

Parent Communication Letter – Friday 12 December 2025

Academy News

Good News!

We are delighted to share with you that Ormiston Herman Academy has made The Times 1,000 best Primary Schools in the UK, moving from 900th last year to 381st this year. This is out of almost 21,000 Primary Schools so we are very proud to have made the top 1,000 and wanted to share this exciting news with you as well as thanking you for your ongoing support.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you for your recent support with our Christmas Fayre. We raised a fantastic £1,350 which will go back into activities and opportunities for the children.

Christmas Performances

Thank you to everyone who has visited our Academy recently to watch the children in their Christmas Performances. The children have been working hard rehearsing their songs! We look forward to the Key Stage 2 Performances that will take place next week at the St. Mary Magdalene Church in Gorleston.

Uniform Reminders

A reminder that leggings and trainers are not part of the Academy uniform. Children should be wearing the correct uniform at all times, including a tie for children in Key Stage 2.

Bikes and Scooters

We ask that children do not ride their bikes / scooters anywhere on the Academy grounds for the safety of everyone.

Christmas Lunch – Thursday 18 December

Our Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 18 December – roast chicken or veggie sausage with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding, sage and onion stuffing, sausage, carrots, peas, gravy and chocolate mousse cookie cup for pudding. There's no need to order in advance this year.

Community News

Year 3 Lantern Parade

Following on from this week's Lantern Making Workshops, there will then be a lantern parade on Saturday 13 December, 3.00pm, at The Priory 1101, Priory Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 1NW, where children can share their creations.

Elf to the Elderly

With Christmas fast approaching Lydia Eva Residential Home are launching their Elf to the Elderly campaign and would really appreciate any donations if you are able. If you would like to help with this, please buy and wrap a gift for a resident of the home and label it as male or female and pop it into the home ready for the team to put under the Christmas tree. Any gift would be greatly received - toiletries, chocolate, socks, slippers, or a blanket are a good choice! Thank you.

Happy Smiles Club NHS Dental Registration

John G Plummer and Associates Dental Practice are taking on NHS patients under the age of 18 at their Bradwell Practice (Faces and Smiles, Church Lane, Bradwell, NR31 8QW). If you would like to arrange an appointment for your child, please contact the practice directly on 01493 378208.

Academy Staff INSET Days

The Academy will be closed on the following dates for Staff INSET Days:

- Monday 5 January 2026
- Monday 23 February 2026
- Monday 13 April 2026
- Monday 20 July 2026

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 16 December: Y3 / Y4 Christmas at the Church, 9.30am.
- Tuesday 16 December: Y5 / Y6 Christmas at the Church, 1.30pm.
- Thursday 18 December: Christmas Lunch and Party Afternoon.
- Friday 19 December: Academy Closes for Christmas Break.
- Monday 5 January: INSET Day (Academy closed to pupils).
- Tuesday 6 January: Academy Opens for Spring Term 1.

Weekly Winners

Each week, teachers select a pupil who has particularly impressed them with their attitude to learning, behaviour, effort etc. This week's stars are:

- Adventurers: Hazel-Rose
- Explorers: Kathy
- Searchers: Annabel
- Seekers: Edward
- Pioneers: Eyan
- Investigators: Neeraj
- Wayfarers: Evelyn
- Navigators: Joey
- Creators: Breydon
- Pathfinders: Libby
- Voyagers: Oliver P-J.
- Venturers: Oisin
- Crusaders: Logan
- Discoverers: Arianna

Attendance

All children whose attendance is 98% or above for the Autumn Term will be entered into a draw to win a special prize.

The winning classes for the collective highest attendance this week are:

Early Years and Key Stage 1: Investigators

Key Stage 2: Creators

A big well done to both classes!

We are always striving to improve our attendance figures. Children who are in school are safe and accessing education to help them thrive. They are socialising with peers and learning how to be positive members of their community.

Our year-to-date attendance target is 96%, the whole school's attendance is 92.03% this week.

Wherever possible, please ensure your child is attending every day to avoid missing valuable learning opportunities.