Alder Tree Times



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The best things to do for free in 2023 + News from your local primary school + Visit your Thursday Foodbank and much more...

Hello

We are aware that local weekly free newspapers have diminished over the years, leaving a big gap in bringing communities together on a cultural level, by either providing information on local services, events and information or by shining a light on the culture and identity of our communities.

Working with the Principal and staff at Alder Tree Primary Academy we want to bridge this gap in the catchment area of our primary school and have therefore decided to create the Alder Tree Times – a local magazine which belongs to the local community.

We hope this bi-annual publication, which will be published each year around July/August and January/February, will provide important, engaging, informative and community centred content for our neighbours, support local shop owners, and encourage local residents to place themselves at the heart of the neighbourhood.

This publication hopefully appeals to all ages, genders, classes and income brackets and aims to be inspirational and accessible whilst bringing people together.

We want to include details of local businesses (but will not charge for this) as we want to ensure that everyone based in the community has the opportunity to spread awareness of their services and local offers.

The Alder Tree Times will hopefully help in sharing all that is good in our area to make our readers even prouder of our wonderful community.

Please help by sharing your news with us. by emailing *marketing@whiteroseacademies.org*



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SUCCESS STORIES
Our first 'Well Done' goes to Seren

Seren is 10 years old. She started at Alder Tree Primary Academy in Reception and is now thoroughly enjoying her time in Year 5.

At the age of 2, Seren began gymnastics classes. She later also attended rainbows (Brownies) and swimming lessons, where she got up to her lifesavers badge. It seems that Seren is successful in anything she puts her mind to however, it was

gymnastics that became her favourite activity, and she has gone on to win lots of medals, competing regionally in Women's Artistic Gymnastics competitions.

In early 2020, Seren's gymnastics coach saw something special in Seren and offered her some free sessions in trampolinina. He was right!

In March 2020, during lockdown, Seren moved from gymnastics into a trampoline group (all done over zoom) where she did strength and conditioning sessions four times per week for one hour. When lockdown ended, it was time to get back on the trampoline. Seren told us she felt a bit nervous about this, especially with Covid still being a thing and the social distancing in place meaning no touch or supporting from the sides. This also meant that

"When I am on the trampoline. I feel like I can fly!"

she still wasn't aettina the full experience and classes were a bit shorter than usual as there was a cleaning routine which had to take place between each class.

We'd love to celebrate your success story here, As soon as she got back on the trampoline. she said she felt like she was where she belongs, and she told us "When I am on the trampoline, I feel like I can flv!".

Seren now trains four times a week in Huddersfield at an affiliated British Gymnastics Club with a High-Performance British Gymnastics Coach.

Seren's first ever trampolining competition, which took place in October 21, was the Open British Gymnastics competition and she placed twenty-first. She competed in the same competition again in 2022 and came fifth! In 2022. Seren also won bronze at the English Championships in Sheffield and came second in trampoline and second in DMT (Double Mini Trampoline). However, in the April 23 qualifiers for the English Championships, she came first!

It all sounds very confusing, but Seren explained that the national championships head for the British Championship and the English qualifiers head for the English Championships. She very proudly told us that in her next competition for her voluntary routine she is aoina to do a half out, a double front somersault

and then a half twist! Seren's mum said "I am

please email: marketing@ incredibly proud teroseacademies.org of Seren. I want her to do what she wants to do, and I will always help her to achieve her goals. Training is hard and takes up a lot

of her time and weekends. so I keep asking 'do you still want to do this?' and she keeps saying a definite 'yes'! She has a great friendship group, and, in the future, she wants to be in the Olympics, when she is a young adult".

Seren was proud to tell us that she has already met an Olympic Gold Medallist called Bryony Page. She said "she is 32 years old and still the women's individual trampoline world champion! She was 15 when she first competed, and I met her when I was on a residential with my gym. I asked her what it felt like to be an Olympic Gold medallist and she told me 'It feels really good'.

At the end of the interview, lovely Seren added "I am so very grateful for everything that my mum does for me".

