



GREAT ORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 17th November 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have had a busy first half term.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Mrs Thomlinson last week. We wish her well in her new venture. Mrs Scott will be working alongside Miss Shannon in class 2.

'Harvest Festival Assembly'

Families and friends were invited to join us in the school hall for a performance of songs and poems by the children.

Thank you for your generous donations of tinned and packet goods/food, which this year was distributed to Carlisle Key.



Halloween Disco



The Halloween Party for all classes was held during school time on the afternoon of Thursday 23rd October. Children dressed up in fancy dress outfits - nothing too scary and there was plenty of party games and snacks.

P.C.S.O. Visit

Graham Kirkpatrick visited school and gave a Halloween and Bonfire Safety talk to the children.



Year 5/6 Science - As part of their science topic year 5 and 6 spent the afternoon in Orton Woods collecting seeds. They all had an amazing time !



Remembrance



On Tuesday 11th November the whole school walked down to the war memorial at the village church to pay their respects at 11:00 a.m.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 18th Nov – Book Swap in School

Wednesday 19th Nov – Fri 21st Nov – Year 5/6 Outdoor Educational trip to Barcaple

Tuesday 25th Nov – Parents Evening

Monday 8th Dec – Class 1 visit to Carlisle Cathedral – separate letter to follow

Thursday 11th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear their favourite Christmas Jumper and donate £1 donation towards 'Save the Children' Charity.

Monday 15th Dec – Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Play

Tuesday 16th Dec – School Christmas Performance in the village hall @ 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday 17th Dec – Christmas Lunch – This should be ordered via the School Hub site at the beginning of December.

Thursday 18th Dec – Christmas party in school (children may bring party clothes to change into)

Friday 19th Dec – School closes **at 1:00 p.m.** for Christmas holidays.

Wednesday 7th Jan 2026 – School reopens at 8:45 a.m. for start of new term



Reading with your child.

Please take 10/15 minutes each evening to read with your child. This really does help with their progress.



Mrs Blakey is running after school clubs on a Wednesday and Thursday evening. Both run from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Cost is £5 per child. Wednesday is craft/cooking Thursday is construction (i.e. Lego etc)



Bookings should be made at least 24 hours in advance via the School Hub App

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. Before and After school provision offered to all primary school aged children

PARKING

Please remember to park responsibly when dropping or collecting your child/children at/ from school and for not parking on the yellow zigzags outside school or in the adjacent pub carpark. Additional parking can be found at the village hall, which is only a 3 minute walk to school.

Kind Regards

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Headteacher