. There is a collection box in the school office. Any batteries can be sent in, and they will then be recycled correctly instead of ending up in normal household waste.



Nursery Provision



For enquiries about the on-site privately ran nursery 'Messyhands' – please contact Collette Evans on 07783924187.

Children now accepted from Newborn to school age.

After school provision offered to all primary school aged children

PARKING

Please park responsibly when dropping or collecting your child/children at/ from school.

You must NOT park on the yellow zigzags outside school or in the adjacent pub carpark.

There is plenty additional parking at the village hall, which is only a 3-minute walk to school.

Half Term break

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025

After School Clubs

When we return after the half term break, there will only be an after school club available on a Tuesday evening. We hope to provide additional clubs later in the term.

Kind Regards

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Headteacher

