ORMISTON MEADOWS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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A Message from Mrs Moore

It has been a wonderful start to the term, and I continue to be incredibly proud of the achievements, positive attitudes and hard work shown by our children every day. They represent our school values so well and make our school a happy and successful place to learn.

I would also like to warmly welcome our new families to the school community. Our Reception children have settled in exceptionally well and have quickly embraced school life with enthusiasm, confidence and smiles. We look forward to watching them grow and flourish throughout the year.

This Friday, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Fudger as she moves on to a new role. We would like to thank her for her many years of dedicated service, commitment and support to our school community. She has made a significant contribution to the lives of countless children and families, and she will be greatly missed. On behalf of everyone at the school, we wish her every success and happiness in her new position.

Early Years Learning Environment

As you will be aware, our new Early Years area has recently been developed to enhance the learning opportunities and experiences available to our Reception children throughout the school day.

Once the skips have been collected, Reception children will line up by the gate outside of the new area at the beginning and end of the school day, where they will be collected by their class teacher. **We will send a letter to confirm when this is beginning.** For the time being, please continue to access the Reception door via the side gate.

Year 1 children will continue to access the Year 1 door via the side gate as normal.

For safety reasons, the new Early Years area will be closed off during drop-off and collection times. This is to ensure that children remain safe, as the area will not be supervised during these periods. Thank you for your continued support in helping us to keep all our children safe.

Behaviour Expectations

We expect all children in school to strive to be the best in everything that they do. We will continue this academic year to use the weather chart behaviour system, collecting pegs and reaching for the stars. Please find a link below to our updated behaviour policy.

Behaviour-Policy-2026-for-website.pdf



Uniform expectations

We will be monitoring school uniform very closely. All children are expected to wear full school uniform unless it is their PE day when they should wear their PE kit. Children should have:

Reception – Year 4 – black or grey skirts/dress/trousers/shorts, a white polo shirt, royal blue school jumper (with or without a logo), black/grey/white socks or tights and black school shoes.

Year 5 & 6 – Black school logo blazer, blue school logo tie, white buttoned shirt, black or grey skirt/trousers/shorts, black/grey/white socks or tights and black school shoes.

Any hair accessories should be basic and school colours. The only jewellery permitted are stud earrings and watches. No makeup or nail varnish is permitted. Children should not wear trainers with their school uniform. Class teachers will be contacting parents if there are any discrepancies with school uniform. **Please remember to name all items of school uniform.**



PE

Children should come to school in their PE kit on the specified days below. Please be reminded that children should be in plain black/blue/grey kit. This can be shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms, with a white t-shirt, royal blue t-shirt or school PE t-shirt and preferably their school jumper. There should be no writing or logos on any PE clothing or any football kits. Reception will begin their PE later in the Autumn term.

	Session 1	Session 2
EYFS	Monday	
Year 1	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday	Friday
Year 4	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 5	Monday	Monday
Year 6	Thursday	Friday



Phone free Schools

As you would have seen on recent news reports, schools are now required to be Smart Phone Free. At Ormiston Meadows we have always been a phone-free school. Only children that walk to and from school alone should have a phone with them and this should be handed into their class teacher at the beginning of the day. The children should also **not wear smart watches to school** and these are also classified as a smart device.



Our School community

Year 3 and 6 Ferry Meadows

Year 3 and Year 6 have both enjoyed their trips to Ferry Meadows. Year 6 have enjoyed taking their literacy learning outside of the classroom, while Year 3 have been exploring the natural environment and developing their understanding of rivers. It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged with their learning beyond the classroom.







Parent Event

We have enjoyed welcoming families into school for our parent events this term. Our first event provided an opportunity to meet with families and share more about the year ahead, while our most recent event brought families together to enjoy a range of Halloween crafts and activities. It has been lovely to see so many families joining us and getting involved in school life. Keep out for our next event!

Birthdays

A little reminder that we are continuing to celebrate children's birthdays in school. If your child's birthday falls on a school day, they are welcome to wear their own clothes instead of school uniform. We look forward to continuing to celebrate these special occasions with our pupils!



Key Dates- Autumn Term 2026

- Monday 2nd November: School Closed/ Professional Development Day
- Wednesday 4th November: Book Fair Arrives
- Monday 9th November: Parents Evening
- Wednesday 11th November: Parents Evening
- Thursday 12th November: Zoo Lab Year 1
- Friday 13th November: PTA Non-School Uniform
- Friday 4th December: Year 1 Royal's Dress Up
- Friday 4th December: Year 3 Stone Age Dress Up
- Friday 4th December: Year 4 Greek Dress Up
- Wednesday 9th December: Christmas Lunch
- Tuesday 8th December: EYFS, Year 1 and 2 Nativity
- Friday 11th December: Christmas Fair
- Thursday 17th December: PTA Disco
- Friday 18th December: Last day of term