

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th January 2024

## A MESSAGE FROM MR GILHOOLY

Dear parents/carers and friends of the school,

It has been a pleasure walking around school this week, seeing our new Corner Stones Foundation Curriculum coming to life. The children have been highly engaged in the learning; from testing the friction of different surfaces in Y3 to Exploring Space in Reception. Please do ask your children about what they have been learning this week - I am sure they can tell you many interesting things!

Year 4 visited Father Hird on Thursday and asked him a very varied range of questions about his life as a priest and the Church.

- *How do you come up with the homilies?*
- *When did you start being a priest?*
- *Why did you decide to come to Our Lady and All Saints?*

The children said his responses were fab! They learnt a lot about the life of a priest - thank you Father Nicholas!

Please take time to read our reading letter - thank you for your continued support with reading at home.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Best regards and God Bless,

Mr Gilhooly

## ASSEMBLIES - SPRING 1

Y1	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
09.02.24	12.01.24	19.01.24	To be rearranged	02.02.24
Mission Statement	Mutual Respect	Rule of Law	Individual Liberty	British Democracy

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### DATES FOR THE 2024 DIARY

30th January - YR Stay and Play  
2nd February - FOSJ Rainbow Raffle  
2nd February - FOSJ Disco  
w/c 5th February - Y6 Bikeability  
5th February - Y2 Football League  
5th February - Under 11's Football  
6th February - YR Stay and Play  
8th February - Y5 PHGS Festival  
9th February - FOSJ Cocktail Making  
**w/c 12th February HALF TERM**  
**Return to School 19th February**

## SPORT UPCOMING DATES:

29th Jan - Y3 Football league matches @ Five Leeds  
29th Jan - U11 Re-arranged football league girls football matches @ Priesthorpe School  
5th Feb - Y2 Football League @ Five Leeds  
22nd Feb - U11 Boys football match against Weetwood School  
8th March - KS2 Cross Country Finals on Thursday @ Temple Newsam

## Y5 AND Y6 SAMBA PERFORMANCE

On Friday 9th February, Y5 and Y6 will perform a samba-inspired performance to pupils and families following their music lessons with Mr Rickson.

This will take place at 2:50pm in the school hall. Parents/carers are welcome to come and watch the performance.

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## OTLEY CARNIVAL STARS

We recently had a visit from a member of the Otley Carnival organising committee (Nicola Horner), who talked to the children about the 'Otley Carnival Stars'. Anyone in KS2 can nominate themselves to become an Otley Star by championing one of these four themes: Equality & Diversity, Health & Wellbeing, Environment, Community.

We are looking for pupils who are passionate about one or more of these themes and are willing to help raise awareness and contribute to their local community to champion this through voluntary events during the year.

The successful nominees will also have the opportunity to be on the Otley Stars float during the carnival procession and be involved in some of the events at the show ground after the procession has taken place.

To apply, please complete the online application form, <https://forms.gle/DUeAC3ycNjNCPjKi9> or paper copies are available in school by Friday 16th February 2024. The committee look forward to receiving your applications.



## REQUEST: PANS AND KITCHEN UTENSILS

We are looking for donations of old pans and safe kitchen utensils for our mud kitchen in Reception.

If you are able to donate any items, please donate them to the school office.

Thank you!



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February**.

Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk) or contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).



## NUMBER DAY

On Friday 2nd February, we will be taking part in Number Day and pupils will be invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, t-shirt or even a onesie!).

We do not expect parents to purchase costumes for this. We ask you to write a number on a plain t-shirt, or we can attach a number on the day.

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.



## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 5-11th February 2024. This year's theme is My Voice Matters. We will be encouraging children (and adults) to use their voice to speak out about their feelings and encouraging children to feel proud of themselves and their achievements.

For more information, please see <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>



## INTERNET SAFETY DAY

On Tuesday 6th February, we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2024.

Please complete our anonymous E-Safety Questionnaire for parents <https://forms.office.com/e/m21fVehPiR>



***If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with Mr Gilhooly, Miss Wilkinson, Mrs Harvey and Miss Earley.***

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the scriptures.

Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another.

Send us the Holy Spirit - to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witness throughout the world.

Amen

## OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### MASS TIMES

Saturday Morning: 10am

Saturday Evening Vigil: 6:30pm

Sunday Morning: 9:30am & 11:15am

For updates, please check the weekly bulletin for up-to-date Mass times.

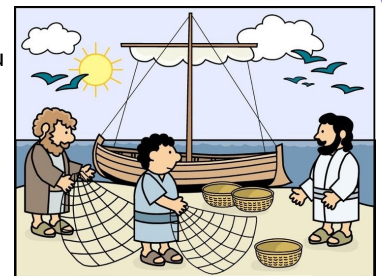
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## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Monday, we listened to Sunday's Gospel which was about the calling of the disciples- Simon, Andrew, James and John. In the passage, Jesus told them, "I will teach you to catch people." We thought about what this meant and how through our actions we too can "catch people".

This week, we have continued to think about the virtue of faith. This week, the children heard the story of when the disciples struggled to catch any fish but when Jesus suggested that they try putting their nets in a different place, the disciples listened because they had faith in him. Their faith was rewarded as they caught lots of fish.



In Tuesday's Collective Worship, we thought about the importance of listening and heard the story of when God called Samuel. Just like he knew Samuel, God knows your name, and God still calls young and old today saying, "Come, follow me." Listening to God and doing what he commands us to do isn't always easy. God might want you to stand up to someone who is doing something wrong, or to be a friend to someone who is lonely. God promises to be with us, especially in the midst of the most difficult things we could ever do.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Reconciliation meeting this week. The classes will on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February after school.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be received on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March (St Joseph's Day!) We look forward to seeing lots of families joining us in Church for Mass this weekend.

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

*There will be a meeting for parents of children hoping to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **20<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in Church.***

Children in Year 4 upwards are invited to receive First Holy communion for the first time.

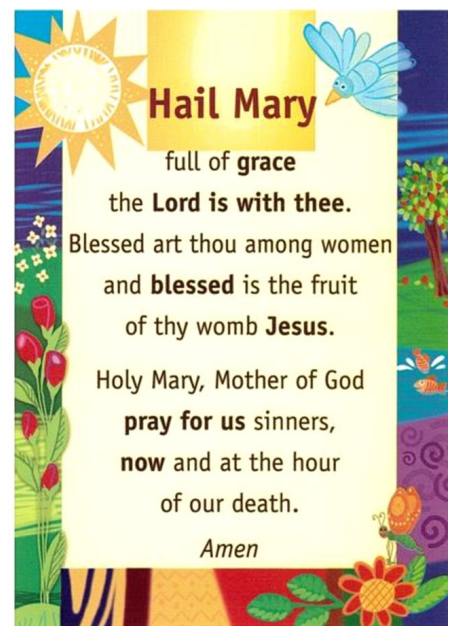
This will take place on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June** at 10am in our Church. The children will be presented with their certificates in Mass on the following day on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. After this, they will be invited to their Communion Breakfast.

## HCPT CURRY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

The Otley 198 branch of HCPT, who send disadvantaged and disabled youngsters for a week in Lourdes at Easter, are holding another of their infamous curry nights. It takes place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January starting at 6.30pm with a raffle and 50 board then food will be served at 7pm.

It costs £20 for 2 courses and takes place at Westbourne Spice, Leeds Road, Otley, LS21 3LS. Please bring cash to pay on the night. Email [beckievoller@gmail.com](mailto:beckievoller@gmail.com) to reserve your place.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK



Life-Changing Pilgrimage Holidays  
**hcpt**

# CLASS PAGES

## YEAR R NEWS

What a space adventure we have had again this week as well as being super busy working like a scientist. We have been testing materials if they are magnetic. We have been busy looking at the stars and creating them in many different ways. We have created stars using sticks and bands (using those fingers to twist), we have learnt about the constellations and even created them ourselves! We have also been on a space adventure and saw lots of galaxies using the Hubble Satellite images- the children were amazed at how a lot of stars could be beautiful. We then chose our favourite image and created a print of them - it was messy, fun and colourful!

