



Ormsgill Nursery & Primary School

Newsletter – 13/3/2026



'Be Kind, Be Calm, Do Your Best'

On Tuesday this week, our Year 6 children visited Furness College as part of a STEM event. They had the opportunity to work with local businesses and find out about the different work they do. This is such an important part of what we do, as we give children an opportunity to learn about the exciting career paths open to them. Our Busy Bees class managed to dodge this week's wild weather and enjoyed a lovely trip to the woods looking for flowers and other signs of spring. We have also been marking British Science Week in school and have been busy exploring the theme of curiosity. A big thank-you to those of you who were able to join us for our science-themed family Friday today too. Have a great weekend everyone.

Mr Mick Cull, Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 18 Mar	Parent's Evening
Fri 20 Mar	Red Nose Day – Comic relief
Tue 24 th Mar	Last Year 1 Swimming
Thurs 26 Mar	Egg decorating competition
Thurs 26 Mar	Last Year 5 Swimming
Fri 27 March	End of Spring 2 – 2pm finish
Mon 13 April	Start of Summer Term
Mon 27 Apr	Y3 Coniston Waterpark trip
W/B 11 May	Y6 SATs week
Fri 22 May	End of Summer 1
Mon 1 June	Start of Summer 2

Reception - September 2026 - The application deadline for Reception (September 2026) has now passed. If you missed the deadline, you can still submit a late application. **Children in our Nursery must still apply for a place.** Forms are available in the office or you can [apply online here](#). We are also welcoming Nursery applications from 3 year-olds. Children can join the term after their 3rd birthday, we will be accepting new children in April. We are also planning to offer afternoon nursery sessions as either paid additional sessions or for those in receipt of 30 hours child care. Please contact the office if you'd like to register your interest.

Parent's Evening – Wed 18 March - Parents evening is next week. Dojo messages have been sent to those who have returned their letters to confirm their appointment times. **There are still lots of appointments available** between 1.10pm - 6pm. If you wish to book please get in touch. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress. We look forward to seeing you there.

Easter Raffle & Egg Decorating Competition – The Friends of Ormsgill School are running an **Easter Hamper Raffle**. We have several hampers up for grabs. Tickets are 50p each and can be purchased from the school office. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 26th March. Our annual **Egg Decorating Competition** will be judged on Thursday 26 March. Please bring entries to school that morning. We are egg-cited to see what wonderful creations are made this year!

SCMAT Update - As you will know our school's trust is working with the Department of Education to look at merging with another trust to secure the strongest possible future for schools. The final decision rests with the DfE and has not yet been made but we want to let you know that there is an ongoing and positive dialogue with the DfE's identified strong partner Co-op Academies Trust. Your children may see visitors from Co-op in our schools over the coming weeks.

Wrap around care – A reminder that we offer a **free** breakfast club every morning from 8am, all children are welcome to attend. There's no need to book – just come along when you'd like. We also offer after school care which is a paid service. This is £5 an hour until 5.30pm and must be booked in advance via the school office, we cannot take bookings after 12pm for the same day.

Free School Meals - Free school meals and clothing vouchers (**now worth £50 per child**) may be available for your child(ren) if you receive one of the following qualifying benefits:

-Income Support (IS) -Child Tax Credit, -Universal Credit

-An income related Employment and Support Allowance -Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)

-The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit -Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act

If you think you may be entitled but haven't registered, please visit:

[Free school meals and clothing vouchers | Westmorland and Furness Council](#)

or pop into the school office and we can assist with your application. We have also been able to issue supermarket vouchers for those children entitled to Free School Meals during the holidays. We expect this to be in place again for other holidays however children **must** be registered in advance.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS 96.67%



Westmorland & Furness Parent Carers

Join us for a brew, cake, and chat about SEND

19th
March 2026

Carer Support
Furness,
Nelson Street,
Barrow-in-Furness
LA14 1NF

10:30-12:30

Hosted by: Laura Burling (Contact Associate)

Email - Laura.burling@contact.org.uk

Call: 07808774233



contact *For families
with disabled children*



EASTER

Chocolate RAFFLE

Tickets cost 50p



Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 26th March

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Important Update: New School Meal Ordering & Allergy Approval Process

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to let you know that the school, together with our new caterer Caterlink, will be introducing a new online meal-ordering and payment system. This will go live on **1st March 2026**.

You will shortly receive an email from **scopay.com** with instructions on how to register for your online account.

Allergy & Dietary Requirement Approval

As part of this new process, you will be required to confirm whether your child has any allergies or dietary requirements *before* you can order meals:

- **If your child has no allergies or dietary needs:**
Their settings in SCOPAY will show as “None”. You will still need to confirm that this is correct before you can continue to place meal orders.
- **If your child *does* have an allergy or dietary requirement:**
You will be asked to approve the information we currently hold. Once confirmed, you will be provided with a tailored menu that meets your child’s needs, and you will be able to select meals from this menu online.

This approval step is essential in helping us ensure your child’s safety. It also streamlines the ordering process, making it clearer and safer by only showing the options appropriate for your child.

By reviewing and confirming this information, you are helping us provide a safe, inclusive, and well-informed food service that supports every child’s health and wellbeing.

If you **reject** the dietary information shown for your child, you will not be able to place an order until you contact the school. We will then update your child’s records within the new allergy management system.

NB – if you do not complete the approval process no meal can be ordered for your child, either online or in school.

If you need any help or further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Mr M Cull, Headteacher

Parent or Carer?

MyTime South Cumbria Primary Mental Health Worker Service

Are you worried about your child's mental health and not sure where to turn?

Join one of our drop-in sessions run by our Primary Mental Health Workers.

We'll point you in the right direction with friendly advice and guiding you to services that can help.

Our online sessions run twice a month no appointment needed, just a safe space to chat and get the right support.

**2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month
1pm – 3pm**

When joining the meeting you will enter a virtual waiting area where a worker will collect you

BARNARDOS



01539 742626



pmhw.mytime@barnardos.org.uk



Scan this QR code to join the drop-in

E-School Nurse Clinic

(By appointment only)

Twice weekly health support and advice for parents, carers and professionals who are supporting children and young people aged 5-19 years old.



Tuesday and Thursday

Telephone for an appointment

0300 304 9039

You will be able to talk to a school nurse, the contact will be private, secure and confidential. In consultation with you, the nurse will assess the child or young person's health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.



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School Term Dates

School year 2025/2026

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	Wednesday 3 September 2025	Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2025	Friday 19 December 2025 2pm Finish
Spring	Wednesday 7 January 2026	Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026 2pm Finish
Summer	Monday 13 April 2026	Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2026	Friday 17 July 2026

School year 2026/2027

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	Wednesday 2 September 2026	Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Spring	Tuesday 5 January 2027	Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Summer	Monday 12 April 2027	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027	Friday 16 July 2027

You can find this information including future School Years on the following link to the [Westmorland & Furness Website](#)