

Orphir Community School

Friday 21 November 2025

NEWS

Christmas Jumpers

We will take out our Christmas clothing swap rail next week in preparation for December. If you have peedie stuff you're prepared to donate, please drop them off with Shona in the school office and see if there is bigger available.

And also..... Spare kit

If you had any spare of the following at home and would be willing to donate also, please drop them at the school office with Shona.

Bairns gloves

Welly boots - size 3,4,5

From Orkney Library and Archive

Dear Parents/Guardians

The Orkney Library is looking for children's drawings of their favourite flower, tree or plant that grows in Orkney. This could be the lovely daffs we see in spring or something from their garden or local patch.



The Library has 5 new tall planters coming for our [Interactive Orcadian Flora Trail](#) and we would like to decorate them with children's drawings.

The works of art need to be A4 portrait orientation. Any identifying name, age, school on the back please.

A selection will be made into permanent display panels to go on the planters outside the Library in Kirkwall, and others will go up on the wavy wall in the library. We will also be launching a seed library in the new year, and we may also use them to decorate this area of the library foyer.

They should be given in to the Kirkwall library by Friday 5th December.

Many thanks.

Orkney Library & Archive

NHS Visits

We have paperwork dropped off by NHS Staff following on from the P1 screening and flu vaccines and these are home with the pupils today.

EVENTS

Parent Appointments

26/27 November

All the appointments have been sent home. If you can't make it on the day, do please phone to rearrange; it will let the class teacher know exactly who is coming along.

Christmas Crafternoon

Please note change of date - December 4th. Christmas Crafternoon

We would like to invite our parents/carers to our Christmas Crafternoon on Thursday 4th December. We will have a Christmassy time with crafts in each class and the middle area in the school end. This will be from 2-3pm and children can go home with parents afterwards as required.

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
26 Norwegian musicians Parent/Carer Information Evening	4 Christmas Crafternoon - parents invited
27 Parent/carers Information Evening	5 Festive Friday (Christmas jumper day).
28 P4-7 John Rae workshop.	8 Christmas Service & Nativity.
30 Tree Lighting (6pm) Community event	10 Christmas Dinner.
	12 Festive Friday (Christmas jumper day).
	17 P1-7 Christmas Party PM.
	19 Festive Friday (Christmas jumper day).
	School opens on Monday 5th January 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.	

From the Orphir Community School Forum:
Burns' Supper

At the recent Parent Forum meeting we started to plan the Burns Supper for 23rd January 2026, with a start time of 6pm.

The Parent Forum is able to organise this event but in order for it to go ahead we will need significant support from parents. It is a couple of months away yet, but we need to get an idea for whether we have enough helpers to be able to go ahead with the event.

We would be grateful if you could have a look at the following form and complete it if you are able to help in any way. If we have enough helpers, most of us should also be able to enjoy the evening too!

As with other events this is a fundraiser with the focus on raising money to help with outdoor education, residential trips and school trips.

Please click and complete the following form by Friday 5th Dec so we can then decide on whether or not to go ahead. (An email will go out separately with the details so it doesn't get missed.)

Thank you.

Liz

[Family Burns' Supper Helper Request 23 January 2026, 6.00pm](#)
[Orphir Community School - Fill in form](#)



ORPHIR TREE LIGHTING

ORPHIR COMMUNITY SCHOOL

SUNDAY 30TH
NOVEMBER

6PM



*Healthy and Happy,
Creative and Crafty Christmas
with Childsmile.*



*Festive fun, creative crafts,
and healthy wholesome, tasty treats.*

*Please join us in our open session for families to pop in for
some fun festive, Christmas crafts, along with some healthy
snack making.*

*At The Meadows Gospel Hall, Thoms Street, Kirkwall
Tuesday 2nd December, 2 – 4.30pm.*

*Drop in and join us for some relaxed Christmas decoration
crafting and healthy treat making.*

*There will be plenty tea and coffee for grown-ups,
and space to relax and enjoy a cuppa and a blether.*

*This is open to children up to P7 and children should be
accompanied by an adult. It is free to attend.*

*You can just drop in, or let us know you will come along by
email on ork.oralhealth@nhs.scot.*

The Childsmile Team will be available to
ask any dental questions and our
Childsmile free toothbrushes and
toothpaste will be available to take away.
This will be a "juice and sweet free zone"
afternoon snack session.





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