

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Welcome back

Thanks for all your support on our return to school in 2025 – week one proved to be a little challenging. The children managed really well with the different entrances and exits to school, the staggered playtimes and changes to daily routines. However, the staff and I were all delighted when the snow eventually melted and we could resume business as usual!



Red Kite Alliance RED Award



It is with great pride that we can announce that Adel Primary School have been awarded the Red Kite Alliance RED Award (Respect, Equality, Diversity) in recognition of the school's work to embed a culture of mutual respect, to champion equality and to celebrate diversity.

Feedback from the assessor included –

“Your application was particularly strong, and I can see that you have spent a lot of time evaluating the impact of your work and putting together your very impressive Evidence Pinboard - not to mention, of course, all the work which has gone into implementing the actions themselves over an extended period of time”.

Well done to staff, governors, children and families for all the hard work over the years that has gone into achieving this award.

Events for the Spring term 1 - Personal Development

We always have lots of enrichment events that happen in school each half term. The aim of these events and activities is to deliver knowledge, skills and experiences beyond the everyday curriculum that is taught in school. Some are planned at the beginning of the year and added to the calendar dates but there many that happen that you may not always be aware of.

Here is a flavour of what is in place for the spring term – please do ask the children about them.



Last week, we welcomed Jade from the **Dogs Trust** to deliver an assembly and workshops to children in Years 1 to 6, teaching and advising children how to interact safely with dogs, both in the home and out and about. Jade said afterwards, “just wanted to say thank you for inviting me into your school, the children were so welcoming and good fun! I hope they enjoyed their workshops”. 😊

Leeds United FC team are currently visiting our children in Years 1 and 4 to deliver their annual 5-week **healthy schools’ program**. This involves activities to promote healthy eating, exercise and mindset and for Year 4 a trip to Elland Road on Thursday 27th February!



As part of our PE program, all children are enjoying **PE enrichment sessions** this half term in addition to their regular, weekly PE lessons. The children have the chance to experience dodgeball, frisbee or volleyball - which are always popular sports.

Our Year 2 children enjoyed a **skipping workshop**, delivered by The Skipping School in preparation for the skipping festival competition in early summer. This is an event Adel children have taken part in for many years.



Year 6 are completing their **Bikeability** training this week, run by Cycle North. This training will hopefully lead to a few more children feeling more confident to ride to school when the weather eventually warms up.

The whole school is taking part in **National Story Telling Week**, week commencing 3rd February. We are hoping to invite parents, governors and staff to visit different classes to enjoy reading a story with the children.

The annual **RSPB bird count** is taking place from 24th January to 26th January. We will be joining in with the count at school, getting outside (with our quiet voices!) to see how many different species we can spot.



During **Children’s Mental Health Week**, (3rd to 9th February) we will be looking at how we use the Zones of Regulation in school to help us understand our feelings and will be enjoying the outdoors.



On Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January, Mr Thompson, Mrs Cordingley, Mrs Cairns and Miss Akhtar have the pleasure of accompanying our Year 4 children to Ilkley, on the trip to the **Nell Bank activity centre** for a one-night residential.

And finally, we have a **British Library writing workshop** booked in for children in Years 5 and 6. A drama workshop entitled, Refugee Journey, inspired by Sarah Garland's heartwarming graphic novel, Azzi in Between.



Staff Update

This term we welcome Miss Sophie Griffiths to our staff team. Sophie joins us for the remainder of the year, working as a teaching assistant in the Year 6 classroom.



We also welcome Miss Helen Walsh who is on the Red Kite teacher training pathway. Helen is completing her final placement and will be working in Year 2 with Miss Saxton until the beginning of July.



Finally, we welcome Mr Ben Sharp. Ben is joining the Year 4 team for an 8-week teacher training placement through Leeds Beckett University.



Leeds Book Awards 2025

We are delighted to announce that we are once again taking part in the Leeds Book Awards, in conjunction with Leeds Libraries.

Miss Goodwin and Miss Yeadon attended the launch party last week at Leeds Central Library to hear this year's nominees unveiled.

This year we are reviewing books in two categories:

KS2 – Middle grade fiction novels

KS2 – Middle grade graphic novels

We will be sharing all the details of the three books within each category with the children soon – we are also keeping our fingers crossed that we are lucky enough to be invited to attend the award ceremony, like last year.



And finally... West Yorkshire Police - Community Alert



This event is taking place at:

*Bedquilts Recreation Ground
Adel*

LS16 8BX



Bike Marking event : Tue 18 Feb 13:00

Bike marking and Registration Event near you.

Bike marking and registration is a proven deterrent against theft and in the unfortunate event of a theft it can drastically increase the chances of recovery.