

Ormston School Weekly Newsletter – Issue 18

Exciting New Mural Brightens Our School Walls!

This half-term break, our school was treated to a vibrant new addition to our building: a stunning mural painted by local art student, Tessa. The mural, which spans the main wall in the school canteen, has brought a burst of colour and creativity to our school grounds. The mural features our school core values and colours, and we are extremely grateful to Tessa for her hard work. Some pictures can be seen below.

Calendar this and next year

I have attached the 2025-2026 Leeds school calendar to the newsletter for your information. A digital version can also be found on the school website in the news folder.

PE

Attached to the newsletter for students in KS3 (Tawny, Burrowing and Snowy Owl Class) is a letter regarding the new Secondary PE out of school activity commencing this term, at the Training Cave in Birstall. Please see the letter attached for more information.

New Staff

This week we have welcomed two new staff members to our team here at Ormston. Mr. Kilburn, who will be joining Burrowing owl class, and Miss Johnston, who will be joining Snowy Owl class. Our team at Ormston is quickly growing and we look forward to the positive impact we know they will have on our students' growth and development!

Mr Horsfield

As many of you may already know, myself, Mr. Horsfield, will be leaving Ormston at the end of this week to pursue a lifelong dream of travelling. I want to take a moment to express what an absolute pleasure it has been to work at Ormston. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work with such a dedicated and inspiring team of staff, as well as with the wonderful young people who make this school truly special. The students here are a true credit the school and their families, and it has also been a pleasure to get to know parents as well. I wish Ormston all the best for the future and look forward to returning for a visit when I'm back! Please continue to contact the school office at schooloffice@ormston.co.uk with any queries you may have.

Tawny Class meeting

Parents from Tawny Owl should have received an email regarding a class meeting, which will be held on Friday, 21st March, at 2:00 pm. During this meeting, we will provide valuable insights into your child's progress and the curriculum topics that will be covered in the next term. Additionally, we will be discussing strategies and changes to support your child's learning journey, and we welcome any questions or feedback you might have.

Golden time

We're excited to introduce a new Golden Time timetable this term, designed to offer more consistency and enhance the experience for our students. Golden Time activities will now be help within class groups, with a dedicated staff team leading the same activity each day, based on their area of expertise. You can find the updated timetable below.

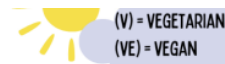


New School Dinner Menus

Week 1

w/c 24/02/25, 17/03/25,
07/04/25, 28/04/25, 19/05/25,
09/06/25, 30/06/25, 21/07/25

Menus are subject to availability



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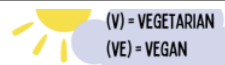
FRIDAY

Jacket Potato with Chicken Curry Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Chicken Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetarian Shepherd's Pie (VE)(H) Seasonal Vegetables	Pork Sausage Yorkshire Pudding Mashed and Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Battered Fish (H) Chips Seasonal Vegetables
Margherita Pizza (V)(H) Jacket Wedges Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H) Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Cheese and Onion Roll (V)(H) Jacket Wedges Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H) Yorkshire Pudding Mashed and Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Cheesy Topped Ravioli (V)(H) Chips Seasonal Vegetables
Cheese Salad Wrap (V)(H) Jacket Wedges	Wholemeal Tuna Bap (H) Jacket Wedges	Wholemeal Cheese Sandwich (V)(H) Jacket Wedges	Hot Pork Sausage Bap or Vegetarian Sausage Bap (V)(H) Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Wholemeal Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich (V)(H) Chips
Strawberry Jelly	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Ice Cream Sliced Peaches	Shortbread Cookie Fresh Fruit

Week 2

w/c 03/03/25, 24/03/25,
14/04/25, 05/05/25, 26/05/25,
16/06/25, 07/07/25

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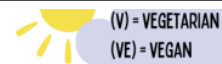
FRIDAY

