

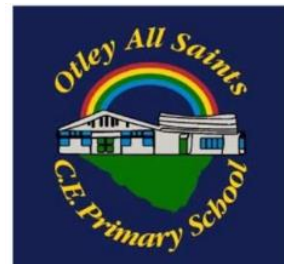
Otley All Saints CE Primary School

Summer Term - Newsletter 2 – 9th May 2025

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Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)

Next week, our Year 6 children — along with their peers across the country — will be completing the statutory assessments for 11-year-olds in reading, mathematics, grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

We are incredibly impressed with the mature and positive way in which our children have approached their learning and preparation. Regardless of the final results, we are already proud of their dedication, resilience, and achievements.

A huge thank you goes to all school staff, but especially the Year 6 team, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children feel well-prepared and supported, without feeling over-pressured. We believe our school is striking a healthy balance between statutory testing and nurturing well-rounded, confident learners — always keeping in mind that education is about much more than just test scores.

All Year 6 children are warmly invited to come into school between 8.30 and 8.45 for breakfast and this will run Mon – Thurs. Children should arrive via the main (office) entrance. This is a great opportunity to help them feel calm, supported, and ready for the day ahead.

We wish all our amazing Year 6 pupils the very best of luck next week!



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



Sun Cream & Hats

As the forecast for next week is a fairly warm sunny one, we would like to remind parents to apply sun cream on children before school and also send a water bottle and sun hat to school.

Many thanks for your assistance.



Tom Vaughan Author Visit

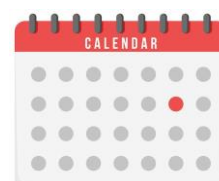


Tom Vaughan Author Visit for Years 2,3 & 4

We were very fortunate to welcome special guest author Tom Vaughan to our assembly for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 last Thursday.

Tom spoke to the children about his fantastic stories, with a particular focus on the 'Hercules' tales. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and even had the opportunity to get their books signed by Tom. Thank you to Mrs Lewis for organising this event.

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



Collective Worship Update

We are fortunate to have the continued support of our local church leaders during our Collective Worship sessions, and we would like to thank them all for their time, commitment, and dedication to our school community.

We wish to share with you what we have explored in our Collective Worship over the past week:

Our Christian value for this half-term is **Courage**, encouraging children to reflect on what it means to be brave — whether that's standing up for what is right, supporting a friend, or trying something new. This tied in closely with our weekly theme of **Praise**, as we recognised and gave thanks for acts of courage in both everyday life and throughout history.

As part of our worship, we marked **VE Day (Victory in Europe Day)** on Thursday and honoured the courage and sacrifice of those who lived through the Second World War. The children engaged thoughtfully in discussions about the importance of remembering and praising those who helped bring about peace.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to welcome our regular visitors; Pastor Chris, Reverend Cameron Stirk, Reverend Aaron Kennedy, and Maria O'Hagan, over the coming weeks of the summer term and thank them for their dedication and time.

We are truly grateful to each of our church leaders for the time they give to support and enrich our worship.

We are always looking out for leaders of other faiths and religions, if you have any contacts do share them with the school office.

Thank you for your continued support as we work in partnership to nurture our children's spiritual, moral, and social development.

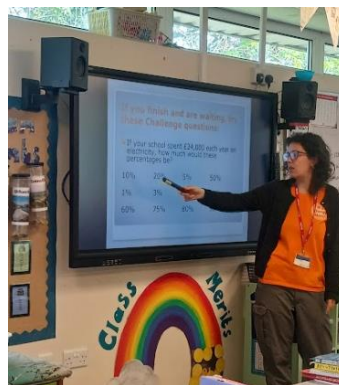
Solar Panel Assembly with The Energy Heroes

Energy Heroes Visit

Last Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome the **Energy Heroes** to school. They led an engaging whole-school assembly, sharing important information about **climate change** and **energy use**, and encouraging us all to think more carefully about how we can look after our planet.

Following the assembly, **Year 5** took part in a themed **maths lesson**, where they learned how to interpret data related to energy use. A small group of children also carried out an **energy audit** of our school, investigating how we use energy and how much it costs.

