

Orphir Community School

Term 4 Newsletter

Tuesday 19 May 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
			Netball till 14 May	Football from 1 May

	MAY		
22	Max Literacy Project - visit from Victoria Reinhart		
27	P1-3 trip to Kirkwall - link to MS form for lunch orders		
28	Nursery trip to Hoy		
28	P7 Transition Sports at Picky Centre		
	JUNE		
1	In-service - school closed to pupils		
2	Library Van - 0930-1030		
	Sports Day - all afternoon from 1.00pm		
3	OCSF - meeting 6pm		
4	Parent meeting for P7 parents and P7 pupils if they wish, Thursday 4th June 2026 6pm at KGS		
9/10	Transition Days Details to follow for nursery transitions into P1	• P7 to KGS • P3 to P4-7 • Nursery to P1	
19	Pupil Reports Issued		
	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.		
2	Last day of term		

P1-3 trip to Kirkwall – link to MS form for lunch orders below to be completed for ALL children.

[Primary 1-3 Class Trip to Pickaquoy Centre Trip Notification and Packed Lunch Option Form - Fill in form](#)

Pupil Name

P1-3 pupils

Proposed Excursion

Trip to Picky Centre to visit facilities and try some new sports.

Linked to Sports topic

Date and Time

Wednesday 27 May 2026

- Depart school on service bus 1002,
- Return to school 1445 (service bus leaves Kirkwall 1430)

Additional Information

- Hi-vis to be worn from home or issued from school.
- Dress appropriately for the day/weather with footwear suitable for walking and playing sports.
- Apply suncream if necessary.
- Water bottle, snack, and lunch to be carried by pupil in small rucksack.

0930 – check all children are present, well and been to toilet

1000 – catch public bus into Kirkwall

1020 – walk to Picky Centre

1030 – tour of Picky and facilities

1115 – have snack at Picky

1125 – do some sports/activities (indoor/outdoor weather dependent)

1230 – have lunch at Picky

1300 – walk to Daily Scoop/Tankerness Gardens, have an ice cream if there is time (no cost to parents)

1430 – catch public bus back to school (depart from Travel Centre)

1445 – arrive back at school

Group Leaders

Joanne Miller, Dawn Williams, Claire Smith

Nursery trip to Hoy

All details have been passed to parents by Nursery Team. Itinerary below as a reminder:

Hoy Trip Itinerary

940am - Meet at ferry terminal
1000 - Ferry leaves Houton
1035 - Arrive in Lyness
1040 - Visit Lyness museum
1145 - Bus to North Walls School
1150 - Arrive at North Walls
12.30 - Have lunch and play
1330 - Bus back to Lyness
1400 - Ferry leaves Lyness
1500 - Ferry arrives at Houton
1505 - Catch bus at Houton back to Orphir School
1510 - Bus Arrives back at School
1530 - Parents pick up from School.

P7 Transition Sports at Picky Centre

The PE staff are very excited to be running this event with assistance from the Active Schools Co-ordinators and other adult volunteers. This event will be an opportunity for Primary 7's from around the schools to come together and participate in different sporting activities as well as socialise with pupils from both east and west schools.

Children should be dressed for the weather and dressed to be active. Sun cream to be applied as appropriate. Children should have snack, lunch, water bottle in small rucksack.
Timetable below:-

Orphir Children arrive at school no later than 9.20am to depart 9.30am with taxi
9.45am - Kirkwall children and Orphir children meet in foyer at Picky - move to main arena
10.00am - Pupils and staff should arrive at picky and meet in the main arena for a briefing.
10.15am - Pupils will be split into groups (this will be a mix of east and west mainland).
10.30 -12.30 – Activity Rotations (Please note that there will be three activities held inside the arena and one out at the Athletics track).
12.30 – 1.00pm – Lunch in the arena. Pupils and staff should take a packed lunch with them on the day.
1.00 – 2.00 – East (KGS) and West (SA) activities.
2.00 – 2.15 – Wrap up the day

Kirkwall children collected from member of staff in foyer at Picky. Orphir children get taxi back to school

Group Leader: Shona Garson

Holiday

A reminder that school is **closed** for pupils on the following days:

- Monday 1st June.

Orphir Community School Forum

The next Forum meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 3rd June here at the school at 6 PM. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings. If you have anything you would like to add to the agenda for the meeting please contact Liz Johnston (Chair) or contact Shona here at the school.

Breakfast Club

New P1 Transition

Fundraising for 2026-27

P7 Information for 2026-27 hoodies, trips, fundraising, etc

Hoy feedback - Dawn Williams

PC Chairs Feedback

Staffing update

New Clerk/Secretary

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.	

Parents Shaping Support



Drop- in session allowing parents to have a voice in shaping local services with any ideas for support on their journey into education and employment.

Monday 25th May
12pm - 2pm,
Room 3, Town Hall, Kirkwall

- Identify Gaps
- Highlight Barriers
- Share Knowledge
- Explore Solutions

However, If you can't make it this day we still want to hear from you!



Please scan the QR code to complete the anonymous survey to have your input!

These courses would benefit us on our journey to employment...



