



Adel St John the Baptist Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER NEWS

It is feeling very festive in school. The children have loved looking at the homemade Christmas decorations on our Christmas tree and reading the messages and prayers of peace. During the afternoons, our hall and corridors have been filled with the angelic voices of our Reception, Year 1 and 2 children as they practise their Christmas production, 'Lights, Camel, Action'. The performances will be **Tuesday 12th December at 2:00pm** and **Wednesday 13th at 6:00pm**. This year we are trialling allocating 1 seat for the afternoon show and one seat for the evening per family rather than allocating tickets. We will welcome parents and carers in to school 20 minutes before the show and we will ask you to sign in next to your child's name.

Finally, on Tuesday, the whole school walked to Adel Church for an Advent Service, which was a beautiful time to think, pause, reflect and sing. Many thanks to Rev'd Alison and Karen Baylis for organising and leading. Also, thank you to the parent helpers who walked with us to and from school.

EXCITING NEWS Many of you are probably already aware that Mrs Quinn is expecting her second child and will be starting her maternity leave after the Christmas holiday. From all at ASJ, we send our love and best wishes to Mrs Quinn and her husband at this special and exciting time. For our Reception parents, Mrs Milne will be covering the start of Mrs Quinn's maternity leave. Many of you will know Mrs Milne as she is a teaching assistant in Year 2 and a parent too.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAY On **Thursday 14th December** your child is welcome to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers in support of the charity, Save the Children. If you would like to make a donation you can do so through Parent Pay. We will also be enjoying our Christmas lunch cooked by Chiara, our head cook, and team.

LATE TO SCHOOL Over the last few weeks we have seen a worrying increase in children late to school. The school gates are opened at **8:45am** and the cloakroom doors at **8:50am**. Registration is at **9:00am** and this is when the cloakroom doors and gates are closed. Any children who are late then need to enter school through the main entrance. If late to school, parents and carers must accompany their children to the school office and sign them in giving the reason for the lateness.

RECEPTION PARENT INFORMATION MEETING On **Wednesday 17th January at 9:00am** we will be holding an information event on the characteristics of effective learning for our Reception parents and carers. As usual, we will ask parents to enter school via the main entrance to school where you will be asked to sign in.

UPCOMING DATES

Reception, Year 1 and 2 Christmas Production

Tuesday 12th December at 2pm
and Wednesday 13th December
at 6pm

OPEN MORNING 2024 INTAKE

Final Tour of school prospective
parents and carers at **9:15am**
on **Thursday 11th January**

LEEDS SCHOOL KS2 CROSS COUNTRY RACE

CANCELLED
Sunday 9th December
at GSAL. Race start time to be
confirmed but is planned for the
afternoon. *Children interested in
competing to collect a letter on
Monday.*

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thursday 14th December
Donations for Save the Children
can be made via Parent Pay



Dear God,

Thank you for all the
different qualities that
make each of us special and unique
- and for all that we each bring to
our own school community.

Show us all how to help each other
get along together and, like Guru
Nanak, to be 'peacemakers'.

Amen.





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Congratulations to our Well Done and Gold Award Children



House Points

House Team Names	This Week's Total	This half term's total
Bolton Abbey	754	4,385
Fountains Abbey	952	5,651
Rievaulx Abbey	657	3,665
Kirkstall Abbey	685	4,868

Our target for whole school attendance is 97%

Attendance from Sept. to date is: **96.4%**

Attendance last week was: **94.6%**

	Attendance since September %	Attendance since last week %
Reception	96.8	91.3
Year 1	95.1	90.3
Year 2	98.4	98.7
Year 3	98.4	99
Year 4	96.8	99
Year 5	96	90
Year 6	92.9	93.6



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DATES FOR THE DIARY (new dates added in red)

9 Dec 23	Leeds Schools Athletic Association Cross Country Race 4 at GSAL (pm) CANCELLED
12 Dec 23	Christingle Service
12 Dec 23	Rec, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Production 2pm
13 Dec 23	Rec, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Production 6pm
14 Dec 23	Whole School Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
18 Dec 23	Year 4 Ukulele Assembly– parents and carers of Year 4 children warmly invited to attend 9:30am
19 Dec 23	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party
20 Dec 23	Reception, Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party
21 Dec 23	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party
21 Dec 23	Whole School Christmas Service - Worship Committee leading
22 Dec 23	Break up for Christmas holiday
8 Jan 24	Return to school for Spring term 1
11 Jan 24	Open morning for prospective parents - Reception Sept 24
15 Jan 24	Year 5 'Walk through the Bible' sessions begin with Jenny Leng
16 Jan 24	Year 3 and 4 AIM High Writers' Day at Ireland Wood Primary. Selected children will be coming home with a letter
17 Jan 24	Reception parents information event at 9:00am in the hall - Characteristics of Effective Learning
31 Jan 24	Year 3 Collective Worship at 2:45pm
w/b: 5th Feb 24	Open Classrooms - come and celebrate your child's learning
9 Feb 24	Spring Term 1 Ends



Leeds Central Library

10.30am-11.30am & 2pm-3pm

December 28th, 29th, 30th, January 2nd and 6th

A pay-what-you-decide family-friendly festive show suitable for children aged 5+. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Scan the QR code for more info or visit:

[Ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents](https://ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents)



WOW - the WALK TO SCHOOL Challenge 2023-24.

We are taking part in this wonderful initiative to encourage our families to walk, scoot, ride or wheel to school rather than use the car. This will be running for the whole of this academic year.