

Orphir Community School

Term 4 Newsletter Round Up

Wednesday 22 April 2026

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

	APRIL			
22	Club Golf - P4-7 only			
	See 4 Schools - sight test for selected nursery children			
23	In the same boat - class presentation to both classes			
	Netball starts			
	MAY			
1	Football starts			
4	HOLIDAY - school closed to pupils			
5-8	P7 Residential Trip to Hoy			
12	Generation Science for P1-3 class			
13	Max Literacy Project - evening Foy - all parents welcome and positively encouraged to attend			
14	Possibly last netball session after school			
19	P7 Guidance Visits from KGS staff			
22	Max Literacy Project - visit from Victoria Reinhart			
28	P7 Transition Sports at Picky Centre - info to come out later in the term			
	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 P7 to KGS P3 to P4-7 Nursery to P1 Details to follow for nursery transitions into P1			
	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			
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Music	PE		Strings	Art
			Netball till 14 May	Football from 1 May

Orphir Community School Forum

Minutes are attached from the last meeting. The Term 4 Meeting Date is 3 June 2026 (6pm at the school) and we have made a start on the agenda so that folk that are interested may want to attend that don't normally. Remember that all parents from nursery through to Primary 7 are more than welcome to attend any meetings.

Agenda points so far:

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

Shona's last meeting as Clerk will be Term 4. Parents on the forum can take meeting minutes but cannot claim a payment. Anyone not a parent at Orphir Community School performing the Clerk role could claim a payment. Payment amount to be agreed between the forum and the Clerk - there is no prescribed amount. If anyone is interested in this role, please contact Liz Johnston, Chair on fatliz25@hotmail.com

Fruit Trees

Amber Connolly has lived in the village for 20 years and loves to garden and grow her own food. She has been given permission to plant a few apple trees up at the school to begin to create a small community orchard and would welcome parents who might like to get involved. If there are a few helpers, Amber does wonder perhaps about expanding to other fruit trees/bushes. Her intention would be to create some learning opportunities around this for the children too. If you are interested in helping, please contact Amber directly on 07720 203602.

Hoy Trip

A last communication/timetable will be emailed this week with some reminders and contact details for those P7 children going to Hoy.

Parenting Across Scotland

FREE event for parents and carers

Hello,

I am contacting you regarding an upcoming FREE event for parents and carers that may be of interest to those at your school. Details are below.

House of Hormones - Thursday 14 May, 5:30-7pm, online

We've all heard of puberty and perimenopause - but how much do we actually know about them, the similarities and the implications of these on household dynamics. Enter the House of Hormones! Join Parenting Across Scotland and Cyrenians Scottish Centre for Conflict Resolution as they delve into the issues households can face when generations within a family enter puberty and perimenopause at the same time. Joined by Lyndsay Harrison, General Nurse Practitioner and founder of Workplace Menopause Support, we'll break down what's going on in

perimenopausal and teenage bodies and brains - and how to return the House of Hormones to peace.

For more details and to sign up, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/house-of-hormones-tickets-1985575742496?aff=oddtcreator>

Best wishes,



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LONDON MARATHON ENTRANT!

Our very own P1-3 class teacher, Dawn Williams is running the London Marathon this weekend so our Daily Mile today (Wednesday) gave her a chance to show off her costume and rally the children!



There is no obligation on any of you to do so, but the link to Dawn's JustGiving page is below if you wish to sponsor her and find out about her chosen charity and her attempt at a world record! Go Dawn and good luck from all the bairns and staff at Orphir Community School!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/dawn-williams-clown?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Respect Me, Scotland's Anti-Bullying Service

<https://www.respectme.org.uk/information-parents/>

<https://www.respectme.org.uk/elearning/>

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Who we are

respectme is Scotland's Anti-Bullying Service. Established in 2007, we are wholly funded by the Scottish Government and jointly managed by the Scottish Action for Mental Health (SAMH) and LGBT Youth Scotland.

We work with all adults who have a role to play in the lives of children and young people to give them the practical skills and confidence to deal with children who are bullied and those who bully others.

Our vision is of a respecting, just, equal, and inclusive Scotland, in which all children and young people can live free from bullying and harassment and are encouraged to reach their full potential. Our work is driven by a focus on children's rights.

We aim to build the capacity of adults to effect change and challenge bullying and stigma at an individual, school, family, community, and societal level.

We also campaign at a national level to raise awareness of the service and the impact bullying can have.

Our approach

Our approach is underpinned by five core values:

- Rights
- Fairness
- Respect
- Equality
- Inclusion

Our principles

Our principles are:

- The rights of children and young people are at the heart of everything we do.
- Our values of rights, fairness, respect, equality and inclusion underpin every aspect of our work.
- We work in partnership to build the capacity, competence and confidence of all adults who play a role in the lives of children and young people.
- We promote a positive, practical and realistic approach to improving the life experiences of children and young people.
- We will influence behaviour, culture and attitude towards bullying behaviour.

Library Van Procedures

Due to library books going missing, please could you send me a photo of your child(ren)'s library card for us to keep at the school. If you are happy with this, it means that your child(ren) can take books out on their own account and take them home. Alternatively, children can take their membership cards to school and we can copy them to make the trip to the library van faster and more efficient. Any children that don't have a membership are allowed to take a book out on the teacher's account but the book stays within the classroom pupil's tray.

Our next Library Van visit is Tuesday 2 June 2026.

Education, Communities and Housing

School term dates - 2025 / 2026 (all dates are inclusive)

Term 4	Monday 20 April – Thursday 2 July. (52 days)
Schools closed	Monday 4 May (May Day holiday).
Schools closed	Monday 1 June.

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.	