

Headteacher's Newsletter

Issue 1

September 2026

Headteacher Update

It has been our pleasure to welcome the children back to school this week.

In our first celebration Assembly of the year, it was wonderful to see everyone sitting attentively in their new year groups, proudly showing their new teachers what a super group of children they are!

We also welcomed all our new Reception children into school today, following our decision to reduce the transition into school to 3 days rather than a full week for our new starters.

They are doing a great job and look like they have already been here for weeks – not just a day!

Staff Updates

Goodbye to Mrs Masocha

After 10 years at Adel Primary working as a Teaching Assistant and in Out of School Club, Mrs Masocha has decided to move her career in a different direction. We wish Mrs Masocha well in her new ventures and thank her for her hard work and dedication given to school over the years.

We currently have an advert out for two teaching assistant posts to cover Mrs Masocha's role – see links below.

[Teaching Assistant - 27.5](#)

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Mrs Earley

Mrs Earley has taken the decision to take early retirement and will be leaving Adel Primary at the end of the Autumn term. Mrs Arnott and Mrs Outram will be covering Mrs Earley's teaching commitments for the final two terms of the year and are both working closely with Mrs Earley, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Atherton in Nursery this term to ensure a smooth transition in January 2027.

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome Miss Savage, Miss Lesiak and Mrs Lawson to our Adel Primary staff team. All three members of staff will be working as teaching assistants across school and in our Out of School Club.

Thank You to Mr Roberts and the Cleaning Team

As always, we would like to thank Mr Roberts and the cleaning team for their hard work over the summer in preparing school for our return.

Our building may be 34 years old, but thanks to Mr Roberts' fantastic fixing and building skills and Ivonne and Maria's expert cleaning skills it certainly doesn't look or feel like it.

Dates for the Year

Yesterday, I shared the list of dates for the year ahead with you via ParentMail.

We do this so that you know what's coming up and also to help plan ahead for 'parent invite' school events. Mrs Barraclough is currently adding all the dates to the calendar on the school website, which will be available soon. Where possible we do try to stick to the dates, but there may be occasions when we have to change some dates.

Please find below dates for the year ahead. If there are any changes or additions to the dates given, these will be notified on the school website calendar, ParentMail and/or Headteacher Newsletters.

Any events added after September 2026 are written in **RED**.

Training Days 2026/2027

1. Tuesday 1st September 2026
2. Friday 23rd October 2026
3. Monday 4th January
4. Wednesday 21st July 2027
5. Thursday 22nd July 2027

Areas covered in staff training time

Whole School Development Priorities
Autumn term twilight sessions
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Spring/summer term twilight sessions
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AUTUMN TERM 1

September 2026

Tuesday 1 st September	ALL	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS – Staff Training Day
Wednesday 2 nd September	Y1 to Y6	School open for pupils in Years 1 to 6 - <i>Autumn Term 1</i> Reception and Nursery phased transition process begins
Tuesday 8 th September	Y4	Year 4 Parent/Carer information session 2.40pm (classroom)
Wednesday 9 th September	Y4	Year 4 swimming lessons begin
Wednesday 9 th September	Y5	Year 5 Parent/Carer information session 2.40pm (classroom)
Thursday 10 th September	Y3	Year 3 Parent/Carer information session 2.40pm (classroom)
Friday 11 th September	Y2	Year 2 Parent/Carer information session 2.40pm (classroom)
Tuesday 15 th September	Y1	Year 1 Parent/Carer information session 2.40pm (classroom)
Wednesday 16 th September	Y6	Year 6 Parent/Carer information session 2.40pm (classroom)
Wednesday 23 rd September	Rec	Reception Parent/Carer information session 2.40pm (hall)
Thursday 24 th September	GOVS	1 st Meeting of the Full Governing Body 3.30pm
Friday 25 th September		MacMillan Charity Coffee and Cake Sale from 2.45pm Parents invited – outside the school office
Monday 28 th September	ALL	European languages day celebrated in school
Tuesday 29 th September	Y5 & Y6	WY Fire Service – Bonfire workshop Year 5 & 6 1.30pm

October 2026

Friday 2 nd October	ALL	Harvest Celebration. Crafts & food bank collection 8.45am to 9.15am Parents/Carers invited (classrooms)
w/c 5 th October	ALL	Dyslexia awareness week
Wed 7 th to Fri 9 th October	Y6	Year 6 Residential visit to Newby Wiske PGL
Friday 9 th October	Rec Parents	Reading/Phonics information session 2.40pm (hall)
Monday 12 th October	KS2	Mindmate resilience workshops KS2 classes
Wednesday 14 th October	Rec KS1 KS2	APPCA Halloween Disco – Rec & KS1 4pm start. KS2 5pm start
Friday 16 th October	Nur	Nursery Parent/Carer Information session 2.40pm (hall)
Tuesday 20 th October	ALL	Parent/Carer consultation evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 22 nd October	ALL	Parent/Carer consultation evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Friday 23 rd October	ALL	SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS – Staff training day

Autumn Mid-Term Holiday

Bits and Bobs

School Uniform

Thank you to everyone for your efforts with school uniform – the children look fantastic in their new uniforms. To support us with keeping school clean, please can you ensure that all children have a pair of indoor shoes. The children can wear either black pumps or plain black trainers for indoor use

Attendance

If your child is unwell and not able to attend school, please ensure that you contact the school office on each day of the absence. Please note that if you do not report the absence to school, as part of our safeguarding procedures, we would contact you firstly by phone and if no response is received, we may carry out a home visit.

Collection & Photo permission forms

If you have not already done so, please complete the collection and photo permission forms on ParentMail as soon as possible.

School Meal Ordering

Just a reminder that school meals are ordered using the School Grid app. Meals can be ordered up to 8.55am on a morning or ordered in advance for the whole term. If you do not place an order for a meal and your child is due to have one, the child will be given the cheese sandwich option – so please do remember to pre-order.

And finally.....

As always, if you have any questions, queries, worries, concerns, comments or feedback just get in touch.

The best way to contact school is by email, using the office email school@adelprimary.org.uk , by phone on 0113 2301116 or face to face at the office window or the classroom door.