

# BULLETIN Friday 21st November 2025

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

Well done to Busy Bees who made some wonderful healthy snacks in school this week as part of their project for the term. I had the pleasure of sampling a variety on Wednesday and they were all delicious! The class also designed and made packaging to go with them. Thank you to the parents who supported with this and to Miss K Ellis for giving the children such a memorable learning opportunity.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined Mrs Gardiner and Keri Standen for the Coffee and Connect morning this week. The focus on internet safety is incredibly relevant and the session was very well received with positive feedback. The next Coffee and Connect morning is diarised for the spring term, with a focus on looking at childhood anxiety. We do hope you are able to join us for the next one.

On Wednesday next week we will be having an Ofsted Review in school. When schools in YCST (Yorkshire Causeway Schools Trust) enter an Ofsted window, the Trust carries out a review. This has already happened at a number of schools across the Trust and has proven particularly useful for when Ofsted do arrive. Therefore, on Wednesday we will be visited by two Review School Advisors who you may see in the morning as you arrive at school. We look forward to this visit and any feedback they can give us.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Andrews and Mrs Gardiner



## YELLOW RIBBONS

Apples:

Isaac - Respect

**Busy Bees:** 

Nieve - Respect

Pears:

Katie - Resilience Rosie - Positivity

Tigers:

Ayda - Independence Albie - Compassion

# WHITE RIBBONS

Jack (Y1) - You work so hard and put 100% effort in all you do. You are very respectful and an amazing role model.



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

| 26.11.25 | Pears class trip to Flamingo Land Zoo  |  |  |  |  |
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| 28.11.25 | FONR Christmas Disco and Teddy Tombola   |  |  |  |  |
| 01.12.25 | Start of our Community Advent Calendar (see below)   |  |  |  |  |
| 02.12.25 | Theatre Club Performance (see original booking letter)   |  |  |  |  |
| 03.12.25 | Whole school trip to Harrogate Pantomime   |  |  |  |  |
| 08.12.25 | Afternoon Festive Music Recital: Parents of children who have music lessons with Helen Mills are |  |  |  |  |
|          | warmly invited to join us in the school hall. Timings to follow                                  |  |  |  |  |
| 10.12.25 | Apples and Pears Nativity (two performances): 2.00pm and 5.00pm at St John's Church              |  |  |  |  |
| 16.12.25 | 2.25 KS2 Carols Around the Tree Concert: 9.15am—Parents are warmly invited to                    |  |  |  |  |
|          | join us in the school hall   |  |  |  |  |
| 17.12.25 | New Starters Stay and Play: 9.30am—10.30am (for any children due to start school                 |  |  |  |  |
|          | in Sep 2026)   |  |  |  |  |
|          | Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day   |  |  |  |  |
| 19.12.25 | Break up for Christmas   |  |  |  |  |

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

| 05.01.26 | School reopen to all children  |  |  |
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| 13.01.26 | Coffee and Connect afternoon for parents across the Fellowship: 3.00pm in the school hall. Focus     |  |  |
|          | on supporting your child with special educational needs (SEND) - in particular, looking at childhood |  |  |
|          | anxiety  |  |  |
| 16.01.26 | Swimming lessons for Busy Bees begin   |  |  |
| 29.01.26 | KS1 and KS2 Children's First Aid Course run by Sporting Influence                                    |  |  |
| 13.02.26 | Break up for half term   |  |  |
| 23.02.26 | School reopen to all children  |  |  |

#### Reader of the Week and Golden Writer Awards

Congratulations to Harry B (Y6) who has been awarded our Golden Writer Award for showing amazing positivity to his writing and flourishing with his understanding of adverbials.

A huge well done to Niamh (Y2) who has been chosen as Reader of the Week for reading with such fluency and enthusiasm.

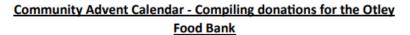
These children will enjoy a visit to Mrs Gardiner's stationery shop to choose their prizes. Well done!











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During the lead up to Christmas and over part of the advent period, we would like to support the Otley Food Bank by asking for small donations of non-perishable items.

All items will be collected by our Co-opted governor, Fiona Parish, and donated to those who need it as part of the services that Otley Food Bank provide where she volunteers.

Here are suggested items to donate over the month of December whilst we are at school. The donation box will be outside on the playground each morning.

Many thanks for your generosity and support.

Mrs Gardiner

| Monday  | Tuesday                                       | Wednesday       | Thursday                | Friday               |  |  |  |
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| Over the special days of Christmas, our community donated 🎵 |   |                 |                         |                      |  |  |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>                               | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup>         | 5 <sup>th</sup>      |  |  |  |
| Jam or<br>spreads   | Tinned<br>sauces<br>(pasta, curry,<br>chilli) | Dried pasta     | Coffee jars             | Long life juice      |  |  |  |
| 8th   | 9th   | 10th            | 11th                    | 12th                 |  |  |  |
| Tinned soup   | Dried<br>spaghetti                            | Tinned meat     | UHT milk (not<br>fresh) | Tinned fruit         |  |  |  |
| 15th  | 16th  | 17th            | 18th                    | 19th                 |  |  |  |
| Tinned fish   | Dried rice                                    | Baked beans     | Tinned vegetables       | Christmas<br>treats! |  |  |  |