

Orphir Community School

Term 3 Newsletter Round Up

Tuesday 31 March 2026

	APRIL			
2	Fluoride Varnish			
3	LAST DAY OF TERM			
20	FIRST DAY OF TERM			
21	Bag the Bruck			
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			
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Music	PE		Strings	Art
			Netball	
			Orphir Youth Activity Group	

Red Nose Day

Friday 20 March 2026

So.....drum roll 🥁🥁🥁we have reached an amazing total of **£535** after banking the amount donated in cash at the school! Words fail us here at the school of how generous our Orphir Community School and wider community are. Thank you very much for supporting our bairns on their personal challenges and supporting Red Nose Day.

Tuck Shop

Within our Mindful March, the Primary 1-7 children were providing a healthy tuckshop and the children enjoyed trying different fruits throughout the sessions and different home made cereal bars. This was not a money making venture but thank you to those who donated and we'll be banking £47.10 towards the project. And the bairns have enjoyed the free bananas this week too! 😊

Orphir Community School Forum

The OCSF met last week and the draft minutes will be out this week once checked.

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

P7 Health Chat

School Health Orkney have sent consent forms for the Primary 7 children regarding a School Health Chat with one of their team. Please complete and return to the school office by Thursday. Home with the children today.

Hoy Trip

Parent members present at the recent OCSF meeting reviewed the finances and fundraising efforts regarding outdoor education and agreed to fully fund the P7 Hoy trip for 2026, assuming the regular £50 donation from Orphir Community Council (based on previous years' funding).

Forms for the trip are sent home today for completion and return by Friday.

School Meals

Thank you to everyone for getting the meals ordered by Thursdays where possible. This really helps Christine and the kitchen staff at Stromness Academy who prepare our meals to plan for the week ahead. For those that struggle doing this every week, do remember that you can do the menus in bulk, sometimes 4-5 weeks in advance.

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 1 2025	Tuesday 19 August* – Friday 10 October. (39 days)
October holidays	Monday 13 October – Tuesday 28 October.
Term 2	Wednesday 29 October – Friday 19 December. (38 days)
Christmas holidays	Monday 22 December – Friday 2 January.
Term 3 2026	Monday 5 January – Friday 3 April. (61 days)
Schools closed	Thursday 12 February – Tuesday 17 February.
Spring holidays	Monday 6 April – Friday 17 April. (Easter Monday 6 April).
Term 4	Monday 20 April – Thursday 2 July. (52 days)
Schools closed	Monday 4 May (May Day holiday).
Schools closed	Monday 1 June.
Staff Only, In-service days are: - Monday 18 August. - Monday 27 – Tuesday 28 October. - Tuesday 17 February. - 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.	