

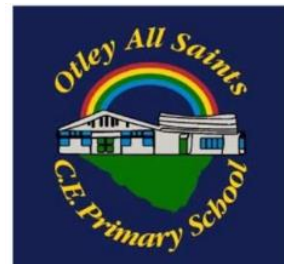
Otley All Saints CE Primary School

Spring Term - Newsletter 3 – 28th March 2025

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PTA Easter Hat Competition - Monday 31st March

Next week sees the return of our annual Easter Hat competition, organised by the PTA with no cost attached. Prizes will be awarded to the best entries in our different key stages (Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2). We are happy to see modern designs or traditional Easter bonnets - whatever you wish. Entries should be brought to the hall on the morning of Monday 31st March, and will be judged during the morning with hats returned to pupils before we set off to church for our Easter service. In church we will have a parade of children wearing their designs before we announce our winners. The Easter service will be open to all families to attend, and will start at 2.00pm in All Saints Church. Please do come and join us for a whole school celebration of Easter.



This half term, our core Christian value is: **Courage**



Thought for the week:

'Have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become.'

- Steve Jobs

Mother's Day Shop

A huge thank you to our amazing PTA for organising and running our Mother's Day shop this week. The children had a fantastic time choosing from a wonderful selection of gifts.

We also want to extend our gratitude to all the parents who volunteered their time to make this event such a great success. Your support is truly appreciated!



Bun Sale – Thursday 3rd April – Sarah Jackson Community Wish

We would like to extend a special thank you to Blousey Jackson and Betsy Foster for suggesting our next bun sale!

This event will take place on **Thursday, April 3rd**, in support of the **Sarah Jackson Community Wish**.

If you have time to bake or purchase buns for the sale, we would be truly grateful for your contribution. Thank you for your support—we look forward to another fantastic event!

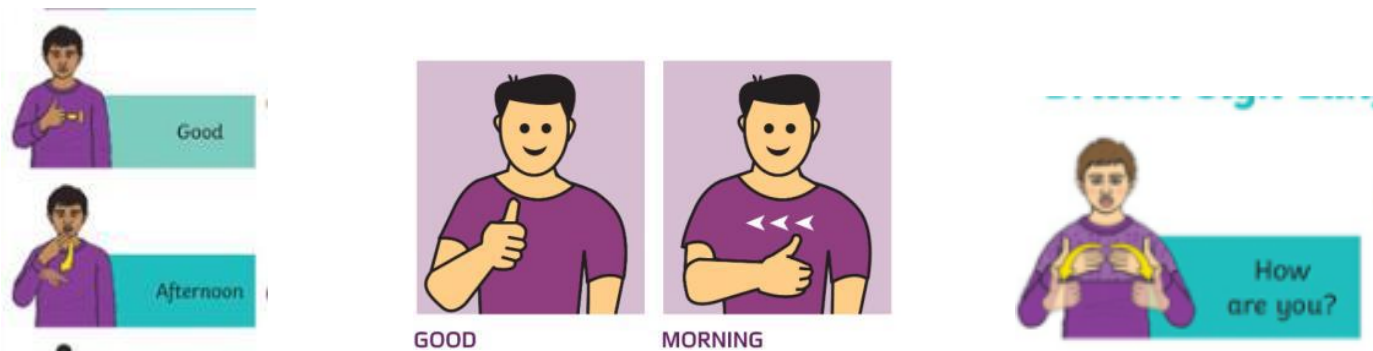
There is a full page of whole school dates at the back of this newsletter.



BSL and Neurodiversity Week

This week we have celebrated British Sign Language week and Neurodiversity week with children learning various sign language and activities surround diversity.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week helps our children to recognise and celebrate the strengths and talents of people who think and learn differently. The children learned of the importance of being kind and accepting of everyone. British Sign Language Week – children in school learned some sign language that you could practice at home.



A smooth start to the school day

To help our children settle into their learning as quickly as possible, we kindly ask parents and carers to leave promptly after drop-off in the morning. This allows the children to focus on their morning task and start the day with confidence and independence.

We truly appreciate your support in fostering a calm and productive start to the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Packed Lunches

As a school we have a duty of care to ensure children are eating healthily during the school day. We have noticed recently that a number of children are not following our 'Packed Lunch Guidance' and feel this needs to be addressed.

