



Weekly Newsletter

Ormston
school

This half term has really flown by! We have some exciting this planned to finish off the half term and lots to look forward to next half term, before the Christmas break. This includes our annual trip to the panto on 26th November, we shall be returning to The Carriageworks Theatre. Thank you to all those that attended the parent forum, do not worry if you cannot attend as I always make sure to put the discussion notes in the newsletter. Moorfield House is coming along nicely – we are currently waiting for inspection, and we will invite you to look around once we are able to. When we are ready to transition classes, this will start slowly and will be discussed with parents/carers prior to this taking place. Our first classes to transition will be Snowy Owl (Y10) and Burrowing Owl (KS3).

Parent Forum meeting notes

Parents wanted to share some lovely feedback for Mr Sangra, highlighting how he has taken the time to get to know the children and their individual personalities. They felt this made for a positive start to the school year and to their children's wider school journey. Parents also expressed their appreciation for the weekly phone calls home. They shared that these regular updates are a great way to stay connected and to celebrate their children and young people's progress each week. Any parents who are not receiving weekly updates should contact the school office.

Parents discussed the importance of getting the settling-in process right when children join from other settings. Some had different experiences, but it was noted that transitions could be smoother if more information about what works for each child including strategies from their previous setting were shared in advance. Mr Brown acknowledged that some young people require a more detailed transition – something which he has planned for future new starters.

Parents raised some questions about consultations between key stages. Mr Brown discussed how Bradford had always used this model which has now been adopted by Leeds and North Yorkshire. When a child is due to move between Primary and Secondary a consultation is made via the local authority. This is to ensure that the school can still meet need and whether Ormston remains the most suitable school. This is usually discussed with Erin Holmes (SENCo) at the EHCP annual review, feel free to reach out to her if you require further information.

As we grow, the carpark will become busier, as young people share transport staggered start times are not possible. As the school grows, we will look at creating a drop off and pick up slot to allow more time and a smoother transition.

At Ormston School we do not mix key stages however we do have some classes with mixed year groups. We try our best to ensure that young people have the right class. We currently have 2 KS2 classes, 1 Year 7 class, 1 mixed Year 7 and 8 class, 1 year 8 class, 1 mixed key stage 3 class and 1 year 10 class. Our next classes that we plan to open are Key Stage 2 in the new year, key stage 3 at Easter and 2 new year 7 classes in September. (Subject to change).

We have planned progress meetings throughout the year so assessment data can be shared with you more regularly. We also have a planned parent forum with our SENCO who will discuss ideas and strategies for supporting learning activities at home.



As we review our risk assessments and understanding the support plans for young people, we will start sharing these with parents and carers and discussing their contents, this will help us to create accurate documents and share key information between school and home.

As we grow our secondary offer and move into the Moorfield House building, we will look to increase our subjects on offer at KS4. Our next appointments will be for Humanities and vocational Teachers. Our KS4 offer booklet can be found on the website, this can also be requested by contacting the school office.

When medication is changed it would be helpful to inform the school office and SENCo. We do have the Leeds NHS Team who visit us throughout the year for key vaccinations, they will contact you in advance to gain permission.

PRICE

Congratulations to Mr Kilburn who is now a qualified PRICE Instructor, the team now includes: Mr Brown, Mrs Robinson and Mr Kilburn.



Our Principles

Always practise within a human rights and person-centred framework

Right to liberty and security • best interests • assume capacity; decision specific
• promote choice and inclusion • dignity, respect, privacy and the right to be heard • practise with empathy, acceptance and compassion • freedom of expression • Duty of Care

Have an understanding and awareness of the needs of those being supported

Trauma informed framework; impact of trauma and adverse life events • PBS framework; functions of behaviour • consider life circumstances as a whole; environmental, physical and emotional • health and biological factors • sensory needs • view behaviour as communication

Plan and prioritise for the use of primary, secondary and non-restrictive tertiary strategies

Support planning; an evidence-based approach • balanced and proportionate • supported by a sound rationale • **primary** – pro-actively meeting of needs • **secondary** – recognition of early behavioural signs • **non-restrictive tertiary** – response to actual behaviour of concern

