Headteacher's Newsletter

Issue 2 October 2026

Headteacher Update

As we enter the 8th week of the first Autumn term and with the half term holiday just around the corner, let's take a look back at some of the events we have enjoyed and shared with you so far this year

Our **Macmillan coffee afternoon** at the end of September was well supported.
Thanks to your donations we raised ***£110.50*** from cash donations alone.
Many thanks for your support.

Children in Key Stage 1 and 2 took part in the **NSPCC** online assemblies, sharing key safeguarding messages about how to keep themselves safe.

Our **Harvest crafts** event was very well attended with plenty of cutting, sticking and creating taking place across school.
Your very generous **food donations** were greatly appreciated and taken to our local Foodbank.
Thank you for your support with this.



The Year 6 children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their residential visit to **PGL activity centre** at Newby Wiske Hall. The visit was jam-packed with activities from start to finish, including the trapeze, archery tag, abseiling and raft building.
A real highlight though was 'Ambush' – playing group hide and seek at night in the woods; crouching in the undergrowth, as the seeking group try to find you by torchlight, whilst trying not to giggle, is just as much fun for the adults as for the children!
A great way to kick-start their final year at Adel Primary for the children.

Year 5 welcomed **architect Robin Machell** into class last week who is supporting the children take part in a competition to design an installation for the Music Garden at Stockheld Park. It was fantastic to listen to Robin explain his role as an architect and inspire the children's ideas.
We look forward to seeing your final designs!

Year 2 enjoyed a super visit to **Adel Church.**
Reverend Alison said "We think they may have been the best-behaved class we have yet had. They sat and listened carefully, shared their knowledge and asked interesting questions".
Well done Year 2 – super role models.

And finally, as our new **Reception children** complete their first half term at Adel Primary, we could not be prouder of them.
You have all settled in beautifully into your new class and we look forward to sharing the next seven years of your Adel journey with you.

APPCA

Many thanks to all who helped out to run the **Halloween Discos** last week and to everyone who supported the event.
The hall was spookily decorated and the children turned up in some amazing outfits.
Both discos were very well attended and were thoroughly enjoyed by the children.
It takes a lot of effort to run APPCA events and when you see the smiles and excitement from the children it makes it all worthwhile.





The discos raised an amazing

£973.37

which will go towards much needed funds
to install new bathrooms in school.

As a registered charity, in the past APPCA has been able to boost the fundraising efforts with match funding.
If anyone is able to support school with **match funding** through their place of work, we would love to hear from you.

APPCA's next event is the **Christmas Fair**.



By having children at Adel Primary School, you are all automatically members of APPCA.

Please do get involved – whether helping with organising, shopping, setting up or running a stall any bit of time you can give is always greatly appreciated by school and, most definitely by all the children!



Application for Reception and Year 7 places for September 2026

A reminder for Year 6 parents that the deadline for applications for year 7 places falls in half-term, on 31 October 2026. If parents need help with an application, they can contact startingsecondary@leeds.gov.uk.

Applications for Reception places 2026 open on 1st November 2026. The deadline to apply is 15th January 2027.

With this in mind, we will be holding Open days over the coming term, the first of which is on Thursday 5th November with sessions at 9am and 1.15pm – please email the school to book.

Staff Updates

I am pleased to share that we have recruited four new members of staff to join our team. The new recruits will be working as teaching assistants in school and also in the Out of School club.

Miss Youngs
Miss Pearson
Mrs Thompson
Mrs Margariti

The staff will hopefully be joining us after the half term break, once all the relevant safer recruitment checks have been completed.

Dates for the Year

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	**Areas covered in staff training time**
1. ~~Tuesday 1st September 2026~~	Whole School Development Priorities
2. **Friday 23rd October 2026**	Autumn term twilight sessions
3. Monday 4th January	Whole School Development Priorities
4. Wednesday 21st July 2027	Spring/summer term twilight sessions
5. Thursday 22nd July 2027	Spring/summer term twilight sessions

AUTUMN TERM 1

Tuesday 20th October	ALL	Parent/Carer consultation evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 22nd October	ALL	Parent/Carer consultation evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Friday 23rd October	ALL	SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS – Staff training day

Autumn Mid-Term Holiday

AUTUMN TERM 2

November 2026

Monday 2nd November	ALL	School opens for all pupils 8.40am OOS Club opens 7.30am
Tuesday 3rd November	ALL	Poppies go on sale in school
Thursday 5th November		OPEN DAY for prospective Reception parents/carers for 2027/2028 Sessions at 9am and 1.15pm
Friday 6th November	ALL	Diwali Celebrations
Tuesday 10th November	Rec to Y6	Flu Vaccinations
w/c 16th November	ALL	Anti-Bullying Week 2026: Break the Silence
Monday 16th November	ALL	Wear Odd Socks to school as part of Anti-Bullying week
Tuesday 17th November	ALL	School Photograph Day – individual & sibling photos
Friday 20th November		OPEN DAY for prospective Reception parents/carers for 2027/28 Session at 9am
Tuesday 24th November	Y5	Year 5 Class Assembly 2.40pm (hall)
Thursday 26th November	Y6	Year 6 Class Assembly 2.40pm (hall)
Friday 27th November	Y4	Year 4 Class Assembly 2.40 pm (hall)

December 2026

Wednesday 2nd December		OPEN DAY for prospective Reception parents/carers for 2027/28 Session at 1.15pm and 6pm
Friday 4th December	ALL	APPCA Christmas fair 4pm to 6pm (*provisional date*)
Tuesday 8th December	Nur & Rec	Foundation Stage Festive Concert 2.20pm (hall)
Wednesday 9th December	Y1 & Y2	Key Stage 1 Festive Concert 9am (hall)
Thursday 10th December	Y3 & Y4	Year 3/4 Festive Concert 9am (hall)
Thursday 10th December	GOVS	2nd Meeting of the Full Governing Body 3.30pm
Friday 11th December	Y5 & Y6	Year 5/6 Festive Concert 9am (hall)
Monday 14th December	ALL	Christmas Lunch served
Wednesday 16th December	Y1 & Y2	Key Stage 1 Christmas party
Thursday 17th December	Y3 to Y6	Key Stage 2 Christmas party
Friday 18th December	Nur & Rec	Foundation Christmas party
Friday 18th December	ALL	School Closes 3.10pm OOS Club Closes 5pm

Christmas Break Holiday

And finally…….

School is **closed** to all pupils on **Friday 23rd October.**



Have a lovely half term break and
we look forward to welcoming you …

Back to School

Monday 2nd November

