

# Newsletter

Ormston  
school

## Issue 50 – September 2026

### Head Teacher Opening

A very warm welcome to the start of a new academic year.

I hope you have all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break, and that our pupils are returning to school feeling refreshed, excited and ready for the year ahead. There is always something special about the beginning of a new school year: new opportunities, new friendships, new challenges and, of course, the chance to make a fresh start.

We are delighted to welcome back our returning pupils and families and extend a particularly warm welcome to those joining our school community for the first time. We are looking forward to getting to know you and supporting you as you settle into school life. Our class teams should be in contact with you weekly. If you require a copy of your child's timetable, please speak to your child's Teacher who will be able to provide you with one.

Our focus this year remains firmly on ensuring that every pupil feels happy, safe, valued and able to achieve their very best. We will continue to provide a rich range of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom, while encouraging our pupils to be curious, resilient and proud of their achievements.

A successful school is built on a strong partnership between pupils, staff, families and the wider community. Thank you for your continued support and for everything you do to help our pupils thrive. I look forward to working together throughout the year and celebrating the many successes, big and small, that the year ahead will bring.

Here's to a fantastic new academic year. Welcome back — we are so pleased to have you with us!

### School Calendar

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    | 8 15 22 29 | 6 13 20 27    | 3 10 17 24   | 1 8 15 22 29  |  |
| Wednesday | 5 12 19 26    | 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 |  |
| Friday    | 7 14 21 28    | 4 11 18 25 | 2 9 16 23 30  | 6 13 20 27   | 4 11 18 25 1  |  |
| 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          |
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| 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  |
| Wednesday | 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  |
| Thursday  | 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    |
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| 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    |

  

| 2027      | July          | August         |
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| Monday    | 5 12 19 26    | 2 9 16 23 30   |
| 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



## KEY DATES

### Parent Forums

A parent forum is an organized group where parents and carers come together either to share feedback with a school or to help shape education for children with additional needs.

They act as an informal partnership between parents/carers and school leaders where we focus on different areas, these can include discussions around: school policies and changes, school development and improvements and provide a space where we can share views on day-to-day school life. They do not handle private complaints about individual teachers or students, and they are separate from fundraising groups or governing

We would like to welcome you to our first parent forum of the year which will take place on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2026** between 3.15 and 4.30 – if you are planning to attend please inform the school office and make sure that they are aware of changes to transport arrangements.

Parent forums will then follow on: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July.



**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2026: 12:30 – 14:15**

We'd love to invite all our parents and carers to join us for our **return to school Summer Fair!**

Come along for a fun-filled afternoon with music, games, activities, stalls, refreshments and lots more. It's a great chance to enjoy some family time, meet staff (new and old) and support our school community. If you are planning to attend, please inform the school office and make sure that they are aware of changes to transport arrangements.



### Who can I contact at school?

If you have a question, concern or need some support, please contact the member of staff best placed to help you. You can contact the school office via email: [schooloffice@ormstonschool.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@ormstonschool.co.uk) or by calling 0113 465 5210.

**Absence & Updates** – Please report any absence by calling the school office above, you may need to leave a voicemail. If we need to know about anything to prepare for the day, please call the school office

**Class Teacher** – For questions about your child's learning, progress, friendships or day-to-day experiences in school

**Safeguarding Team** – If you have a concern about a child's safety or wellbeing, please speak to a member of our safeguarding team. Our safeguarding leads in school are James Brown (Head Teacher and DSL), Erin Holmes (SENCo & DDSL), Jane-Marie Daily (Inclusion Manager and DDSL)

**SENCO** – For concerns or questions relating to special educational needs, additional support or your child's individual needs please contact Erin Holmes



Swimming will be taking place at Kirkstall Leisure centre, further letters regarding this will be sent out shortly. This now takes place in an afternoon, and transport is provided by the combined authority.

**KS3 (Year 7, 8 and 9) Swimming:** Every Tuesday from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September until Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Students who do not access swimming will access PE lessons in school.

**KS2 (Primary) Swimming:** Every Tuesday from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January until Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Students who do not access swimming will access PE lessons in school.

**KS2 (Primary) – GOALS football** is arranged for the first term, Students who do not access the football will access PE lessons in school.

**KS4 (Year 10/11):** As students begin the ASDAN sports and fitness course, PE will take place within the school grounds for the first term.



### Noise Academy

From September Quiss now joins us every Thursday... and for a whole day! We are very excited! Our partnership with Noise Academy has provided our young people with exciting opportunities to develop their musical talents, creativity, confidence, and teamwork. Through working with professional musicians, pupils have engaged in high-quality, contemporary music experiences that have supported their wellbeing, raised aspirations, and enabled them to showcase their achievements with pride. The programme has been a valuable addition to our curriculum, helping many students discover new strengths and build skills that extend far beyond music. We look forward to working with Noise Academy to plan a future showcase.



### Parent Information: Right to Withdraw

We recognise that parents and carers have an important role in their children's education and that families may have different beliefs, values and perspectives. We are committed to working openly and respectfully with parents and carers about the curriculum we provide.

### RSHE

Our RSHE programme is designed to give pupils age-appropriate knowledge and skills to help them stay safe, develop healthy relationships, understand themselves and others, and prepare for life as they grow up. Some aspects of this curriculum are statutory, and parents do not have a right to withdraw their child from them. This includes Relationships Education, Health Education and relevant content taught as part of the Science curriculum. Parents and carers do, however, have a right to request that their child is withdrawn from some or all sex education delivered as part of statutory Relationships and Sex Education.

Where a parent or carer wishes to make such a request, we encourage them to contact the Headteacher so that we can explain what is being taught, why it forms part of the curriculum and discuss any concerns. In accordance with current Department for Education guidance, the request will be considered and, except in exceptional circumstances, should be respected until the point at which the young person is within three terms of turning 16. At that stage, the pupil has the opportunity to choose to receive sex education.

If a pupil is withdrawn from sex education, the school will ensure that they receive appropriate and purposeful education during that time.

### Religious Education (RE)

RE is a statutory part of the curriculum. Parents and carers have the right to request that their child is withdrawn from some or all RE lessons. We recognise that families may have religious, philosophical or other reasons for requesting withdrawal. If you wish to discuss the RE curriculum or request withdrawal, please contact the Headteacher. We will explain what is taught and the arrangements that will apply if your request is made.

### Working together

We want parents and carers to feel informed and confident about what their children are being taught. Our relevant curriculum policies and information about the content and delivery of these subjects are available to parents and can be found on our website, we welcome questions or discussions about the curriculum.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of RSHE, PSHCE or RE, or would like to make a formal request to withdraw your child from a part of the curriculum where this right applies, please contact the Headteacher.



### Other Exciting News

This year is really going to be exciting, with so many things planned into the diary. We look forward to sharing more information in due course however here are a few things we are looking forward to.

