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HEADTEACHER NEWS It has been a joyful end to what has been a great year here at ASJ. Fun and laughter have been in abundance; our children have continued to make us smile with their enthusiasm and brilliant ideas.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY: We are saying goodbye to our BRILLIANT Year 6 children, the end of an era for some families! The leavers' assembly brought a tear and a smile at the same time. The children talked about their memories of ASJ and performed a poem. As a school we sang and presented each child with a bible. We wish all the children our best as they move onto pastures new.

YEAR 5 AND 6 PRODUCTION—'GIGGLEBOX' - On Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening, we welcomed parents and carers to children in Year 5 & 6 to a very special end of year production, which was a smashing success. The children's acting and singing were outstanding and they brought so much joy and laughter to the audience. Thank you goes to Mr Routledge, Mrs Milne and Mr Tosta for putting on a fantastic show.

HOUSE CAPTAIN AND SCHOOL COUNCILLORS - Yesterday, ASJ went to the Polls. All the children voted for our Year 6 House and Vice-Captains and for our Y2 to Y6 School Counsellors. Well done to all the children who wrote and delivered their manifestos - they were delivered with confidence and passion. Here are the results:

HOUSE CAPTAINS/VICE CAPTAINS				
Captain/Vice-Captain	Fountains Abbey	Kirkstall Abbey	Bolton Abbey	Riveaulx Abbey
Captains	Alice	Everett	Bethan/Gracie M	Matilda
Vice-Captains	Rueben/Sofia	Lucy	Gracie C	Sienna

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS				
Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sidney	Esme	Isabelle	Robin	Thomas
Seren	Lewis	Yuna	Matilda	Matilda
Gabriel				

SUMMER FAIR: The provisional profit from the summer fair is £2500! The PTA would like to thank all those who donated bottles, books and cakes, who attended on the day and, perhaps most of all, those who gave up their time to assist with the running of the event.

Year 6 and their families would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for their generous contribution to the year 6 leavers party and to the staff that came along to toast their future. Special thanks to Mr Routledge for being such a good sport!

Finally, thank you for the cards, lovely messages and gifts received. They are very much appreciated. I wish all our families an enjoyable, safe and restful summer break. We look forward to welcome you back for the autumn term on Wednesday 2nd September 2026.

Message from the PTA and school uniform reminders on page 2.

Dear God,

Thank you for our wonderful school and all the excellent learning we do here.

Thank you for all the staff and the help they give us.

Forgive us for the times when we don't do things right, as we forgive others too.

Help us to keep our school rules and to respect everyone and everything in the world around us.

Help us to treat others the way we want to be treated ourselves.

Lord, please accept our prayer.

Amen





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PTA - WE NEED HELP WITH THE BONFIRE EVENING!

Your PTA Needs You!

Now that another successful Summer Fair is behind us, we're looking ahead to our Bonfire & Fireworks Night — one of the school's most popular events and our biggest fundraiser of the year. This fantastic community event regularly raises over £7,000, helping the PTA fund coaches for school trips and contribute towards projects such as the Reception outdoor play area, Forest Schools, Orienteering course and iPads.

This year's event is planned for **Saturday 7th November**, and we're excited to make it another great success. However, as the Year 6 children leave, so do a number of our key PTA members, so we need more help. Whether you can help with planning beforehand or spare a few hours over the event weekend, we need your support to make it happen.

Please take a moment to:

- ☐ Sign up via the volunteer form below
- ☐ Join the Bonfire WhatsApp group to help us organise and share ideas

To ensure we can go ahead this year we really need your commitment, so please let us know by **22 July 2026** so we can start the preparations. With your support, we can keep this much-loved event running and continue raising vital funds for our school. Thank you from the PTA team! ☑️

Links:

Sign up sheet: <https://volunteersignup.org/B7M9W>

WhatsApp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HAbF3z3IUPSfm7KrcuXNPR?s=cl&p=a&ilr=4>

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS - READY FOR SEPTEMBER:

School Uniform: Mid-grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore

School jumper or cardigan with or without school logo

Classic White or Burgundy Polo Shirt [short sleeved] with or without school logo or a white cotton shirt

Optional school tie

Black or dark coloured outdoor shoes

Indoor black pumps to change into

Summer alternatives – red and white summer dress

PE days, children need to come to school in their PE kit:

Plain black PE shorts, NO SHORTER THAN MID-THIGH

White PE T-shirt (plain or with school logo)

Black hoodie or zip-top (plain or with school logo)

Black jogging or tracksuit bottoms

PE trainers – PLEASE NOTE, THESE SHOULD NOT BE FASHION TRAINERS

Additional information

Pumps - children should have a pair of indoor pumps to help keep our school clean (trainers or crocs are not permitted unless medically required, in which case a letter is needed)

Hair – All children with hair of shoulder length or longer must have it tied back for school.

Jewellery – Jewellery is limited to small stud earrings (no hoops), and no necklaces or bracelets unless cultural, accompanied by a parental note. Watches are allowed and encouraged (no smart watches with internet connectivity, ability to take photos or make recordings.)

Make up – Children are not allowed to wear make up to school.

Nails – Nails should be of a suitable length for school and not decorated.

Items named - it is inevitable that items of school clothing will go missing; **please ensure that your child's clothing is clearly labelled**, so that lost property can be reunited with the rightful owner.



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**Congratulations to these children for receiving the
Well Done, Gold, and Handwriting awards**



House Points

House Team Names	This term's total	Total for the year
Bolton Abbey	6,543	32,775
Fountains Abbey	6,258	32,598
Rievaulx Abbey	6,454	28,858
Kirkstall Abbey	6,606	31,357

Our target for whole school attendance is 97%

Attendance from September to date is **96.94%:**

Attendance last week was 98.47%:

	Attendance since September	Attendance last week (6 — 10 July)%
Reception	96.44%	98.67%
Year 1	96.34%	98%
Year 2	96.62%	96.07%
Year 3	97.67%	99.64%
Year 4	97.33%	98.97%
Year 5	97.71%	99.67%
Year 6	96.52%	98.21%



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Autumn 1 2026

September

1st	Training Day - School closed pupils
2nd	Breakfast club opens at 7.30am. School opens at 8.40am.
2nd	Year 6 parent/carer welcome meeting at 3.15pm
3rd	Year 2 parent/carer welcome meeting at 3.15pm
7th	Year 3 parent/carer welcome meeting at 3.15pm
8th	Year 1 & 5 parent/carer welcome meeting at 3.15pm
10th	Year 4 parent/carer welcome meeting at 3.15pm
25th	Reception Training Day

October

3rd	Reception disco organised by the PTA: 4.30 - 6.30pm
9th	Training Day - School closed pupils
13th	Harvest Festival - food donations requested
20th	Special collective worship for Reception at Adel Church - 9.30am
23rd	Last Day of term. School closes at 3.15pm. OOSC closes at 5pm.

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BE PART OF
THE TEAM!**

JOIN LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB!

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Be part of a team and make memories
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READ to the BEAT

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme, **Read to the Beat**, and is powered by Universal Music Group UK. The Challenge will celebrate the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. The Challenge is being brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate.

Why join?

- It's FREE! Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- Earn rewards, certificates, and prizes
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read, collect rewards over the summer and receive a certificate or medal when they complete the challenge.

Visit your local library or go online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to get started from 4 July 2026.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!