As a last resort, only use approved restrictive and non-restrictive practises and techniques

Aim to bring the incident to an end safely • least intrusive • minimum force necessary for the minimum length of time • never against joints • no pain compliance • have regard for gender, medical and cultural needs • use techniques that are biomechanically, anatomically and psychologically assessed

Use reflective practise to change culture and reduce the use of restraint

Post-incident support and debrief; create reflective space • practice with responsibility, accountability and integrity • learn from lived experience • listen to multiple voices within the organisation • acknowledge the strengths of those we work alongside • use data to inform practice • Duty of Candour

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Adverse Weather Process – what if it snows?

1. Caretaker informs Head Teacher of potential challenges
2. Head Teacher makes decisions
3. Head Teacher will notify staff members
4. Admin will notify transport
5. Teachers will notify parents/carers

Farmer Copley's Pumpkin Picking trip



Farmer Copley's

Pumpkin Picking

Please wear suitable footwear and clothing (costumes optional). Packed lunch will be needed and £10 maximum (Give to your teacher by 22.10.25). We will be getting there by coach.

23rd October 2025

Ravens Knowle Farm
Pontefract Road, Pontefract

Featuring over 250,000 pumpkins across 40 varieties

Scholastic Book Fair

These should be with you this week! Please let us know if you are missing any orders 😊

Burrowing Owl:

Burrowing Owl visited Woodhouse Ridge to choose settings for a fairytale. They also completed a Forest School session where they chose their own tree to name, draw and write about!





SEND Halloween PARTY

Inclusive Halloween Party for SEND children and their families.

25th October

1-3pm

The Newman Centre
Station Road, Crossgates
LS15 7JY

Tickets £5.50 per child

Dancing, games, messy play, quiet zone.

Fancy Dress Optional
Halloween Treat

TO BOOK VISIT
[HTTPS://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/LEEDS-SEND-PARENTCARERS/T-AVEOJEX](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/leeds-send-parentcarers/t-aveojex)





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) OCTOBER HALF TERM 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 27th - 31st October 2025

BREWDOG

1 Kid eats free with 1 adult. Scotland 13th - 17th Oct
England & Wales 27th - 31st Oct

BURGER KING

From 13th Oct - 2nd Nov, Kids Eat Free (via app)

CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily 27th - 31st October

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat FREE Daily Mon 27th Oct - Sun 9th Nov 2025

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 Kids eat free From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct
(Scotland) & Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales),

FLAMING GRILL

1 Kids eats free, Mon 13th - 20th Oct (Scotland) &
Mon 20th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales)

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HUNGRY HORSE

2 Kids eat free From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct (Scotland)
& Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales),

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays



OCTOBER HALF-TERM FUN

HERD FARM
RESIDENTIAL &
ACTIVITY CENTRE

To find out more & book contact us:

www.herdfarm.co.uk 0113 378 3088

Herd Farm Activity Centre, Harrogate Road, Leeds, LS17 7RJ



ADVENTURE DAYS 8-14 YRS

Tues 28th & Thurs 30th 9.30am - 1.30pm

Join us for an unforgettable Adventure at Herd Farm, packed with outdoor thrills, team challenges, and fresh air fun!



ARCHERY 8 YRS +

Tues 28th & Thurs 30th 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Take aim and test your skills with a bow and arrow, guided by our friendly GB Archery-trained instructors. Fun for young people and families alike at Herd Farm!



To find out more & book contact us:

www.westleedsactivitycentre.co.uk 0113 336 7414

West Leeds Activity Centre, Lenhurst Avenue, Leeds, LS12 2RE



SEND HOLIDAY CLUB 8-17 YRS

Tues 28th 9.30am - 3.30pm

A full day of adventure for young people with additional needs, only at West Leeds Activity Centre!



HOLIDAY CLUB 8-16 YRS

Weds 29th 9.30am - 3.30pm

Adventure awaits at West Leeds Activity Centre with thrilling climbing walls, speedy go-karts, and much more outdoor fun!