

Newsletter

Ormston school

Issue 44: As we approach the Easter holidays, we would like to take a moment to thank all our parents and carers for their continued support this term. It has been a busy and rewarding time for the children, filled with learning, creativity, and progress across all areas. We have not quite finished yet and still have some exciting activities planned which you can read about in this newsletter. The upcoming break offers a wonderful opportunity for rest, family time, and perhaps a few springtime adventures. We encourage everyone to enjoy this well-deserved pause, while also taking time to read, explore, and stay curious. We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for the exciting opportunities the new term will bring. Wishing you all a happy and relaxing Easter break.

Reminder of the school calendar

Leeds school calendar (term dates) 2025-2026

2025	8 week half term				7 week half term	
	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	

2026	6 week half term		6 week half term		5 week half term		7 week half term	
	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 = 60 days
Summer term = 61 days

Total = 196

Leeds school calendar 2026-2027

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

2027	January	February	March	April	May	June
Monday	4 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
Tuesday	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
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Friday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27 3
Saturday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28 4
Sunday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29 5

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

- Bank Holiday
 - Holiday
 - Training Days
- Autumn term = 74 days
Spring term = 58 days
Summer term = 63 days

Total = 195

Training Days this academic year:

- 20th April 2026

Training Days next academic year:

- September 2026: 1st & 2nd
- December 2026: 18th
- January 2027: 4th
- April 2027: 19th



What key dates do I still need to know about for this half term?

- **STEAM Days** on 1st and 2nd April 2026 - focused on First Aid, Uniformed Services and Careers.

We would like to invite parents and carers of Key Stage 3 and 4 young people (Red Owl, Hawk Owl, Tawny Owl, Burrowing Owl & Snowy Owl) to our event on Thursday 2nd April.

You are more than welcome to stay at school when you have dropped off your child (or arrive in the morning) and let them attend via transport.

09:00 – 10:00 > Breakfast, Tea and Coffee in Moorfield Canteen, prepared by our KS4 learners and staff
10:00 – 11:00 > Engage with our visitors which include: Our Independent Careers and Guidance Provider through Bradford LA, Our Community PCSO, Luminare (Leeds City College), Military Preparation College and Kirklees College. Other providers have been invited so we hope that a few more can attend.

What about some key dates for the remainder of the year?

- **Year 10 Mock Exams** – WC 27th April
- **Year 9 Transition / Options Evening** – Tuesday 9th June
- **Year 10's moving to year 11 open evening and progress review meetings** – Tuesday 16th June
- **Sports Day at Mission Out** – Monday 20th July
- **School Rewards trip to "Games rooms"** – Tuesday 21st July

What are we doing for PE next Half Term?

All primary classes will take part in swimming lessons next term – a swimming letter and presentation will be shared to you when this has been received. Swimming will take place every week on a Tuesday morning for the whole term.



Key Stage 4 learners are continuing with their volunteering section which will count towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, they will move onto fitness during the last half term where lots of exciting walks have been planned to prepare them for their expedition.

Key Stage 3 learners will take part in athletics and orienteering, this will include a range of sports covering Badminton, Tennis, cricket, Rounder's and Athletics.



Book Donations

As a growing school and now with another school library we would welcome any book donations. Thank you to everyone who has supported us already 😊

Whole School Interventions

As well as running specific Interventions for young people and groups we also have a whole school intervention programme. Some of the Interventions taking place already include Social Groups and social skills interventions, Handwriting, Music – Noise Academy, Fine Motor Skills, Social Stories, Sensory Interventions, POL-ED, Reading and Phonics. During the timetabled intervention slots, we focus on small group or paired interventions which for this academic year include:

	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
All	Reading & Phonics (Group and 1-1)			
KS2	Monday - Block Therapy Tuesday – Theodorou Wednesday - Block Therapy Thursday – Theodorou (FMS)	Monday - Block Therapy Tuesday – Theodorou (FMS) & Spelling Wednesday - Block Therapy Thursday – Theodorou (FMS) & Spelling	Monday – Social Skills Strategies Tuesday – Metacognition Strategies Wednesday – Metacognition Strategies Thursday – Theodorou (FMS) & Spelling	Monday – Social Skills Strategies Tuesday – Metacognition Strategies Wednesday – Metacognition Strategies Thursday – Theodorou (FMS) & Spelling
KS3	Monday - Block Therapy Tuesday – Theodorou (FMS) Wednesday - Block Therapy Thursday – Theodorou (FMS)	Monday - Block Therapy Tuesday – Theodorou (FMS) & Spelling Wednesday - Block Therapy Thursday – Theodorou (FMS) & Spelling		
KS4	Monday – Social Skills (Game Based) Tuesday – Theodorou (FMS) Wednesday - Social Skills (Game Based) Thursday – Theodorou (FMS)	Monday – Social Skills (Game Based) Tuesday – Theodorou (FMS) & Spelling Wednesday - Social Skills (Game Based) Thursday – Theodorou (FMS) & Spelling		

School Development – Echo Owl (Key Stage 3)

As we look ahead to April, we are excited to welcome new students and staff into our school community. This is a wonderful time of growth, fresh opportunities, and new beginnings for everyone. We look forward to seeing new friendships form, talents develop, and ideas flourish as our community continues to thrive together. A warm welcome awaits all who are joining us, and we are confident they will quickly feel at home. As a new class is joining us next term, we have updated our class timetables, these can be requested by contacting the school office by email.



Theme Events

Our recent celebrations of World Book Day and Red Nose Day brought wonderful energy and enthusiasm to our school. It was fantastic to see everyone embracing the joy of reading through creative costumes and shared stories, while also coming together to support such an important cause. The generosity, kindness, and community spirit shown by students and staff made both events truly special. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make these occasions so memorable and meaningful.