LOCAL **BUSINESSES**

People In Action

Where Various

A social aroup for learning disabled and autistic adults. There is a strong community. All the members of the group have a job that they do at the club, like setting up tables or making drinks. They have a monthly birthday party for everyone whose birthday has been in that month. The group runs on Thursdays from 18.30 to 20.30 peopleinaction.org.uk/ groupsactivities/potternewton-club/

Art Camp UK

Where Various School Holiday Clubs, Leeds Art Camp is an OFSTED registered childcare provider, created by artists and run by artists since 2019. www.artcampuk.com/

Hyde Park Harriers

Where The Edge, University of Leeds, Willow Terrace Road, Leeds LS2 9JT. A friendly inclusive running club caterina for adults of all ages and abilities. Mainly a road running club, but also take part in cross-country and have a small but growing band of fellrunners. Each week runs take place which are arouped by ability.

www.hvdeparkharriers.co.uk/



Potternewton Park Tennis Courts

Where Potternewton Park, Harehills Lane, Leeds L7 4HB
Two hard courts which are free to access throughout the year. There is currently no booking system, you just turn up and play!
(Ita.org.uk)

Potternewton Day Services

Where Potternewton View, Leeds LS7 2DW Provided by the local authority to assist in the welfare of individuals and groups in need. Tel: 0113 2374930

Meanwood Valley Urban Farm

Where Sugar Well Road, Meanwood, Leeds, LS7 2QG
Established in 1980 as a City farm, with a goal to reconnect urban people with their food. The farm is open 7 days a week for the public to visit the animals, gardens and flourishing woodland.

mvuf.org.uk



YOUR LOCAL FOODBANK

The Alder Tree Primary Academy Foodbank belongs to every member of our local community, and all of you are welcome to use it.

The Food Bank is based within the school and it is open every Thursday from 2pm until 3pm.

Anyone using the Foodbank is invited to donate one pound (where possible) and in return they can select up to ten items from the 'shop'.

Our enthusiastic pupils help to make sure that the foodbank is a success. Alongside Mrs Bishop, our pupils greet our customers, make teas, coffees and hot chocolates, take donations and fill the shopping bags for our lovely customers.

Since launching in January 2023, we are delighted that the foodbank has already grown and we now offer clothing, toys, books and other non-consumable items too, all thanks to generous donations.

We are so pleased that we can offer support to those in need during the current economic climate, not only by supplying food and other goods but by also creating a social occasion where members of our amazing community can come together, support each other, and find out more about what is happening in the local area.

If you feel you would benefit from using the Food Bank, please come along any Thursday between 2pm and 3pm (excluding school holidays). Or if you would like to make a donation of food, toiletries, clothing or more, please contact Martha Bishop at Bishop.m@ whiteroseacademies.org.

How can we help?

We want the Alder Tree
Times to become an information
hub for our community, we therefore
welcome suggestions and want to know if there is
anything we can do to support our local community more.
If you have any suggestions or ideas, please email
marketing@whiteroseacademies.org

In Our Area



MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCILLORS

Let us introduce ourselves we are Cllr Jane Dowson, Cllr Mohammed Rafique and Cllr Eileen Taylor and with our colleague Fabian Hamilton MP we are your Labour Party team representing you at Civic Hall, Leeds and in Parliament. It is a great honour to have been asked to write a small article in this the first edition of Alder Tree Times.

We thought we would start by saying a huge thank you to everyone who helped us with the newly refurbished play area between the Miles Hills and Beckhills estates called Park View. We brought together funding from many partners to get the almost £80K needed. The Inner NE Community Committee funded most with valued help from the local housing panel, Unity housing, Wades Charity and Love Leeds Parks and a donation from our community funding allowance. The work was done by Leeds City Council's Parks Department assisted by Groundwork Yorkshire and it looks fantastic. The



icing on the cake was a fantastic opening day when the children joined us to welcome the Lord Mayor of Leeds who cut the ceremonial ribbon and officially open the park. It was fantastic to see all the children having such fun on the swings, slides etc.

The children from Alder Tree have also helped us plant hundreds of daffodil and crocus bulbs to make the area even more beautiful.

These enhancements have made a huge difference to the area and improved the lives of the children who use the play area and surrounding green space.

If you have anything you want our help with then please do get in touch or visit us at our regular surgeries.



MP Fabian Hamilton



St Martin's Church

Where St Martin's View. Potternewton, Leeds LS7 3LB Worshipping life is centred around the Eucharist (Common Worship) Everyone is welcome to any of the services or other events. Vicar – Reverend Dr Nicholas lo Polito St Martin's Church was consecrated in 1881 by the Bishop of Ripon on Easter Tuesday, 19th April 1881. The architects were Messrs Adams and Kelly of Leeds and the cost of the building project was £8,500. The church is built of stone from the Potternewton quarries which used to be in the vicinity of Sugarwell Hill. www.achurchnearyou.com

Potternewton Park Run

Where Potternewton Park, Harehills Lane, Leeds LS7 4HA A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. Every Saturday at 9.00am www.parkrun.org.uk/potternewton

