

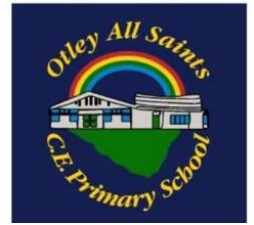
Otley All Saints CE Primary School

Spring Term - Newsletter 1 – 14th February 2025

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Science Day – Planetarium

On Tuesday 28th January, the whole school participated in a Science Day. The children engaged in a variety of activities, including engineering, physics, archaeology, chemistry, and psychology. The main event was a real planetarium, provided by Aurora Planetarium and generously funded by our PTA. A huge thank you to Mrs Morley, our science lead, for all her hard work in making this event possible, but also to all school staff for their support in making the whole day a huge success!



This half term, our core Christian value is: Faith



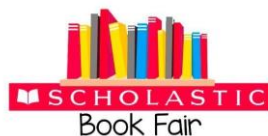
World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

On this day, children may, if they wish, come dressed as their favourite book character, but for those who would rather not dress up, we would like to suggest some alternatives:

- Make a badge which celebrates your favourite book,
- Customise a t-shirt

Scholastic Book Fair - Thank you for your support.

Our children and families thoroughly enjoyed the Scholastic Book Fair this week. A huge thank you to our wonderful community for showing such strong support at this event; it was very well attended. We are extremely grateful to Mrs. Lewis and the school staff for their hard work, time, and effort in making the event a success. We raised an incredible £691.74 to spend on books for the school—well done to everyone!



Cross Country News

Congratulations to all our children who participated in the Leeds School Games KS2 Cross Country Finals 2024/25 at Temple Newsam on Wednesday, February 12th. We are incredibly proud of how well the children performed at this event. Mrs. Sutton has confirmed that one of our students has advanced to the West Yorkshire School Games Cross Country Finals, which will also be held at Temple Newsam. We are currently awaiting the confirmed results. A big thank you to everyone involved, especially Mrs. Platten, Mrs. Marston, Mrs Sutton and our parent helpers, for making this trip possible. Well done, everyone!

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



Global Champions News

On Thursday afternoon, Alex Brown and Hannah Stockwell came into school to work with our Global Champions. They helped care for the blackcurrant plants, demonstrated how to take cuttings, and assisted with repotting and planting the larger cuttings. Additionally, they planted bulbs and started the new bug hotel. A huge thank you to both of them for dedicating their day off to help us! We truly appreciate their support!

We have a new bug hotel that Alex has generously built for us, and we need your help to fill it with materials where insects and bugs can make their homes. We kindly ask for donations of the following items:

- Pinecones
- Bundles of small twigs tied with wool or string (20-30 sticks per bundle)
- Unwanted or broken unglazed terracotta plant pots
- Bamboo canes

Donations can be handed in to Mrs. Steele at Reception. Thank you from the Global Champions!

PTA News - Mother's Day Gift Shop – W/B Monday 24th March

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising our Mother's Day Gift Shop, this will run each day from Monday 24th March, for the week. **We do still need volunteers for this and would very much appreciate your help and support. Please contact Sophie Bancroft on pta@otleyallsaints.co.uk if you could offer your time.**

We still do need further parents to join our PTA in order for school events this year to take place, please do call/email the school office or reach out to members of the PTA if you can offer support. Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday 11th March at 6:45pm, in the school staff room.

Class emails - Communication

We wanted to share some important news about how we communicate regarding class matters. From now on, the class email accounts (year3@...year6@) will be closed. These email accounts were initially established during the COVID-19 pandemic to facilitate close communication while children were engaged in home learning and we now feel that they are not needed in the same way.

To make sure your questions and concerns are addressed quickly and appropriately, please refer to our *Communication policy*, which you can find on our school website. This policy provides guidance on who to contact for different types of queries.

On the back page of this newsletter, you will find a summary table to help clarify the points of contact for various situations - this can be found in the policy.

Thank you for understanding as we make this change. Our goal is to streamline communication and ensure all concerns find the right person to address them.

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. Apologies for not communicating the Nov/Dec winners on my December newsletter please see below for all recent winners:

November's winners were: 1st prize £82 - Suzie Rose 2nd prize £20.50 - Selene Hicks	December's winners were: 1st prize £80 - Ani Earney 2nd prize £20.00 - Ali Vowles	January's winners are: 1st prize £80 - Amanda Johnston 2nd prize £20.00 - Kelly Hughes
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I hope everyone enjoys a wonderful half-term break and I look forward to seeing our children and families again on Monday, 24th February.

Best wishes,

Mrs Di Palma-Heath

Spring Dates 2025

Friday 14 th February	Break up for February Half-Term Holiday
February Half-Term	
Monday 24 th February	World Thinking Day – Scouts and Guides
Friday 28 th February	Year 1 visit to Abbey House Museum
Monday 3 rd March	Year 1 Victorian Experience Day
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day – dress as your favourite book character
Monday 10 th March	Year 5 visit to the National Railway Museum York
Tuesday 11 th March	PTA Meeting 6.45pm
Wednesday 19 th March	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7.00pm
Thursday 20 th March	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief Day – wear something red
Monday 24th March	PTA – Mother's Day Gift Shop opens
Weds 26 th March	Year 2 visit to Bolton Abbey
Monday 31st March	Easter service – 2.00pm
Friday 4 th April	Break up for Easter Holidays
Easter Holidays	
Tuesday 22 nd April	School Open
Friday 25 th April	Reception visit to Skipton Castle
Monday 28 th April	Year 4 visit to Murton Park
Tuesday 29 th April	Skipping Workshops
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 6 th May	Year 1 visit to Hesketh Farm Park
Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 Bun Sale
Monday 9 th June	Class Photos
Friday 20 th June	Year 6 - Junior Warrior
Wednesday 25 th June	Year 2 visit to Nell Bank Centre

Summary table from *Communication Policy*

Message, Queries, Concerns	Person to Contact
If your child is absent from school...	Please notify the school office each day of absence by 9.00am either by telephone on 01943464703 (where you can leave a message) or in person. Please note that this notification does not guarantee that absences will be authorised.
If you have a quick message for your child's teacher about collection, wellbeing ...	Talk to your child's teacher on the playground after the class has been dismissed or when they collect children from the playground on a morning; staff members from each class are outside every afternoon. Urgent messages may be left at the school office if you do not get a chance to speak to the teacher.
If you would like to talk about your child's learning progress...	Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher via the school office. If, following your discussion you would like more information, make an appointment to meet with a senior leader.
If you are concerned about social behaviours or bullying...	Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher via the school office. If, following your discussion you would like more information, make an appointment to meet with a senior leader.
If you would like to discuss something related to your child's teacher...	Make an appointment to meet with the headteacher via the school office.
If you would like to discuss your child's special educational needs...	Make an appointment to meet with the SENCO via the school office.
If you would like to find out about after school clubs or have a query...	Check the school website, email the office on office@otleyallsaints.co.uk or ask at the school office.
If you have a query about Breakfast Club...	Please contact please contact the school office or email the Breakfast Club team at breakfastclub@otleyallsaints.co.uk
If you have a 456 Club (after school club) query...	Please contact please contact the school office or email the 456 Club team 456club@otleyallsaints.co.uk
If you have a pay query ...	Enquiries can be made to the school office staff.
If you have a school dinner enquiry...	Please contact the school office directly.
If you wanted to check if the school is open...	Please check the school website or Leeds school closures online. If the school is closed for bad weather, we will contact you via email or text message at the earliest opportunity.