

Newsletter

Ormston school

Issue 48

Head Teacher Opening

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their patience and understanding during the temporary school closure following the recent leak. We appreciate that this caused disruption for many families, and we are grateful for the support shown while we worked to ensure the site was safe for pupils and staff. The school trips were successful and provided our young people with valuable learning experiences outside the classroom. Young people returned with greater knowledge, enthusiasm, and a deeper understanding of the subjects they study. I even bought another sloth to add to my collection 😊



As the weather becomes warmer, we kindly ask parents to ensure that children come to school with a refillable water bottle, a sun hat, and sunscreen applied before arrival. Lightweight clothing and staying hydrated will help children remain comfortable and safe during activities. Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone healthy during periods of hot weather.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the importance of raising any questions or concerns through the appropriate school channels. Sharing information or speculation through WhatsApp groups or social media can sometimes lead to confusion and unnecessary worry.



To help us communicate clearly and accurately, we kindly ask that parents contact the school directly so that concerns can be addressed by the right members of staff.

I look forward to sharing with you our final newsletter of the year in a few weeks' time (prepare yourself for a long one). This will also include information about the new academic year and some pictures from the trips. Our teachers and admin staff are currently hard at work preparing the end of year reports and USB sticks with Images of your child to take home.

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
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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	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
Saturday	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
Sunday	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

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Tuesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25 1
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26 2
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

Echo Owl

I can't believe we are already into our second half term as Echo Owl Class – there are only a few weeks until the summer break!

I am so impressed with how well everyone has adapted to a new school and settled into new routines.

In Maths this half term, the class have been studying fractions and decimals, working hard to plug any gaps they may have missed in previous settings.

In English, we have been exploring non-fiction writing, with a focus on Ancient Egypt, using a range of factual texts to learn about their lives and history.

In Science, we have been learning about space! This has sparked many interesting conversations about the universe, and it has been fantastic to hear the young people's thoughtful and imaginative theories.

In French, we have been learning about the World Cup and discussing details such as teams and flags in French.

And there has been so much more, too – not forgetting the many games of cards, Monopoly, and football in between!

I am really looking forward to spending the rest of the half term with Echo Class. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and communication.

Mr Flanagan

What key dates do I still need to know about for the term ahead?



Tuesday 30th June (15:30 – 16:45) *Re-arranged* - An Options/Progress evening for all students who are currently in Year 10 and their parents/carers

*Please let the school office know if your child will be remaining at school and not require transport

Tuesday 7th July (15:30 – 16:30) Parent Forum focusing on the year ahead

*Please let the school office know if your child will be remaining at school and not require transport

Friday 17th July – Space exploration and astronomy themed STEAM Day, young

people may dress up

Monday 20th July – Whole school sports day at Mission Out, coaches leave at 09:30

Please find the consent form attached which needs to be returned to school

Tuesday 21st July – Whole school end of term rewards day at the VR and Gaming Club, coaches leave at 09:30

**Please note that young people will be leaving school at 14:30 on the last day*

Drop off and Pick Up

A friendly reminder to all parents and carers to please drop off and collect children promptly and then leave the school site to help keep entrances clear and ensure a smooth, safe environment for everyone. We also ask that dash cams are not used to record on school premises, as this helps protect the privacy of our pupils, families, and staff. Any messages will be relayed via phone call, or an in-person meeting will be arranged. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Have Your Say: School Newsletter

We are always looking to improve our school newsletter and ensure it provides meaningful and relevant information for our families. To help us do this, we would love to hear from parents and carers about what you would like to see included.

Whether it's updates on student achievements, upcoming events, helpful resources, or insights into classroom learning, your feedback is invaluable in shaping a newsletter that meets the needs of our community.

Please feel free to share your suggestions with us—we greatly appreciate your input and look forward to developing a newsletter that everyone finds informative and engaging.

Please contact schooloffice@ormstonschool.co.uk and use the Subject Line: Newsletter