Mediterranean Pasta Bake (VE)(H) Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Chicken Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Veggie Balls in a Mediterranean Tomato Sauce (VE)(H) Pasta Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Gammon Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Breaded Salmon Bites (H) Chips Seasonal Vegetables
Omelette (V)(H) Jacket Wedges Seasonal Vegetables	Vegan Sausage Roll (VE)(H) Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Margherita Pizza (V)(H) Baby Baked Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H) Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Cheesy Bean Wrap (V)(H) Chips Seasonal Vegetables
Tuna Mayonnaise Wrap (H) Jacket Wedges	Wholemeal Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich (V)(H) Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Cheese and Tomato Sandwich (V)(H) Baby Baked Potatoes	Hot Roast Gammon Bap or Vegetarian Sausage Bap (V)(H) Jacket Wedges Seasonal Vegetables	Tuna and Sweetcorn Wrap (H) Chips
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Lemon Sponge and Custard	Banana Oaty Slice	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Week 3

w/c 10/03/25, 31/03/25,
21/04/25, 12/05/25, 02/06/25,
23/06/25, 14/07/25

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Crispy Chicken Bites with Tomato Dip Jacket Wedges Seasonal Vegetables	Margherita Pizza (V)(H) Baby Baked Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Sausage Casserole Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Gammon Yorkshire Pudding Mashed and Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Golden Fish Nuggets (H) Chips Seasonal Vegetables
Veggie Balls in Gravy (VE)(H) Jacket Wedges Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetarian Bolognese (VE)(H) Pasta Seasonal Vegetables	Curried Vegetable Bake (V)(H) with Yoghurt and Mint Dip Rice Salad	Vegetarian Sausage (VE)(H) Yorkshire Pudding Mashed and Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Crispy Vegetable Fingers (V)(H) Chips Seasonal Vegetables
Tuna and Sweetcorn Sandwich (H) Jacket Wedges	Egg Mayonnaise Bap (V)(H) Baby Baked Potatoes	Cheese Bap Rice Salad (V)(H)	Hot Roast Gammon Bap or Vegetarian Sausage Bap (V)(H) Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Tuna Mayonnaise Wrap (H) Chips
Ice Cream with Summer Fruit Sauce	Marble Sponge and Custard	Orange Jelly	Sprinkle Cookies Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit Wedges

Key Dates

Tuesday 4th March – Year 9 DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio) and Meningitis ACWY immunisations



Golden time

Days	Little Owl	Barn Owl	Tawny Owl	Burrowing Owl	Snowy Owl
Monday		 Miss Woollerson / Miss Brown	 Miss Turner / Miss Hattersley	 Mr Kilburn / Mr Smith	 Mr Corey / Miss Johnston
Tuesday			 Miss Woollerson / Miss Brown	 Miss Turner / Miss Johnston	 Mr Kilburn / Mr Corey
Wednesday		 Mr Corey / Miss Johnston	 Mr Kilburn / Mr Smith	 Miss Woollerson / Miss Brown	 Miss Turner / Miss Hattersley
Thursday		 Mr Kilburn / Mr Smith	 Mr Corey / Miss Johnston	 Miss Turner / Miss Hattersley	 Miss Woollerson / Miss Brown



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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 = 59 days
Summer term = 61 days

Total = 195

Leeds school calendar (term dates) 2025 – 2026

Holiday	Schools close	Schools open
Summer Break		Monday 1 September 2025
Autumn mid-term	Friday 24 October 2025	Monday 3 November 2025
Christmas break	Friday 19 December 2025	Monday 5 January 2026
Spring mid-term	Friday 13 February 2026	Monday 23 February 2026
Easter break	Thurs 2 April 2026	Monday 20 April 2026
May bank holiday	Friday 1 May 2026	Tuesday 5 May 2026
Summer mid-term	Friday 22 May 2026	Monday 1 June 2026
Summer break	Tuesday 21 July 2026	



Term Length	Bank Holidays include
Autumn 75 days	Christmas 25 & 26 December 2025
Spring 59 days	New Year's Day 1 January 2026
Summer 61 days	Good Friday 3 April 2026
Total 195 days	Easter Monday 6 April 2026
	May Day 4 May 2026
	Spring Bank 25 May 2026
	August 31 August 2026

INSET Dates – School is closed on these dates for young people

Monday 1 st September
Tuesday 2 nd September
Monday 5 th January
Tuesday 6 th January
Monday 20 th April
Tuesday 21 st April