



Newsletter Spring 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, a big thank you for everything you do to support your PTA. The Christmas fair, bun sales and disco have all been great successes and the funds raised are going to good use. Thanks also to everyone who responded to the surveys that were sent out; we are working our way through the responses and hope to have some of our committee vacancies filled soon.

Read on to discover how we have been using our funds this school year and for information on upcoming events and meetings.

Funding Highlights

New mobile kitchen for food technology

The PTA has purchased a new portable oven along with a child-friendly induction hob to replace the old school stove which was no longer fit for use. So far, Nursery have been busy baking flapjacks and making play dough and we anticipate its use throughout the rest of the school. It also came in handy for PTA use warming the mulled wine at the Christmas fair!

Rocket Phonics reading books for KS1



The Rocket Phonics reading scheme has proved to be a great success since the PTA helped to fund its introduction a couple of years ago. A request from Mrs Bennett (Year 2 teacher and KS1 English lead) was approved last term to extend the collection of these books to ensure every child is able to able to borrow a new reading book each week, allowing them to progress smoothly through the scheme.

Mobile Planetarium Visit



As part of the school's recent Science Day the PTA provided funds for a visit from the Aurora Mobile Planetarium at the request of Mrs Morley (Year 5 teacher). Every class from Nursery to Year 6 was provided with a brilliant audio-visual educational presentation tailored to their age group with themes of space exploration, our solar system and the search for

extra-terrestrial life all featuring throughout the day. It was an excellent addition to a very impressive day.

Future Events- Helpers Needed!

Mother's Day Shop

The PTA's Mothers' Day Shop is a popular annual event that offers small gifts at affordable prices for children to choose from. It is held during lunchtimes in school throughout the week leading up to Mothering Sunday, which this year would be Monday 24th March- Friday 28th March.

We are in urgent need of volunteers willing to help with the planning and preparation of the shop in order for it to go ahead this year. We have one brilliant parent volunteer who has helped to run things before and can lead the team but she can't do it all alone! It involves selecting, purchasing and preparing the gifts and setting up the running of the shop in school lunchtimes with a volunteer rota.

We do understand that parents are busier than ever with precious little free time to give to events such as these, but if you can help out then please contact the school office or email us on pta@otleyallsaints.co.uk.

Break the Rules Day

One of our ever-popular 'Break the Rules Day' is coming up - more details on this to follow soon.

PTA Meeting 11/03/2025

Our January meeting was postponed due to Mrs Di Palma-Heath's temporary absence. Our next PTA meeting will be held in school on **Tuesday 11th March at 6.45pm**. The responses given to the availability question on the survey were taken into account making this date and time the best possible compromise!

All are welcome to attend. Fun fact: If a child in your care attends Otley All Saints you are automatically a member of the PTA - there's no 'joining' required! If you want to have say in what we fund or how we fund-raise, come along and see what we do. There will be biscuits!

Thanks for reading!

Best wishes from Otley All Saints PTA