The children showed **great passion and enthusiasm**, coming up with a range of thoughtful and practical ideas for how we could reduce our energy use and make positive changes within our school.



Parent Survey - Reminder

It's time for the yearly parent's survey, which is your chance to have your voice heard. Everyone who completes the survey is offered the chance to be entered into a prize draw for a £20 Waitrose voucher (you can still enter the draw if you choose to answer anonymously). Please find the link below:

It should only take 10 - 15 minutes to complete, and while we know how busy life can be, we really would be grateful if you could take the time to complete this for us.

<https://forms.gle/wREXgXyuNimywVxRA>

Punctuality

We would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of children being in school **by 8:50am** each day. Arriving on time ensures that your child can take full part in **morning work**, which is a valuable part of the school day. Morning work helps children settle into the school routine, reinforces key learning, and sets a positive tone for the day ahead.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote good punctuality and a strong start to learning each day.

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.

Bun Sale – Thank You!

A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your fantastic support of our bun sales, and a special thanks to one of our dedicated volunteers, Heather Shutt, for organising these popular events.

In the last school year (2023/24), the bun sales raised an incredible **£901.51**, and we're delighted to share that this year we've already raised **£620.15**!

Celebrating Achievement Assembly Our next Celebrating Achievement Assembly of is on Friday 16th May, when we share certificates, medals and news of any achievements of our children outside of school.

Please encourage children to bring items to Mrs Di Palma-Heath starting Monday 12th May, thank you.

Volunteers Needed – Reception Class Reading Support

We are currently in need of some **extra volunteer support** in our **Reception class**, specifically to help listen to children read.

If you — or perhaps a grandparent or family friend — could spare any time at all, we would be incredibly grateful.

Please let the **school office** know if you're able to help.

Many thanks in advance for your support!

I hope everyone enjoys a wonderful sunshine – filled weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs Di Palma-Heath



Parents Summer Dates 2025

Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATs Week <i>Monday - Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling</i> <i>Tuesday - English Reading</i> <i>Wednesday - Maths Papers 1 + 2</i> <i>Thursday - Maths Paper 3</i>
Friday 16th May	Yr6 Trip to the Chevin
Thursday 15th May	Nursery trip to Nell Bank
Tuesday 20th May	PTA meeting – 6:45pm, school staff room Leeds Book Awards
Thursday 22nd May	Yr6 Bun Sale
Friday 23rd May	Break up for May Half-Term Holiday Year 5 - Brownlee Triathlon
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Monday 2nd June	Yr 6 Bikeability Week starts
Wednesday 4th June	Nursery Open Day
Monday 9th June	Class Photos
Tuesday 10th June	Yr3 trip to Harlow Carr
Wednesday 11th June	Yr4 - Ilkley Tennis
Thursday 12th June	Discos with Mr Shuffles KS1 4:30 – 5:30pm KS2 5:45 – 6:45pm
Friday 12th June	Linking Schools – Year 5 Bramley children to All Saints
Thursday 19th June	Sports Day
Friday 20th June	Year 6 - Junior Warrior
Saturday 21st June	Otley Carnival
Wednesday 25th June	Year 2 visit to Nell Bank Centre Yr5 – Balfour Beatty workshop
Thursday 26th June	Reception Bun Sale
Sunday 29th June	Drama Show – Sunday Rehearsal – 10-3pm
Monday 30th June	Yr6 ‘Let’s Learn Moor’ trip
Tuesday 1st June	Yr3 Roman Soldier Day
Saturday 5th July	PTA – Summer Fair
Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th July	Yr6 Transition Days to PHGS
Wednesday 9th July	Transition morning in school
Thursday 10th July	Transition morning in school Choir and Orchestra Concert at Church
Monday 14th July	Drama Show – Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 15th July	Fun Day Drama Show – 7pm
Wednesday 16th July	Drama Show – 1:30pm, Drama Show – 7pm
Thursday 17th July	Leaver’s Service in Church – 2pm
Friday 18th July	Break up for Summer Holidays