

Orphir Community School

Term 4 Newsletter

Monday June 2026

Calendar for this term - please keep an eye on these updates as it may change!

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Music AM	PE AM		Strings AM	Art PM
				Football from 1 May

	JULY
1	Leavers' Service - please remember EVERYONE is welcome to come to this. Normally both classes may or may not sing, strings players normally do a turn too. From 1.45pm
	Leavers' Disco - 6-7.30pm for P1-7 children, drop off event - see link below
2	Last day of term.
9	Summer Fun and a Healthy Picnic - Childsmile - see poster
16	Supporting Healthy Screen Use - see poster
28-30	New Secondary 1 Summer Social Fun Days - see poster

NEC Travel Card

If you received a form but your child(ren) already have a card, please return it to or email the school office to that effect by Friday. Thank you.

New P1 Parents Meeting

All parents of children coming into P1 in August are invited to meet with the class teacher and head teacher on Friday 26 June at 9.30am. This is a short informal meeting to discuss the children coming into their new class, answer any queries and collect the all important PE bag! 😊
The new school handbook (draft) is uploaded on the website and will be updated when new staff start.

[School Parent Handbook \(draft\) 2026-27](#)

P1-7 Leavers' Disco

- **School Disco** Thursday 26 June 6.00pm-7.30pm
- **Theme** Well dressed
- **Cost** Nil
- **Supper** Please provide a plate of savoury/sweet food for the buffet

All P1-7 children are invited to attend what is always a fun evening. Children **must** be collected from the hall.

Parents/Guardians - we need you to help on the evening so please complete and return the form below as soon as possible.

[P1-7 Leavers Disco 2026 - Request for help - Fill in form](#)

For all families in the Nursery from Catherine Diamond

Dear all

Share your views about early learning and childcare in Orkney

The early learning and childcare service are interested in gathering parent and carers feedback about early learning and childcare provision across Orkney. We are launching a survey and are inviting nursery parents to use this to share their views- please use the link below. **The survey will close on July 10th 2026.**

<https://tally.so/r/81R1B5>

Catherine Diamond

Service Manager Early Learning and Childcare

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Orkney Nature Festival Competition

As part of my work on the committee organising the Orkney Nature Festival, I have this year established a photography competition which showcases the natural beauty of Orkney, and encourages folk to get out and about in the areas around the islands. As part of this, I was really keen to include a couple of categories specifically for those who are under 18.

The competition is open until the 31st July, and therefore there is plenty of opportunity to take photos over the summer holidays! It is completely free to enter, and there are some decent prizes to be won.

All the information about the competition, as well as details on how to enter, are available on our website at: <https://orkneynaturefestival.co.uk/photography-competition/>

If you have any questions, please just let me know henrymemmott@yahoo.co.uk

Many thanks,
Henry

From the School Nurses at NHS Orkney

The School Health Team would appreciate your support in helping us plan future parenting courses. Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey. Your feedback will help us understand the needs of families and shape future parenting support to better meet those needs. Thank you for your time and valuable input.

[School Health Parenting Support Survey – Fill in form](#)

Kind Regards,

Alison

Email: ork.schoolnurses@nhs.scot





Please join us for some
Summer Fun and a Healthy Picnic

At the Finstown Community Gardens

On Thursday 9th July 2026

2-3.30pm

There will be a range of summer games and activities, some healthy snacks, all with a Childsmile twist.



Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Tea & coffee, milk and water available along with some healthy bites.

Come and join the Childsmile Team for some toothkind healthy fun.

It'll be a sweet and juice free zone.

For more information on ork.oralhealth@nhs.scot

If weather is poor, we will be in the Finstown Church.



New S1 Summer Social Fun Days



Join the CLDE Youth Services Team
in Stromness Academy and
Kirkwall Grammar School

For free games and activities for all young people
moving up to secondary school after the summer

Partners



confidence building

school building familiarisation

meet new people, make new friends

...and much much more

Lunch and
refreshments
provided

14th, 15th, 16th July 2026 at
Stromness Academy
10am - 2pm

28th, 29th, 30th July 2026 at
Kirkwall Grammar School
10am - 2pm

To book a space
please contact:



cld@orkney.gov.uk



01856 873535
ext 2408



July 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	6 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	6 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm

Education, Leisure and Housing

School term dates - 2026 / 2027 (all dates are inclusive)

Term 1	Tuesday 18 August – Friday 9 October. (39 days)
October holidays	Monday 12 October – Tuesday 27 October.
Term 2	Wednesday 28 October – Friday 18 December. (38 days)
Christmas holidays	Monday 21 December – Monday 4 January.
Term 3	Tuesday 5 January – Friday 26 March. (55 days)
Schools closed	Thursday 11 February – Tuesday 16 February.
Spring holidays	Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April. (Easter Monday 29 March).
Term 4	Monday 12 April – Friday 2 July. (58 days)
Schools closed	Monday 3 May (May Day holiday).
Schools closed	Monday 31 May.
Staff Only, In-service days are: - Monday 17 August. - Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 October. - Tuesday 16 February. - Monday 31 May.	