Potternewton Rollers

Where Potternewton Park,
Forum Leisure Centre and Scothall
Leisure Centre
An award winning, roller skate
collective who run weekly
community sessions, bespoke
events and roller discos.
www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/potternewtonrollers-49773128973



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Jane Dowson

Mohammed

Rafique

Eileen Taylor



Potternewton Community Choir

Where St. Martin's Church. St. Martin's View, Leeds, LS7 3LB Potternewton Community Choir is open to people of all ages and backgrounds, united by a love of singing. They sing a diverse selection of music, including folk, pop, classical, sacred and secular. Everyone is welcome! Under 18's are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

www.meetup.com/potternewtoncommunity-choir

The Community Kitchen

Where St Martin's Institute, St Martin's View, Leeds, LS7 3LA Part of the Leeds Food Aid Network and open to families, individuals, the homeless, underprivileged and whoever else may be in need of some delicious food. Every Saturday food served from 12.00pm until 2pm.

www.stmartinleeds.org.uk/thecommunity-kitchen/

Let's Ride

letsride.co.uk

Where (Starting point) Potternewton Park, Harehills Lane, Leeds LS7 4HB A cycling route which provides a great opportunity to ride with family and friends from Potternewton Park to Meanwood Valley Urban Farm. The route distance is 5.9 miles and the climb is 136 metres. This is a risk assessed route which is suitable for all bike types.





CELEBRATING ARTHUR FRANCE

Words Fahian Hamilton MP

At the end of January, I was delighted to host a celebration in Parliament of the life of Arthur France. Arthur is a stalwart of the and across the whole of

community in Chapeltown Leeds. As a founder of the Leeds West Indian Carnival. his huge contribution to our local culture cannot be understated

I first met Arthur when I was Chair of Leeds City Council's Race Equality Committee in 1988. He was one of a group of people that was passionate about their adopted city and the vital importance of fairness, social justice and equality across all of Leeds. Arthur - and the many people he inspired - have done so much to enhance the lives and aspirations of our citizens working with anyone who would engage with him for the benefit of all. He soon got me involved with the Carnival, persuaded me to wear a costume shortly

after I became the MP in 1997, and encouraged me to photograph the Carnival Queen Show as well as August Carnival Day itself.

Arthur's legacy will not only be the Leeds West Indian Carnival but is also carried on by his daughter, Mahalia, who was elected last year to represent Moortown and Meanwood Ward on Leeds City Council. Like her father. she is a dedicated and hardworking community activist who is following in the family's footsteps by ensuring the needs and interests of the people of her Ward are being met every single day.

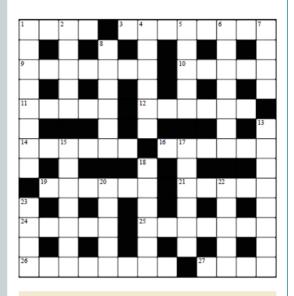
It was great to be in Parliament with so many friends from Leeds to celebrate Arthur's fantastic campaigning for social justice and his devotion to our community. Over the years he and his family have become dear friends and I was so delighted to be part of the event.



Left — Fabian Hamilton MP with Arthur France MBE at a celebration of Arthur's life in Parliament

Leeds Carnival 2023 will take place on Monday 28 August. The parade will leave Potternewton Park at 2pm. For more information please visit: leedscarnival.co.uk

CROSSWORDS/QUIZ



Across

- 1 Rich soil (4)
- 3 Hindrance (8)
- **9** Latter-Day Saints (7)
- 10 Embellish (5) **11** Oarsman (5)
- **12** Hue (6)
- 14 Red wine from Bordeaux (6)
- 16 Military pageant (6)
- **19** Threat (anag) (6)
- 21 Move (5)
- **24** That is (Latin) (2,3)
- 25 Discernment (7)
- 26 Diminished (8)
- 27 Bathroom powder (4)
- 18 Sea trip (6)

Down

lawn (7)

or family (8)

17 Waylay (6)

1 Humorous verse form (8)

2 Direction indicator (5)

6 Game played on a

7 Sicilian volcano (4)

8 Vulgar, unrefined (6)

13 Relating to the home

15 Mozart's middle name

4 Cut in two (6)

5 Laa behind (5)

- 20 Legal right to property
- 22 Doctrine accepted without question (5)
- 23 Slay (4)

