

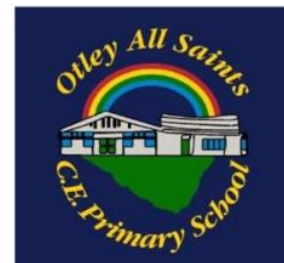
# Otley All Saints CE Primary School

Summer Term - Newsletter 4 – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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**Summer Term** – It has been wonderful to celebrate so many of our beloved school events over the past few weeks, even though we had to contend with the heat on a few occasions! The **Otley Carnival** was a fantastic day, and we were fortunate to have lovely weather. A huge thank you to the Booth family, led by Josie Booth, for organising and creating our float and theme. Their hard work and dedication made the day a great success. A special thanks also goes to the school staff and parents who took the time to paint and prepare, or to help on the day — your support is always appreciated.



On Thursday 3rd July, we held a delightful **Choir and Orchestra Concert** that truly showcased the incredible talent of our children. The performances were both moving and entertaining, and it was heart-warming to see so many families come out to support our young musicians. A special thank you to our musical staff: Mrs Fortune, Mrs Bowman, Mrs Booth, and especially Mrs Nunn, who brilliantly leads music across the school. We also extend our gratitude and appreciation to our instrumental teachers for their hard work in preparing the children so well. We would like to acknowledge Mrs. Pam Beck, who contributes enormously to the school. She not only plays the piano for choir and orchestra concerts and drama shows, but also organises and leads Open The Book assemblies with the help of other volunteers every fortnight.



**Sports Day** was another memorable event, filled with enthusiasm, encouragement, and great sportsmanship from all involved. Our thanks go to Mrs. I'Anson for ensuring the day ran smoothly and was enjoyed by everyone.

On Saturday 5th July, our **PTA Summer Fair** was well attended and blessed with beautiful weather. We are grateful to all the parents and staff who offered their help. We would also like to give special mentions to Laura Hind (PTA) for organizing the summer fair this year, Beth Allcock for her time and effort as Chair, and Miles Waring (Treasurer), as well as Hayley Craddock, who organized the wonderful raffle. A big thank you also goes to Allan Boddy and members of the church for running the café, and to Ian Shutt for organizing the bar. Finally, thank you to everyone who attended and supported the fair by spending money. PTA funds are vital for our school, helping us provide valuable resources and enriching opportunities for our children — your generous support is truly appreciated.

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More recently, we enjoyed three wonderful performances of 'Mary Poppins' from the drama club, led by Miss Wilson, and Miss Wilson, and supported ably by Mrs. Raybould and our incredible pianist, Mrs Pam Beck. We are extremely grateful to them. We would also like to thank Mrs Bowman for helping with the piano music and the school staff who dedicated their time to assist the children with costumes and makeup backstage during the performances.



The children have also enjoyed some wonderful events and activities across the summer term, a huge thank you to our amazing staff for creating and organising such fabulous opportunities. Below is a selection of photographs from a variety of events.



**Chair of Governors** – Those of you present at our Leaver's Service in church yesterday will have also seen our presentation to Allan Boddy, our Chair of Governors for over 20 years, we were delighted to give Allan his own leaver's hoody along with other gifts from the governing body.

Allan has given his time, energy, and expertise so generously over the years, always with the best interests of our children and school community at heart. We are incredibly grateful for his unwavering support and commitment, and he leaves behind a lasting legacy.

On behalf of everyone at the school, we thank Allan sincerely and wish him all the very best for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

### Volunteers & Church Leaders

We would like to express our gratitude to the many individuals who generously give their time to enhance the lives of our children, whether by listening to readers, assisting small groups, or organising bun sales.

All staff at Otley All Saints extend a huge thank you to the following volunteers: Veronica Butler, Dora Sykes, Rachel Fagan, Heather Shutt, Katie Papp, Derek Phillips, Suzanne Thorpe, Kelly Hughes, and Eliza Wilson.

A special thank you goes to Heather Shutt for her dedication in organising the various garden hunts for the children and her outstanding efforts with the bun sales throughout the year. The bun sales have raised a total of £855.75 during the school year. Thank you all for your contributions!

We would like to express our gratitude to our wonderful church leaders for consistently providing worship sessions for the children throughout the school year. Thank you to Maria O'Hagan (Youth Worker), Rev. Cameron Stirk (Otley & Pool Methodist Church), Rev. Aaron Kennedy (All Saints Church), Pastor Chris (Beech Hill Church), Pam Beck, and the incredible Open the Book team, which includes Rachel Wilson, Jennifer Angus, Martyn Campey, and Anne Raftery.



### Global Community Champs

Alex Brown and Hannah Stockwell have very kindly set up the Global Community Champions. You might have seen them both at the school's Summer Fair, where they were recruiting volunteers. The aim of this group is to help nurture and care for the outdoor environment around our school. Jobs will involve digging, planting, weeding, watering, cutting back, tidying, etc and generally looking after and maintaining the plant life around the school grounds. It's a chance for us to work together as a community and will greatly benefit our lovely school.

Children are more than welcome to come along, either to get involved or play around the areas where the adults are working. Children will be their parents' responsibility. We will aim to meet on the first Sunday of every month, in the morning, and spend a couple of hours addressing the tasks that need attention. If you are interested, please pass your name and contact details to Mrs Steele, and she will add you to the WhatsApp group.

### 50:50 Club –

A big thank you to Beth Johnson for all her work throughout the year in organising the 50:50 draw we are very grateful and it is only right that Beth has won June's first prize!

1st prize £76.00 - Bethany Johnson

2nd prize £19.00 - Alice Shippey

**Thank You** As we come to the end of another school year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the staff at Otley All Saints. I feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside each of you every day. Your dedication, care, and tireless commitment to the children are truly remarkable, and I am deeply grateful for everything you do.

A special thank you also goes to our governing body for their continued support, guidance, and invaluable help throughout the year. Your dedication behind the scenes plays a vital role in the success of our school and is truly appreciated.

I would also like to thank our wonderful PTA, who work so hard to support the school in so many ways. From organising fantastic events to raising valuable funds and creating a real sense of community, your commitment, creativity, and generosity make a huge difference, and we are so very grateful for all that you do.

To our whole school community—parents, carers, governors, volunteers, and friends of the school—thank you for your continued support and partnership. It's a privilege to work alongside you in making All Saints such a warm, vibrant, and nurturing place. We are equally as lucky to have you.

Wishing each and every one of you a happy and wonderful summer break. Take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy special moments with your lovely families.

I look forward to seeing you all in the autumn term, refreshed and ready for another fantastic year together.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Di Palma-Heath

### **Parents Summer Dates 2025**

<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Break up for Summer Holidays</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>Summer Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>Training Day (School Closed)</b>
<b>Tuesday 2nd September</b>	<b>Training Day (School Closed)</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>School Open First Day of 2025/2026 School Year</b>