In English, we have read, 'How to Catch a Star' and then wrote our own instructions of how we could do it ourselves. Lots of children wanted to put it in a bag, use a net and even get a giraffe or dinosaur to help!

In Maths, we have continued to look at composition of up to 5 ( $4+1=5$ ,  $3+1=4$ ,  $2+2=4$  etc) as well as subitising - please counting to practise at home.

Thank you again for all your support! Please encourage your child to write in their sound book and read the words.

## YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in English, we have been doing different spelling and grammar activities linked to our book. We have practised writing days of the week and have played different games to help us with this; we have looked at different ways we can spell the long 'a' sound and we have thought about different adjectives we can use.

Our focus in Maths has continued to be numbers to 20. The children have looked at different ways the number 20 can be represented, they have used number lines and have used the language 1 more and 1 less.

In Science this week, we looked at the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. We also looked at what happens to an apple tree during the different seasons.

In RE this week, we have started to look at Baptism. The children have learnt that through baptism, people become members of the Church. Next week, we shall be visiting Church to look at the font and for Father Nicholas to tell us about what happens during a Baptism service. If any of the children would like to bring in photos or items from their baptism, it would be wonderful to see them.

## YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, we have been planning our own Orion stories. We chose one of the characters' fears and then thought carefully about how he could overcome this fear. We then prepared our own word bank, which included conjunctions and a list of adjectives which may be useful when writing our stories. We then used some of the adjectives to practise writing expanded noun phrases.

In Maths, we have worked extremely hard to practise drawing 2D shapes on squared paper. We had to count the squares carefully and keep our rulers steady to help us. We also looked at vertical and horizontal lines of symmetry and practised completing shapes so that they are symmetrical.

As part of our RE work, we listened to the story of The Ten Lepers. We thought carefully and decided that it was both a good news and bad news story. It was good news that the ten men were healed, but bad news because only one of them said thank you. We reflected on how Jesus may have felt about this and wondered about why the men forgot to say thank you. We learnt that even when we are so excited about something, it is still important to say thank you!

In Geography, we enjoyed looking at a coastline map and learnt how to use a key. We used the key carefully to work out the meaning of each symbol. We then used maps of Otley to compare symbols and to locate our school.



## YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, we wrote our setting descriptions about Pompeii, including fronted adverbials, adjectives and powerful verbs. The children then peer-assessed each others' work looking for different grammatical features.

In Maths, we looked at the 8 times-table and practised using factors to calculate multiples and divide them. We looked at the links between the 2, 4 and 8 times-tables and how we can use one to answer the others.

In RE, we read about the story of Jesus' Baptism and thought about the significance of John the Baptist and his life. The children discussed the events of John's life and decided which were more or less important to Catholics, then created art to represent the Trinity at the Baptism.

In Geography, we looked at how the tectonic plates of the Earth's crust push against each other and create different physical features like mountains and canyons.

In Science, we learnt about frictional forces. We carried out an experiment to find out which surface would provide the most friction to a rolling toy car. We tested bubble wrap, sandpaper, a towel and many more! We learnt about how helpful friction can be sometimes but also how dangerous it is if it provides too much heat.

## YEAR 4 NEWS

In English this week, Year 4 have written some fantastic character and setting descriptions. They have thought carefully about the vocabulary to use to ensure they are creating a vivid image in the reader's mind. It has been great to see a variety of figurative language used in the children's work too.

In Maths, we have been working on mastering the formal written methods for multiplying 2- and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number. The short multiplication method was introduced for the first time, and they answered calculations in both the expanded form and then in the formal short single-line form.

In Geography, we worked in pairs and used Google Earth to view an aerial perspective of the River Wharfe. The children located its source, traced its journey and identified different human and physical features along its journey.

In PE, we continued with our skipping practice in preparation for the skipping festival next term. We had lots of volunteers in class this week demonstrating how their skipping had improved. Well done, Year 4!

## YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, we have started looking at a new book that will be the focus of our lessons for the next coming weeks. The children made some fantastic predictions on what they think the book will be about from looking at the front cover. They included a variety of different conjunctions and modal verbs to show possibility within their predictions. After revealing the summary of the book to the children, they then went on to generate various questions they have relating to the book using a method called 'talk to the hand'.

In PE, the children enjoyed their second week of learning about inclusive world sports. They had the opportunity to play 'New age Curling' and 'Boccia'. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning different skills and adaptations used so that everyone can take part in and enjoy.

In Science, we carried out a small investigation to see how changing the position of a pivot can affect the amount of force required to lift the weight. The children recognised that the closer the pivot gets to the object that is needing to be moved needs less force than when it is moved further away.

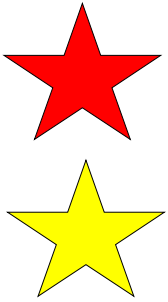
## YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have been focusing on finding the wholes when we are looking at fractions of amounts - this can be quite tricky, but we've really worked hard at being able to answer them. Additionally, we've worked on developing our arithmetic skills of the four operations - we've already improved from last week!

In English, we have worked on writing our orientation for our newspaper report about the Three Little Pigs. Before we started writing, we thought about the five Ws (who, where, when, what and why). As a class, we came up with a great piece of shared writing - with some fantastic vocabulary - and then had a go at writing our own.

In Science, we started looking at the circulatory system and the functions of the heart, lung and vessels. We know the veins carry deoxygenated blood from the body to the heart and then lungs and arteries carry oxygenated blood from the lungs to the heart and then onto the rest of the body.

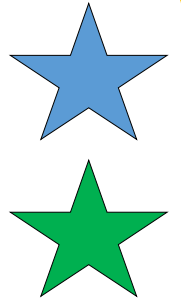
# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

# EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



# NO AWARD ASSEMBLY

# THIS WEEK



### An Intercession to St Joseph

Dear St Joseph

Help us to love and care

To be gentle and fair

Help us to work and play together

Help us to live and grow together

To be always glad to help each other

Happy in your loving care

Amen

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- ★ THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER - PARENT MEET AND GREET & AGM
- ★ WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER - CAKE SALE
- ★ FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER- FAMILY BINGO NIGHT
- ★ SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAYRE
- ★ FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY - SILENT DISCO
- ★ FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY - RAINBOW RAFFLE
- ★ FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY- COCKTAIL MAKING EVENING
- ★ FRIDAY 8 MARCH - MOTHER'S DAY
- ★ FRIDAY 26 APRIL - QUIZ NIGHT
- ★ FRIDAY 17 MAY- GOLDEN TICKET EVENT
- ★ FRIDAY 14 JUNE- FATHER'S DAY
- ★ FRIDAY 28 JUNE - CAMPING TRIP



# OTLEY

## COMMUNITY LARDER

Otley Social Club, Hollin Gate,  
Otley LS21 2DP

# NOW OPEN!

Come and find us:

**TUESDAY 2.15pm – 3.15pm**

**THURSDAY 6.15pm – 7.15pm**

**SATURDAY coming soon**

We distribute fresh foods which are close to, or just beyond their 'Best Before' date - reducing waste and providing nutritious foods to Otley people on a 'pay as you feel' basis.

No appointment or referral needed.

**Our food is available to all.**



[www.otley2030.com/larder](http://www.otley2030.com/larder)





# OTLEY PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

**JOIN US FOR FRIENDLY AND INFORMAL  
SUPPORT, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE**

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**EVERY TUESDAY (TERM-TIME)**

9.30-11.00 am

**NEW VENUE FROM JANUARY 2024:  
Cross Green Community Centre, LS21 1HD**

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Parents and carers of school aged children very welcome

**For more information contact Lisa on:**

07510079959/[mnl@princehenrys.co.uk](mailto:mnl@princehenrys.co.uk)



8 Week  
Course

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Prince Henry's Grammar School, LS21

EVERY FRIDAY

Lessons start January 2024

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