Across

- 1 Thoroughly soaked (7) 5 Greek letter S (5)
- 8 Souvenir (5)
- **9** Exploded (5.2)
- **10** Leamer (7)
- 11 Devoutness (5)
- 12 Embraced (6)
- **14** Tree providing wood
- for cricket bats (6)
- **18** Circular (5)
- **20** Absconds (7)
- 22 Italian child (7)
- **23** Interior (5)
- 24 Simple song (5)
- **25** Clients (anag) (7)

Down

- 1 Withdraw from a contest (7)
 - 2 Lively Bohemian dance

 - **3** Enrage (7)
 - **4** Gallows (6)
 - **5** Exclusive news story (5)
 - 6 Polite, refined (7)

 - **7** Put to use (5)
 - **13** Epicure (7)
 - **15** Slope (7)
 - 16 Spendthrift (7)
 - 17 Obnoxious (6)

 - **18** Dressed (5)
 - 19 God or Goddess (5)
 - **21** Frenzied (5)

*turn to p47 for answers



Find our Fairies

Within this magazine, we have placed ten fairies. Please use the clues below to find them all.

- I am busy reading all about the first issue of this magazine.
- I really enjoy trampolining.
- I didn't know that was Mrs Burton's hobby.
- That joke really made me giggle.
- History is my favourite subject at school.
- 6. I can't wait until the summer holidays to ao to lots of free places in Leeds.
- 7. I wonder which recipe we are cooking
- 8. It is very special that people can get free food from Alder Tree Primary if they need it.
- 9. An MP is a very busy person.
- 10. I am reading about what happened in 1953.



In Our Area

CROSSWORDS/QUIZ

| What is the name of the ancient Egyptian God of the Sun? |
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| 2. What kind of wine gave Elkie Brooks a hit in 1978? |
| 3. Which summertime swimwear is named after a Pacific atoll? |
| 4. The first song played on Radio 1, in 1967 - whose hit was "Flowers in the Rain"? |
| 5. In which 1973 cult horror film did Christopher Lee play the character "Lord Summerisle"? |
| 6. Whose sonnet contains the line "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day"? |
| 7. What kind of summer days did Nat King Cole sing about in 1963? |
| 8. Which beverage is given to us by the bush "camellia sinensis"? |
| 9. In which star sign does Northern Hemisphere midsummer's day fall? |
| 10. Which city were ABBA singing about on their 1978 single "Summer Night City"? |
| 11. Who directed the 2007 sci-fi film "Sunshine"? |
| 12. Who had a hit in 1975 with "Sailing"? |
| 13. Visiting the UK in the summer months, what kind of creature is a Whinchat? |
| 14. At a scorching 40.3 degrees celsius, where in England was the hottest ever air temperture recorded in July 2022? |
| 15. Which famous sailor set off on his voyage of discovery with the ships "Nina", "Pinta" and |
| "Santa Maria"? |

*turn to p47 for answers







We're delighted to help our neighbours in Meanwood

At Taylor Wimpey we're committed to supporting the communities in which we build.

We have a wide range of developments across Yorkshire, and the most local to Alder Tree Primary Academy is Vision at Meanwood, just half a mile down Potternewton Lane.

Our development will eventually comprise 153 homes in a range of two, three and four-bedroom styles, which will suit young couples and families alike. Vision is designed to be family friendly, offering a safe community for people of all ages.

We've already worked with a range of community organisations both in Leeds and further afield, so we were delighted to sponsor the first edition of the Alder Tree Times. We're all excited to read the latest news from the community and get to know the school a little better.

Ross Clarkson, our Sales and Marketing Director at Taylor Wimpey Yorkshire, said: "It's a pleasure to be working with White Rose Academies Trust and supporting the first edition of this newsletter. We think it's really important to work positively with the communities around our developments, and schools are such a big part of that.

"We have plenty of families already living at our new Vision development and it's well worth a look around if you've not been before. Our sales team are very friendly and will happily give you a tour of the showhomes.

"We hope to see you soon - and we would love to come and visit the school in the future to talk about how we build your home."

To find out more about our development you can visit www.taylorwimpey.co.uk/new-homes/leeds/vision-at-meanwood

