

Ormston School Weekly Newsletter – Issue 27

Admin Notices

We are currently updating our parent contact forms and require an email address contact for all parents. Please can you email schooloffice@ormstonschool.co.uk with the best email address contact for yourselves and we will add this to our contact list. Please update us with any changes to medical needs, address or contact phone numbers.

In readiness for the new academic year, we also require parents/carers to complete the annual medical consent form for trips and visits, you can find this enclosed. Please also find a uniform order form should you wish to order any more – the school does operate a "swap shop", please contact admin if you wish to find out about any items that we have available or if you have anything to bring in and swap.

Did you know that you can find our Newsletters online? Please find them by visiting:
<https://www.ormstonschool.co.uk/news/>

School calendar

Our school calendar has been finalised for next year; in due course we will also be sharing key dates with you. These can also be found on our website.

Leeds school calendar (term dates) 2024-2025

										8 week half term										7 week half term																													
2024		August				September				October				November				December																															
Monday	29	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30																						
Tuesday	30	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24			1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31																					
Wednesday	31	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25	1																					
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26	2																					
Friday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25	1		8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27	3																					
Saturday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26	2		9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28	4																					
Sunday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27	3		10	17	24			1	8	15	22	29	5																					
										6 week half term										6 week half term										5 week half term										7 week 2 day half term									
2025		January				February				March				April				May				June																											
Monday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30																
Tuesday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24																	
Wednesday		8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25																	
Thursday		9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24			1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26																	
Friday		10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27																	
Saturday		11	18	25	1		8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28																	
Sunday		12	19	26	2		9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29																		
										5 week 3 day summer holiday																																							
2025		July				August																																											
Monday		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	1																																						
Tuesday		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	2																																					
Wednesday		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	3																																					
Thursday		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	4																																					
Friday		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	5																																					
Saturday		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	6																																					
Sunday		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31	7																																					

195 day school year (5 of these are training days)

Bank Holiday

Holiday

INSET (5)

Staff Training





Autumn term = 75 days

Spring term = 60 days

Summer term = 60 days

Total = 195

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Total = 195

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		8 week half term										7 week half term									
2025	August	September					October					November					December				
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29					6 13 20 27					3 10 17 24					1 8 15 22 29				
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30					7 14 21 28					4 11 18 25					2 9 16 23 30				
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24					1 8 15 22 29					5 12 19 26					3 10 17 24 31				
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25					2 9 16 23 30					6 13 20 27					4 11 18 25 1				
Friday	8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26					3 10 17 24 31					7 14 21 28					5 12 19 26 2				
Saturday	9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27					4 11 18 25					1 8 15 22 29					6 13 20 27 3				
Sunday	10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28					5 12 19 26					2 9 16 23 30					7 14 21 28 4				

	6 week half term					6 week half term					5 week half term					7 week half term										
2026	January		February			March			April			May			June											
Monday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	
Thursday	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
Friday	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26
Saturday	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27
Sunday	11	18	25	1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28

2026	July	August				
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31				
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25				
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26				
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27				
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28				
Saturday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29				
Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30				

194 day school year (6 of these are training days)

Bank Holiday

Holiday

INSET - School is closed for training

Autumn term = 75 days

Spring term = 59 days

Summer term = 61 days

Total = 195

Golden Time

Every half term we discuss with the student's options for Golden time, and they choose areas that interest them. Here is the timetable showing what they are trying out this half term:

Days	Little Owl	Barn Owl	Tawny Owl	Burrowing Owl	Snowy Owl
Monday	 Miss Sahota, Mr Green	 Miss Woollerson, Mr Kilburn	 Miss Harper, Miss Stainton-Roy	 Mr Smith, Mr Corey	
Tuesday	PE - Football activity can be planned with Mrs Holmes to follow	PE - Football activity can be planned with Mrs Holmes to follow	 Miss Sahota, Mr Green	 Miss Woollerson, Mr Corey, Miss Brown	 Mr Kilburn, Miss Johnston
Wednesday	 Mr Smith, Mr Green	 Miss Sahota, Mr Corey	 Miss Woollerson, Mr Kilburn	 Miss Harper, Miss Stainton-Roy	
Thursday	 Miss Woollerson, Mr Corey	 Miss Johnston, Mr Green	 Mr Kilburn, Miss Stainton-Roy	 Miss Sahota, Miss Harper, Miss Brown	 Mr Smith, Miss Turner

Sports Day – Thursday 10th July 2015

Sports day this year will be held at Herd Farm where young people (and staff) will face challenges such as “the leap of faith”, “Assault Course” and “The Big Swing”. We will share more information with parents and young people nearer the time 😊



Daily Mile

We have been awarded The Children Fit for Life Award – another award to add to our growing collection. The Daily Mile is a social physical activity, with children running, jogging or wheeling– at their own pace – in the fresh air with friends.



STEAM Day – “Ormston Owl Festival” – 18th July 2025

Our Year 9 students have planned our final STEAM Day of the year on Friday 18th July 2025. It would be lovely if you could join us in the afternoon to celebrate our first Year at Ormston School. Please find the poster below designed by young people.



