

# Ouston Primary School

## Promoting British Values & SMSC Calendar of Activities



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## **Promoting British Values at Ouston Primary School**

The DfE ask schools 'to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

At Ouston Primary these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

### **Democracy**

OPS is working towards the Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award. As such two pupils from each class are ambassadors promoting the principles of the RRSA forming a focus group. Each year the children decide upon their class charter and the rights associated with these. All the children contribute to the drawing up of the charter. Children have many opportunities for their voices to be heard. We have a school council which meets regularly to discuss various emerging issues and give their points of view. Two members for each class are voted in by their class. We hold weekly Rights Respecting Schools Assemblies which explore different aspects of the Rights of the Child.

### **The Rule of Law**

The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout regular school days, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message.

### **Individual Liberty**

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make choices safely, through provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our Online Safety and RSE/PSHE lessons or during Forest School and other outdoor adventure activities. Whether it be through choice of a learning challenge, participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities or daily school meal choices, pupils are given the freedom to make choices with support with this as needed.

### **Mutual Respect**

As a Rights Respecting School, mutual respect is at the heart of our values. We teach respect for children's rights. Children learn that their behaviour can have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect. We support many charities throughout the year and take part in national events, such as Children in Need. We have 'Friday Fundraisers' where pupils organise their own event to support a charity of their choice.

### **Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs**

OPS is situated in an area which is not greatly culturally diverse, therefore we place a great emphasis on the understanding of diversity with our children. Our annual One Britain Week teaches children about equality and diversity in Britain. During this week our pupils participate in the Show Racism the Red Card campaign and explore themes linked to a variety of faiths and communities. Assemblies are also regularly planned to address this issue either directly or through the inclusion of stories and celebrations from a variety of faiths and cultures. Our RE, PSHE and RRSA teaching reinforce this. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. Children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.

Below are a range of events and activities that help us to promote these values throughout the school year:-

The activities below link particularly to the following Children's Rights/Articles:

**Article 12** You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously

**Article 17** You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being

**Article 19** You have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or mind.

**Article 29** Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

**Article 30** You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion

**Article 31** You have the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities

**Article 42** You have the right to know your rights! Adults should know about these rights and help you learn about them, too

## Dates

## Events

### Autumn Term

September



Each class chooses 2 School Council/Rights Respecting School Representatives.

September

Yr6 & YR Buddies meet each other for the first time. Events planned across the year.

**W/B 3rd October**



**Book Fair- an opportunity for children, parents/carers to browse/buy the latest books**

**W/B 10<sup>th</sup> October**



**Harvest festival - Our whole school will collect food for the People's Kitchen and celebrate Harvest with parents/carers in a shared act of collective worship**

**11<sup>th</sup> November**



**Armistice day - Assemblies and one-minute silence commemorating those who lost their lives in the service of their country.  
Yr6 attend service at local community centre**

**W/B 14<sup>th</sup> November**



**Positive behaviour and Anti-bullying week  
Theme: 'Reach Out! Children will be engaging in a range of activities all week**



**Friendship Friday & Children in Need day  
(18<sup>th</sup> November)**  
Non-uniform day - Pupils come to school in bright colours and/or Children in Need tops etc. Fundraisers for Children in Need

### **Advent/Christmas**



**The whole school will take part in a range of activities and acts of collective worship.**

**Christmas Lunch (2<sup>nd</sup> December) Christmas Jumper may be worn**  
**Key Stage Nativities for parents/carers\*\***  
**Choir at Chester View Care Home\*\***  
**YR & Y6 carols around the Christmas tree\*\***  
**Salvation Army Toy Appeal**  
**Visits from vicar & other members of Holy Trinity Church, Pelton\*\***

### **Spring Term**



**Yr 5 take part in Samba or African drumming sessions and perform for the rest of school and parents/carers.**

### **14<sup>th</sup> February**



**Safer internet Day.**  
**On this day we will highlight the positive uses of technology and explore the role we all play in helping to make the internet a better and safer place for our community.**

### **W/B – 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**‘One Britain’ theme Week.**  
**Children take part in a range of activities to understand equality and diversity in Britain.**

**2nd March**



**World Book Day. Anniversary to celebrate reading. Children participate in reading related activities and the 'best dressed' as a book character in each class is awarded a book of their choice.**

**9<sup>th</sup> March**

**Year 2 and Year 4 Theatre Visit**



**17<sup>th</sup> March**



**Mother's Day Breakfast\*\***

**Mothers, grandmothers, aunts, carers and any female relation invited to celebrate with their family.**

**29<sup>th</sup> March**

**Easter coffee afternoon for EYFS and Choir Parents/Carers**



**Performance by School Choir**

## Summer Term

3 - 5<sup>th</sup> May

Year 5 Residential at Robin Wood, Alston



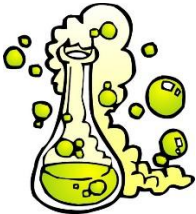
W/B - 5<sup>th</sup> June

Yr6 Residential Week at Weardale,  
Ireshopeburn.



W/B - 12<sup>th</sup> June

Science Week



From W/B 12<sup>th</sup> June

Yr 6 – Rock & Pop – increase confidence,  
performance skills and enjoyment of  
singing/performing. Weekly sessions



16<sup>th</sup> June

Father's Day Breakfast

Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, carers and any  
male relation invited to celebrate with their  
family.





**W/B - 10<sup>th</sup> July**

**Careers & Enterprise Week**



**13<sup>th</sup> July**

**Year 6 Theatre Visit**



**14<sup>th</sup> July**

**Family Picnic and Stalls - Celebrating school community and enjoying activities together with the local community.**



**21st July**

**Yr 6 Celebration Event\*\***

**Awards, prize giving and recognition of achievements.**



**Friday Fundraisers**



**Throughout the year children organise, prepare and present small fund raisers to raise money for the charity of their choice.**