



# BULLETIN

## Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We have enjoyed welcoming all children into school this week after our unusual start to this term. Thank you for sharing any home learning that was completed and, once again, for your patience as we navigated keeping everyone safe. The snow and ice has now just about completely disappeared and we are back to our normal routines and enjoying opportunities to be outside when we can.

The staff would like to express their thanks for all the kind messages, cards and gifts that we received at Christmas.

Can I bring your attention to this excellent article about proportionate use of screens for Early Years children: [Screens in the Earliest Years](#)

We have lots of exciting events and opportunities coming up at both schools in the Fellowship this term, so please make sure you are reading the Bulletin, checking the website and responding to any messages that are sent home in the next few weeks.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Andrews and Mrs Gardiner



## YELLOW RIBBONS

### Apples -

Wilf - Respect & Independence

### Busy Bees -

Ruby - Independence

Mia - Perseverance

### Pears -

Max - Determination

Emily - Kindness

### Tigers -

Henry - Positivity

Mia - Determination



## HOUSE POINTS

Willow - 62

Hawthorn - 29

Rowan - 45

Maple - 63

Well done to **Maple** this week!

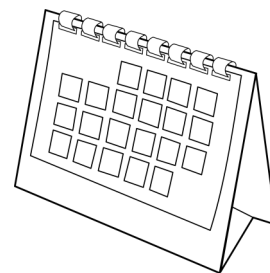
## WHITE RIBBONS

Grace (Y6) - For showing perseverance, determination and positivity when completing a wonderful charity fundraiser. We are all so proud of you!

### Spring Term Diary Dates (more information to follow in due course)

22.01.25	Tigers class trip to Askham Bryan College
27.01.25	FONR smart recycling clothes collection
05.02.25	Eco Day (all children should bring outdoor shoes with them on this date as we will do some activities on the field). Eco and Wellbeing Advocates are also leading nature journaling workshops to all children in school
07.02.25	Number Day—All children encouraged to come 'Dressed for Digits' - £1 donations through JustGiving only, no cash please: <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/page/1734690796585?utm_medium=FR&amp;utm_source=CL">https://www.justgiving.com/page/1734690796585?utm_medium=FR&amp;utm_source=CL</a>
12.02.25	Eco club trip to Kith Homestead (part 2/4) FONR movie night (3.30pm—5.00pm)
14.02.25	Break up for half term
06.03.25	World Book Day—Dress up as your favourite book character (no accessories, please) Book Swap—bring any old books in and swap them to take a new treasure home! Donations to be brought in at the start of the day
19.03.25	Busy Bees class trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park
04.04.25	Break up for Easter

Please keep checking the calendar for regular updates including further school trips and experiences to be added.



### Parking

A polite reminder to please ensure the zig zags outside school and the tactile dropped curb are not parked on during drop off and pick up times. These need to remain clear to ensure our children can safely access and leave our school site.

In addition, we have been made aware that some parents are continuing to park on private roads and residents' driveways during pick up and drop off times. This is significantly restricting safe access for local residents.

Please ensure that we are all working together to ensure that mutual respect is sought during these busy points in the day. Thank you.

### Celebration Weekly Music

This week our children listened to and enjoyed Guy Penrod - Count Your Blessings

[Guy Penrod - Count Your Blessings \(Live\)](#)



### Reader of the Week and Golden Writer Awards

Congratulations to Harry G (Y5) who has been awarded our Golden Writer Award for excelling in his EGPS lesson focussed around identifying, using and applying determiners within sentences.

A huge well done to Alicia (R) who was chosen as Reader of the Week for demonstrating brilliant sounding out and blending.

Both children have enjoyed a visit to Mrs Gardiner's stationery shop to choose their prizes. Well done!

**Reader  
of  
the  
Week**



## FONR Updates

FONR's next clothes collection is on Monday 27th January, in time for any post Christmas clear outs!

Please can you bring any donations to school drop off and leave with collectors in the Square and Compass car park on the day before, 9am. If you can't make this time, please contact FONR who will try to help.

Only weatherproof bags are accepted for donations.

The link for the company we are now using is below, where you can check what they accept. Only reusable, good quality items please.

Thanks

FONR

<https://www.smartrecycling.org.uk>

## NHS Dentist Spaces in Otley



Dear Parent,

### **NHS DENTAL SCHOOL INITIATIVE**

We are pleased to announce that we have a limited number of NHS dental funded places available for children at **Otley Dental Centre**.

We are working with schools in the local area to offer NHS dental places for children and are delighted to be able to offer your child/children this opportunity.

Regular visits to the Dentist help to motivate and educate children to take care of their teeth in their formative years. Sadly, tooth decay is still one of the main reasons for children being admitted into hospital in the UK.



Scan Me

We welcome parents who would like to take advantage of this offer to scan the QR code and complete the online form or by following this link <https://zfrmz.eu/BJMF0UfqLaXzTZfroM9I> so that we can make an appointment as soon as possible.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to the practice, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email us at **[schools@otleydentalcentre.co.uk](mailto:schools@otleydentalcentre.co.uk)**.

Kindest regards,

**Jo Brunell**  
Centre Manager  
Otley Dental Centre

FREE 2 day course for parents and carers of children and young people with communication and interaction needs.

This annual event is an opportunity to find out more about autism and gain practical tools and strategies to help support your child or young person.

Parents will also meet others facing similar experiences or with a shared interest in the topic.

Children do not need to have a diagnosis of autism in order for parents to attend. Parents need to be able to attend both days and will receive a copy of the content covered following the course.

[Click here to book.](#)