September Updates

We are currently hard at work planning for the new academic year, as part of our planning we have made a few adjustments to the school day. Please find the new times and daily routine below. We will also share this with transport and with young people nearer the time 😊

We are preparing to transition our Secondary learners to the Manor House building when this is complete, however please note that all young people will return to their classrooms and current set-up in September. Transition to the new "old" building will be carefully planned in the new academic year. Mr Brown looks forward to welcoming new students and staff to Ormston School in September 😊



Noise Academy DJ sessions

Day: Wednesday

Primary School Time Updates

Primary School Times Monday - Thursday



Breakfast	08:45 – 09:00
Tutor Time	09:00 – 09:10
Lesson 1	09:10 – 09:55
Lesson 2	09:55 – 10:40
Break Time	10:40 – 10:55
Lesson 3	10:55 – 11:40
Lesson 4	11:40 – 12:25
Lunch	12:25 – 12:45
Lunch Activity	12:45 – 13:05
Interventions	13:05 – 13:25
Reading	13:25 – 13:45
Lesson 5	13:45 – 14:30
Golden Time	14:30 – 14:55
Tutor Time	14:55 – 15:05

Primary School Times Friday



Breakfast	08:45 – 09:00
Tutor Time	09:00 – 09:10
Lesson 1	09:10 – 09:55
Lesson 2	09:55 – 10:40
Break Time	10:40 – 10:55
Lesson 3	10:55 – 11:40
Lesson 4	11:40 – 12:25
Lunch	12:25 – 12:45
Lunch Activity	12:45 – 13:05
Reading	13:05 – 13:25
Golden Time	13:25 – 13:55
Tutor Time	13:55 – 14:05



Secondary School Time Updates

Secondary School Times Monday - Thursday



Breakfast	08:45 – 09:00
Tutor Time	09:00 – 09:10
Reading	09:10 – 09:30
Lesson 1	09:30 – 10:15
Lesson 2	10:15 – 11:00
Break Time	11:00 – 11:15
Lesson 3	11:15 – 12:00
Lesson 4	12:00 – 12:45
Lunch	12:45 – 13:05
Lunch Activity	13:05 – 13:25
Lesson 5	13:25 – 14:10
Lesson 6	14:10 – 14:55
Tutor Time	14:55 – 15:05

Secondary School Times Friday



Breakfast	08:45 – 09:00
Tutor Time	09:00 – 09:10
Reading	09:10 – 09:30
Lesson 1	09:30 – 10:15
Lesson 2	10:15 – 11:00
Break Time	11:00 – 11:15
Lesson 3	11:15 – 12:00
Lesson 4	12:00 – 12:45
Lunch	12:45 – 13:05
Lunch Activity	13:05 – 13:25
Golden Time	13:25 – 13:55
Tutor Time	13:55 – 14:05



Parent Forum

I would like to thank everyone that attended parent forum, we will endeavour to provide you with as much notice as possible moving forward. I have included below some information around some of the discussions held and some answers to further questions. I would also like to thank Jane for talking notes, leading discussions and for sending us such a lovely email which I have shared with staff 😊

How can we improve school systems to help school communicate with parents?

Ormston school will be the first within the Polaris group to launch the new MIS system in September, this will make it easier for us to do things like send group mailings/emails and updates – we are very excited about this. James discussed how parents should be receiving a minimum of weekly contact with their class team and how he has met with staff so they can share more information about what they have been learning. James has also asked for staff to share information about trips and visits with more notice so that parents/carers are aware and can talk about this at home. Parents/Carers know how much we do in school but really want to know all about it – let's share the great things that we do 😊

How do we receive newsletters and information?

We send newsletters (usually every week) home with young people however should they "go missing" you can find them on our website and in reception. I have also purchased an outdoor notice board for the carpark to display any key information for those parents/carers who collect and drop off young people.



How often do we have parent forums?

We will be holding parent forums every half term, each forum will have a different focus. E.G. Safeguarding, Curriculum and Life Skills. This is so you are provided with a deeper insight into your child's time at school. Some of these meetings may also be held with class teams so you can look at and discuss the progress your child is making in school. We will share dates of parent forums with as much notice as possible.

Will staff have further autism awareness training?

All staff in school have access to the learning portal as well as taking part in mandatory and optional training. Further 'in person' Autism training is planned for staff during INSET at the end of this academic year. Every Tuesday staff take part in training opportunities tailored towards the needs of the school and young people.

Can you get some more outdoor equipment?

Our Forest School is well underway and is already taking shape. More recently we have purchased monkey bars, and the caretaker has even made a mini obstacle course. To further develop this area, we have ordered Exercise Bars and more break/lunch time equipment. As we develop further, we will investigate additional equipment and hopefully have the opportunity for an indoor gym space within the Moorfield House building.

Have you thought about a PTA?

I am open for a further discussion with parents around ways we can work together. I will ask Miss Carruthers to reach out to parents in the new year 😊