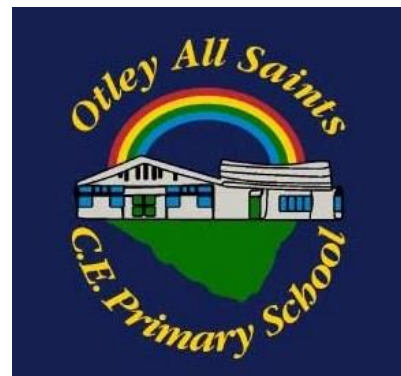


# Otley All Saints CE Primary School

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This half term our core Christian value is:



## Diary Dates


- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Cross Country event, Wharfe Meadows
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 4 Netball Festival, Prince Henry's
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – Workshops with Joanne Willis, visiting author
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October** – PTA 'Break the Rules' Day  
Break up for half term
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – School reopens
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – PTA meeting, 7pm
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – PTA Disco; Fdn/KS1 5.30-6.30pm, KS2 5.45-6.45pm
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Otley Science Festival
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – PTA Quiz
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** – Early Years Training Day; Nursery and Reception closed
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 4 visit to Jorvik Viking Centre
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – PTA Christmas Fair, 1-3pm



It was wonderful to see such a full church last week for our Harvest Festival. All the classes from Reception to Year 6 contributed songs, poems, presentations and prayers, and the generosity of our families was very evident in the gifts of food that we were able to pass on to Otley Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who attended or contributed to this joyous occasion.

**Staffing news** As announced last week, we are delighted that the governing body has been successful in appointing a new headteacher who will take up the role in January. Mrs Di Palma-Heath is currently the deputy headteacher at Pool-in-Wharfedale CE Primary School, and is very much looking forward to joining the All Saints team. We are grateful to the governors on the appointments panel who have worked so hard to make the appointment process run smoothly, and to the children and staff who met with candidates during the process.



 **Parent Teachers Association** We have been very thankful for the support of the PTA which has made possible the Forest School sessions on the Chevin for each class over the last few weeks. The sessions, run by Chris Silverwood of Børn of the Forest, have been hugely enjoyable and memorable for all the children. The next events in the PTA diary are a 'Break the Rules Day' on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, a disco – now confirmed for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November, a parents' quiz night on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, and of course our Christmas Fair on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Thank you to the parents and staff who give their time to preparing and organising these events.

**Christmas Cards** PTA have once again organised for our children to design their own Christmas card in school, which can then be transformed into either a professional pack of cards or one of an array of festive items (mugs, cushions etc.) for you to purchase should you so wish. The children's designs were sent home this week with a leaflet outlining the various items available. Please return their original design with your order, in the plastic wallet provided. The



PTA would prefer payment to be made by cash (in a named envelope) or by bank transfer to: Otley All Saints CE Primary School PTA, Acc: 71022075, Sort: 40-35-33. Ref : XMAS child's surname and year. If paying online, please mark the order form 'Paid online' so the order can be processed.

**'Break the Rules' Day** Our next PTA event is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, when I have once again been reluctantly persuaded that – for one day only – there are five rules that can be broken:

- School uniform must be worn
- School shoes must be worn
- Natural hair colours and small hair accessories only
- Only fruit for a snack
- Water only in water bottles



However, for each rule that your child wants to break on that day they have to pay a fine of £1! There's no pressure for children to take part in this if they don't want to, but if they would like to please pay by bank transfer where possible: Otley All Saints CE Primary School PTA, Acc: 71022075, Sort: 40-35-33. Please use your child's name and year group for reference. If a bank transfer is not convenient please bring cash payments in a named envelope. We would be grateful for payment by 27<sup>th</sup> October at the latest – thank you.



**Dolce Music Duo** Today we have been treated to a magnificent musical experience, with performance workshops from 'Dolce', a multi-talented music duo, who have charmed and entertained our classes. We are very grateful to one of our families, who have arranged and paid for this opportunity. We hope it has inspired our young instrumentalists – and any other potential musicians. If pupils in Year 3 and above are expressing an interest in learning a musical instrument, please get in touch with school to see how we can help.

**Individual School Photographs** Photos from the recent shoot are now online and available for viewing and purchase via the following link: [Otley All Saints Photographs](#). You will need to enter your child's individual access code from the leaflet sent home this week via your child's class. All orders placed up to and including Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October will be offered discounts and free postage back via school. Those orders will be processed as one batch and then returned to school for distribution. Any orders placed after that will require postage paying, with delivery to the home address. The shop will remain active until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. For help with payments and orders please contact Ross Photography directly: [andrew@rossschoolphoto.co.uk](mailto:andrew@rossschoolphoto.co.uk) or call 01943 968332.

**PTA Bun Sales** Over the last few years we have organised regular bun sales to raise money for PTA funds and other charities. Each class is assigned one date within the year when we ask those families to provide cakes, buns and biscuits if they are able, and these are then sold at the end of the school day. The dates arranged are as follows:



- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Year 4
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Nursery (Children in Need)
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December Year 2
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January Year 3
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February Year 5
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March Year 1
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Year 6
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June Reception

Please support these sales if you can, the first of which (Year 4) takes place next week. We will send reminders of the other sales nearer the time!

**Admissions to Reception and Year 7 Classes, September 2024** The deadline for applying for secondary school places is fast approaching (31<sup>st</sup> October), and the relevant families who have not yet applied will have received a reminder this week. For parents applying for a place in primary schools, the deadline is still some time away (15<sup>th</sup> January), but it is important to understand the process, and to apply online in good time. Leeds City Council have produced a helpful [video to support parents](#), and school staff are also happy to provide advice and support – just let us know.

**Reception and Nursery Closure** We would like to give advance notice to parents that Nursery and Reception classes will be closed on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November for the annual Otley Early Years Training Day. Apologies for any inconvenience this will cause.