



Adel St John the Baptist Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER NEWS What a wonderful end to term it has been - a truly special week in school. So much to share and celebrate with you.

CLASS BLOGS: Please check out your child's class blog by clicking on the link above to find out what fantastic learning has been taking place this week. Three classes have been completing their D.T. projects. Year 3 made a toy for a Year 1 child with parts that move using pneumatics; Year 5 built robotic doodlers and Year 6, steady-hand games.



YEAR 4 UKULELE ASSEMBLY: We

started the week with a very special ukulele performance from our talented Year 4 pupils who played Christmas songs as the school sang along. We even had a Christmas Conga travelling around the hall! Thank you to the talented Mr Rickson for organising.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT: Yesterday, our Worship Committee expertly led our Christmas Carol Concert. We had moments to think about what Christmas meant to us and why the birth of a baby was so special. As a school we sang, 'The First Nowell', 'Love Shone Down', 'It Was On A Starry Night' and 'Calypso Carol'. Our choir treated us to a beautiful version of the song 'Follow that Star'. A recording of this song can be found on the blog page of our school website:

<https://www.adel-st-john.leeds.sch.uk/parent-letters/whole-school-events>

RECEPTION FAMILY MORNING: On Wednesday, we welcomed our Reception parents, carers and grandparents to family morning. Mrs Quinn and Miss Griffin and the children had organised lots of activities for the children to complete with their loved ones.

ECO-COMMITTEE LITTER PICKING: On Thursday morning our Eco-committee went and did some litter picking

around Adel Stores. The children requested to do this as they had noticed how much litter was in the area. The children are living our value of service to the community. Thank you to Mrs Pape and Miss Dakin for supporting the Eco-Committee.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY : A week last Thursday we all wore our Christmas Jumpers in support of Save the Children. Thank you to everyone who donated. We raised £102.

Finally, thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts you have sent in for the staff. It is so very kind of you all. On behalf of the staff and governors I wish you a Christmas filled with love, peace and joy. For the New Year, may it be a year filled with happiness. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 8th January.

UPCOMING DATES

OPEN MORNING 2024 INTAKE

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

SAVE THE DATE SPRING TERM PARENTS' EVENINGS

Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th March 2024

YEAR 6 SATS & CARLTON LODGE MEETING

Tuesday 16th January at 9:00am

INFORMATION EVENT FOR RECEPTION PARENTS CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE LEARNING

Wednesday 17th January at 9:00am

Dear God,

Thank you for letting your Son, Jesus Christ, be born.



Thank you for making Christmas a very jolly, joyful and peaceful time of year.

Please make sure people who haven't got homes this year have a happy Christmas.

Lord, please accept our prayer.

Amen
Lydia (Year 5)



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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	775	6,328
Fountains Abbey	1,036	7,972
Rievaulx Abbey	779	5,517
Kirkstall Abbey	949	7,124

Our target for whole school attendance is 97%

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

Attendance last week was: **96.1%**

	Attendance since September %	Attendance since last week %
Reception	96.6	96.3
Year 1	95.3	95.2
Year 2	98.1	98.1
Year 3	97.8	95.3
Year 4	96.7	94.7
Year 5	96.1	99.3
Year 6	93.1	93.9



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DATES FOR THE DIARY (new dates added in red)

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 Year 3 Swimming recommences
19 Jan 24	Y3/4 Ice Skating—10 children
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

YMCA AGE 18 MONTHS - 5 YEARS

YMCA TOTS
BEGINS 9TH JANUARY 2024

FUN, ACTIVE AND EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS FOR TOTS

TUESDAYS 10AM - 10.45AM
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EVERY DAY COUNTS

School and future **success** starts with good **attendance!**



DAILY LATENESS EQUATES TO...



REMEMBER
Your education is important - don't miss out!

100%
Your attendance is excellent!

OUR TARGET FOR ALL STUDENTS

97%
Well done!

6 DAYS ABSENCE
30 hours lost to learning
You're on the right path for success, keep it up!

95%
We're concerned

10 DAYS ABSENCE
50 hours lost to learning
A poor attendance gives you less chance of success.

90%
Seriously worried

19 DAYS ABSENCE
95 hours lost to learning
Very poor attendance has a serious impact on your education and may reduce your life choices.



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.