In our guidance, foods from the purple section shown below are discouraged in packed lunches, thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us be a healthy school



Is your child going home with someone else? Please inform the School Office

If your child is being collected by someone else—whether as a one-off or a regular arrangement—please inform the school office in advance. This notification must come from the parent of the child being collected, rather than the adult collecting.

For safeguarding reasons, **we can only allow children to leave with another adult if we have received prior notification.** Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our children safe.

PTA News

Your PTA needs you!

The PTA is urgently seeking more volunteers to join the committee. If key positions are not filled **by July 2025**, the PTA will cease to exist. Please know that parents or grandparents of children can take PTA roles at the school. Below are brief descriptions of the roles we need to fill.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could take on any of these positions, even for a few months. You will have the opportunity to work alongside current members to ensure a smooth handover. The roles that need to be filled include the following:

Chair - responsible for oversight, delegation, and organisation.

Vice-chair - assists the Chair, providing additional oversight.

Treasurer - oversees financial management, including income and expenses.

We wish to thank Jennifer Cairns for taking on the Secretary role; we appreciate your support.

If you would like to have a 15 to 20-minute informal discussion about any of these roles, or if you are interested in learning more, please contact the school office or reach out to the PTA directly. We can also provide further detailed information about the roles mentioned above if needed.

We still need more parents to join our PTA in order for school events this year to take place. Please call/email the school office or reach out to members of the PTA if you can offer support. Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday, May 20th, at 6:45 p.m., in the school staff room.

50:50 Club A huge thank you to Beth Johnson (TA & Office Admin) for organising and drawing the 50:50 raffle for us, it is very much appreciated. If you would like to be included in the next draw please collect a form from the school office.

Our March's winners are: 1st prize £78.00 - Lee Jackson 2nd prize £19.50 - Katie Nicholson

Inspiration Tree Multi-Activity & Lego Workshop – Easter Courses

Inspiration Tree are offering one day Multi-Activity courses and LEGO workshops in the Easter Holidays. They courses are £19 per day from 9am-3pm. There is an option for an extended day if required. Please look at the attached flyer for further information. To make a booking please go to www.inspiration-tree.com.

Further Information - please see the attached documents for information regarding the following:

- 1) Child Friendly Leeds – Easter Activity Guide
- 2) Job opportunities at The Whartons Primary School (Class Teacher & Site Superintendent)
- 3) In-Gear Easter & May Half-Terms

I hope everyone enjoys a wonderful weekend.

We wish all our mums, grandmothers and special people at home a Happy Mother's Day.

Best wishes,
Mrs Di Palma-Heath



Spring Dates 2025

Monday 31st March	Easter Service at church – 2.00pm
Tuesday 1st April	Yr5 Rugby
Wednesday 2nd April	Yr1 trip to Mrs Shutt's Garden – Easter Yr5 History walk around Otley Yr2 to PHGS – AM - PE Festival Mrs Raybould's last day in school
Thursday 3rd April	Reception to Mrs Shutt's Garden – Easter Bun Sale – Sarah Jackson Community Wish
Friday 4th April	Break up for Easter Holidays PHGS Musical Showcase for Whole School
Easter Holidays	
Monday 21st April	Easter Monday – School closed
Tuesday 22nd April	School Open
Friday 25th April	Reception visit to Skipton Castle
Monday 28th April	Year 4 visit to Murton Park
Tuesday 29th April	Skipping Workshops Solar Panel Assembly for Whole School
Monday 5th May Bank Holiday – School Closed	
Tuesday 6th May	Year 1 visit to Hesketh Farm Park
Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 15th May	Nursery trip to Nell Bank
Tuesday 20th May	PTA meeting – 6:45pm, school staff room
Thursday 22nd May	Yr6 Bun Sale
Friday 23rd May	Break up for May Half-Term Holiday
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Monday 9th June	Class Photos
Tuesday 10th June	Yr3 trip to Harlow Carr
Thursday 12th June	Discos with Mr Shuffles KS1 4:30 – 5:30pm KS2 5:45 – 6:45pm
Friday 20th June	Year 6 - Junior Warrior
Wednesday 25th June	Year 2 visit to Nell Bank Centre Yr5 – Balfour Beatty workshop
Thursday 26th June	Reception Bun Sale
Tuesday 1st July	Yr3 Roman Soldier Day
Saturday 5th July	PTA – Summer Fair
Friday 18th July	Break up for Summer Holidays