

Headteacher's Newsletter

Issue 2

October 2025

Half Term 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 of sparkly buns, carrot cakes and lots more, we raised **£135.65** from cash donations alone. Many thanks



The **NSPCC** came into school to deliver assemblies and workshop this term, sharing key safeguarding messages with our pupils.



Our **Harvest crafts** event was very well attended with plenty of cutting, sticking and creating taking place across school. The **food donations** were taken to our local Foodbank, and as always, were greatly appreciated.



It was our great pleasure to welcome the author **Eve Wersocki Morris** into school as part of Dyslexia awareness week. Eve has dyslexia and shared with the children that she was once told by a teacher at primary school that she was the 'worst speller in the class'. Eve was a real inspiration as she shared her journey from childhood to becoming a very successful author of children's books.



The Year 6 children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their residential visit to **PGL activity centre** at Newby Wiske. The visit was jam-packed with activities from start to finish, including zip-wires, climbing walls, archery and trapeze to name just a few.

A great way to kick-start their final year at Adel Primary for the children.



With support from families, staff and their Year 6 buddies, our **Reception class** have settled beautifully into their new class.

On Wednesday, a photographer from the Yorkshire Evening Post is visiting school to take the annual 'new starters' photo which features in the newspaper, alongside Reception starters from across the city. A super keepsake for families and a great photo to share with your child in 7 years' time, when they take on the role of being a Reception buddy.

Roofing Update

Many thanks for bearing with us whilst we have been undergoing repair work to the roof. I am delighted to share that we are now coming to the end of the works. We are hopeful that the solar panels will be returned to their roof-top position and the scaffolding removed by the time we return after the half term break. The Early Years playground and the KS1 patio area are certainly going to feel a lot bigger when the scaffolding has gone.

Application for Reception and Year 7 places for September 2026

The deadline for applications for year 7 places falls in half-term, on 31 October 2025. If parents need help with an application, they can contact startingsecondary@leeds.gov.uk.

Applications for Reception places 2026 open on 1st November 2025. The deadline to apply is 15th January 2026.

With this in mind, we will be holding Open days over the coming term, the first of which is on Thursday 6th November with sessions at 9am and 1.15pm – no need to book.

Dates for the term ahead

Autumn Mid-Term Holiday

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November 2025

Monday 3 rd November	ALL	SCHOOL CLOSED – TRAINING DAY
Tuesday 4 th November	ALL	School opens for all pupils 8.40am OOS Club opens 7.30am
Tuesday 4 th November	ALL	Poppies go on sale in school
Thursday 6 th November		OPEN DAY for prospective Reception parents/carers for 2026/2027 Sessions at 9am and 1.15pm
w/c 10 th November	ALL	Anti-Bullying Week 2025: Power for Good
Monday 10 th November	ALL	Wear Odd Socks to school as part of Anti-Bullying week
w/c 17 th November	ALL	Road Safety week
Tuesday 18 th November	ALL	School Photograph Day – individual & sibling photos
Wednesday 19 th November		OPEN DAY for prospective Reception parents/carers for 2026/27 Session at 9am
Friday 21 st November	Y6	Year 6 Class Assembly 2.40pm (hall)
Thursday 27 th November	Y4	Year 4 Class Assembly 2.40 pm (hall)
Friday 28 th November	Rec to Y6	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 28 th November	Y5	Year 5 Class Assembly 2.40pm (hall)

December 2025

Wednesday 3 rd December		OPEN DAY for prospective Reception parents/carers for 2026/27 Session at 1.15pm and 6pm
Thursday 4 th December	GOVS	2 nd Meeting of the Full Governing Body 3.30pm
Friday 5 th December	ALL	APPCA Christmas fair 4pm to 6pm (provisional date)
Tuesday 9 th December	Nur & Rec	Foundation Stage Festive Concert 2.15pm (hall)
Wednesday 10 th December	Y1 & Y2	Key Stage 1 Festive Concert 9am (hall)
Thursday 11 th December	Y3 & Y4	Year 3/4 Festive Concert 9am (hall)
Friday 12 th December	Y5 & Y6	Year 5/6 Festive Concert 9am (hall)
Monday 15 th December	ALL	Christmas Lunch served
Wednesday 17 th December	Y1 & Y2	Key Stage 1 Christmas party
Thursday 18 th December	Y3 to Y6	Key Stage 2 Christmas party
Friday 19 th December	Nur & Rec	Foundation Christmas party
Friday 19 th December	ALL	School Closes 3.10pm OOS Club Closes 5pm

Christmas Break Holiday

And finally.....

We look forward to welcoming you to the Parent/Carer consultation sessions on Tuesday and Thursday of this week.

We have thoroughly enjoyed the first half term of the year. It has been a long and busy half term, and I have no doubt that the children are all ready for a well-deserved break.

We wish you all an enjoyable, happy holiday and look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Tuesday 4th November.



**School is closed to all children on
Monday 3rd November for staff training**

