



Adel St John the Baptist Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER NEWS On Tuesday, Rev Alison led our Christingle Service discussing the symbolism and meaning behind each element of the Christingle. We ended our collective worship singing 'The Christingle Song' and the lighting of Year 6's Christingles. Many thanks to the PCC for volunteering their time to make the Christingles on Monday evening.



RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND 2 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION: Our school community was treated to a wonderful production of 'Lights, Camel, Action'. There was beautiful singing, magical dancing and fabulous acting. Thank you to the staff for making this production such a success and to you all for organising costumes and helping children to learn their lines.

CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTY DAYS: We have our class Christmas parties taking place next week. Year 5 and 6 will be on Tuesday. Reception, Year 1 and 2 on Wednesday and Year 3 and 4 on Thursday. Please could your child come to school dressed in their party outfits and bring a small snack of three items: a pack of crisps, a savoury item and a sweet treat. **PLEASE, NO NUTS.**

RECEPTION FAMILY MORNING: WEDNESDAY 20TH AT 8:50 - 9:15AM is our Reception Family Morning. All Reception parents and carers are warmly welcome to attend this special event in the hall. Mrs Milne, who will be teaching in Reception from January, will be attending the event so that she can meet you all. Please do introduce yourself to Mrs Milne.

ADEL CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS: *Church Carol Service* at 6.30pm on Sunday 17th December. *Christmas Eve:* 3pm Crib service in church; 5pm Crib service outside in the churchyard - bring a chair if you wish and a candle lantern. 11.30pm Midnight Mass. *Christmas morning* at 10am for Parish communion. *Children are welcome at all of our services. Pupils current and former will be helping to lead the carol service and the crib services.*

THE KIRK FUND - FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES STRUGGLING WITH THE COST OF CHRISTMAS: Any parents or carers who may be struggling with the expense of Christmas and would appreciate financial help please email Alison: alison.battye1@adel-st-john.leeds.sch.uk

CAR PARK SAFETY: We have an increasing number of parents parking in the school grounds when picking up and dropping off for the before and after school clubs. This results in a lot more vehicle movement and an increased risk to pedestrians moving across the car park. May we also remind parents and carers that there should be absolutely no parking or waiting on the keep clear markings outside school.

Other than Year 6, all children must be brought into the school grounds and supervised by their parent/carer until they enter our cloakrooms. They should not be dropped off outside school, to walk in without adult supervision.

UPCOMING DATES

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Thursday 21st December at 10:00am Led by our Worship Committee. Parents and carers of the Worship Committee are invited to join us.

OPEN MORNING 2024 INTAKE

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

SCHOOL COUNCIL TOY DAY

Friday 22nd December
Our School Council have requested a toy day for the last day of term. Games to play with a group or in pairs are ideal. No electrical items or expensive toys.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Last day of term is a non-uniform day

Lord Jesus,
light of the world. As I hold this Christingle and think about Your great love for me and for those especially in places of darkness at this time, give me strength, give us all strength to take this light into the world, to share your love with others, especially vulnerable children and young people.
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	1,168	5,553
Fountains Abbey	1,285	6,936
Rievaulx Abbey	1,059	4,724
Kirkstall Abbey	1,307	6,175

Our target for whole school attendance is 97%

Attendance from Sept. to date is: **96.3%**

Attendance last week was: **95.3%**

	Attendance since September %	Attendance since last week %
Reception	96.6	94.7
Year 1	95.3	96.9
Year 2	98.1	95.5
Year 3	98	93.3
Year 4	96.9	97.7
Year 5	95.8	94.1
Year 6	93	94.6



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DATES FOR THE DIARY (new dates added in red)

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 Reception Family Morning 9:00 - 9:30am
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 6 SATs and Carlton Lodge Meeting at 9:00am in the hall 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, scooter, ride or wheel to school rather than use the car. This will be running for the whole of this academic year.