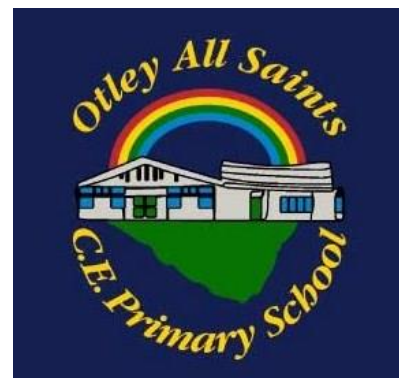


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This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

Monday 17th April – Summer term begins

Monday 1st May – School closed for May Bank Holiday.

Thursday 4th May – Local elections – bungalow in use as polling station, so Breakfast and After School Clubs will be in the hall

Monday 8th May – School closed for Coronation Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May – Year 6 Statutory Assessment Tests

Friday 19th May – Year 1 visit to Hesketh Farm

Whole school skipping workshops

Friday 26th May – School breaks up for half term



What a lovely celebration of the Easter story we enjoyed yesterday at All Saints Church! It was great to welcome so many family members, and we were very grateful to Mrs Beck, Reverend Aaron Kennedy, church warden Barry Milner and others at All Saints Church

who did so much to make us welcome. We were so impressed by our volunteer readers and performers, and each class produced some beautiful artwork to accompany the different parts of the story. We hope that the service provides a fitting start to our families' commemoration and celebration of Easter this year.

PTA Easter Hats Competition

In church we were able to parade the wonderful hats that children had made – a record 100 entries of an impressively high standard. Our winners were: William Neil and Cora Gillespie-Gray (Foundation Stage), Ava Lees-King and Arthur Webb (Key Stage 1), Ted Stoppard and Alanna Smith (Key Stage 2). Many thanks to Amy Bingham for her lovely poster and Hayley Craddock for procuring the prizes.



Governors' Annual Survey of Parents' Views

This is the time of year when the governing body seek to collect your views of the school so that we understand what you feel is working well and can plan ways to improve. Once again we are offering a £20

Waitrose voucher via a prize draw, and to enter all you need to do is complete our school questionnaire, which can be accessed through [Google Forms](#). It should take less than ten minutes to complete. It really is important for us to know how you feel about what the school is doing well, and where we can improve. If you think the school is doing a great job – please tell us! This positive evidence is critical for us when it comes to external evaluations. If you think there's something we could be doing better, this is your chance to let us know and give us the chance to improve. If you would prefer to complete a



paper copy, please let us know. Thank you in advance for your participation.



New School Website We hope that you are enjoying the look of [our new school website](#) – do pay a visit if you haven't seen it. We are aware that the version of the site viewed on mobile devices (phones and tablets) was not quite right last week, but hopefully that has now been addressed. Over the next few days we will also be adding photos taken by Ian Watson of [Azure Photos \(Leeds\)](#); we are grateful to him for providing his services free of charge.

We'd welcome any feedback both about what you like, and also any areas for improvement or little issues you can see. We've taken on board feedback from parents and tried to make the things you want to see the most often easily accessible, such as term dates and upcoming events. You can also find out more about what your child gets up to in class, and access useful information such as uniform requirements and after school care and activities.

Welcome to Mrs Lawrenson We are pleased to announce that Mrs Lawrenson will be joining our staff team next term, taking on some of the duties that Mr Pollhammer has been carrying out. These include support for Year 6 on some mornings, and cover teaching in Years 1, 3, 4 and 6 on different afternoons. We are looking forward to welcoming her after the holidays, and hope she enjoys being part of the All Saints family.

PTA 'Grow a £1' Challenge We have been very impressed at the response to our PTA challenge – a large majority of our children and families have agreed to get involved, and we are already hearing of some creative money-making ideas using the seed money. We'd like to thank you in advance for your support and encouragement, and we are very grateful to Kimberley Bateman for coming into school to launch the scheme, and to Beth Allcock for preparing the pound coins for distribution. We look forward to seeing the returns on the investments on 28th April.



PTA 50:50 Club Congratulations to our March winners – Beth Johnson (£92) and Jeanette Bardon (£23). If you would like to be included in the draw, which raises money for PTA as well as offering the opportunity for a monthly payout, please fill in a form at the school office.



Thank you Otley Maker Space We would like to say a big thank you to the Maker Space people at Otley Courthouse, who very kindly helped our Year 6 class with some resources for their design technology projects building automata. The resources – plastic cams – were provided free of charge, and helped pupils to understand how cams work to create movement in their models. Otley Maker Space are a fantastic local community of makers and repairers who support each other in developing creative skills. Do [visit their web site](#) to find out more about what they do.

Coach Chris London Marathon Many of our children are familiar with sports coach Chris O'Connor of SportsCool from his breakfast sports clubs and PE lessons over the last three years. This year he has been training to run the London Marathon on 23rd April, and is seeking to raise money for The Children's Society. If you feel you would like to, please visit his [fundraising page at Just Giving](#). We wish him every success for the big day!

Easter Holidays - Multi-activity & Lego Workshops Inspiration Tree are offering an exciting range of workshops and courses this Easter holiday. Hosted at St Joseph's Primary School and Burley Oaks Primary School, there is an option for an extended day if required. To make a booking please go to www.inspiration-tree.com.

Yorkshire Attractions Virtual Voucher Booklet If you are looking for ideas for a family day out this spring, you may wish to take advantage of the vouchers available from Yorkshire Attractions, offering reductions on visits to the likes of Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Stockeld Park, Lightwater Valley, Newby Hall etc. The voucher book can be found at <https://yorkshireattractions.org/wp-content/uploads/YAG-Spring-Voucher-Book-2023.pdf>.

Have a wonderful Easter!