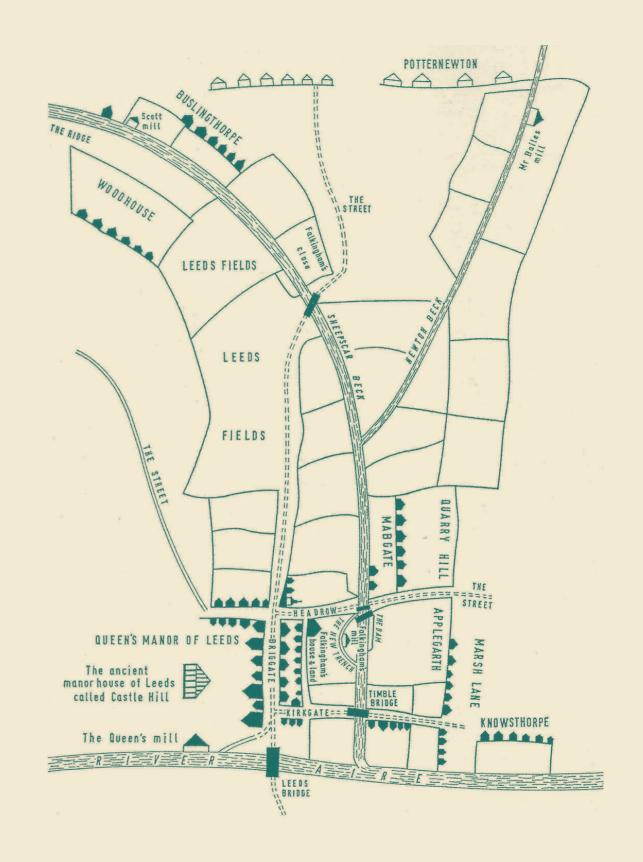
For more information on the community causes that Taylor Wimpey supports, visit **www.taylorwimpey.co.uk/news**

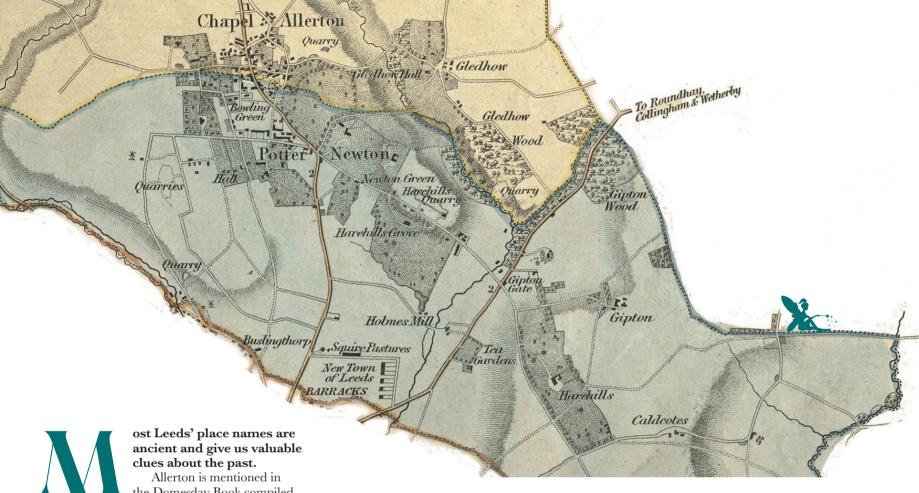


Writer
Dr Alan Benjamin Slomson

Our Roots

The origins of Chapel Allerton & Potternewton





Allerton is mentioned in the Domesday Book compiled by William the Conqueror in

1085. The name comes from the Old English words "alor" for alder tree and "tun". Although "tun" is the origin of our word "town", in medieval times it meant only a small settlement. The connection with alder trees lives on in the name of the school.

The first chapel at Allerton was probably built at around 1230. It stood in the old churchyard on Harrogate Road, just below the library, where the war memorial now is. The name of the settlement became Chapel Allerton to distinguish it from other Allertons.

The population of Potternewton was only about 1,000. Over the next eighty years it increased almost fifty fold

Potternewton is not listed in the Domesday Book. Its first mention is in the thirteenth century records of Kirkstall Abbey. These tell us that Thomas Scott granted lands in Neuton to the Abbey. The Scotts of Scott Hall were prominent citizens of the time. Scott Hall has long since disappeared but the name lives on in local street names.

Ralph Thoresby, the first historian of Leeds, reported the finding of remains of Roman pottery kilns in the area. It is now generally thought Thoresby was mistaken, but it is known that pottery was produced here from at least the late 13th century, and hence we have today's name, Potternewton.

Potternewton appears in the earliest known map of Leeds, shown above. This map, which is not very accurate, was drawn in 1560 as part of a law suit concerning the Leeds Corn Mill. Thomas Lindley of Potternewton, the tenant

of the mill, claimed that his monopoly for grinding corn had been infringed by Thomas Falkingham.

Notice that Potternewton is shown as a small settlement at the top right of the map. Almost certainly the four houses shown in what is now Potternewton Lane are symbolic and do not mean that there were only four houses in Potternewton in 1560. The map shows that in 1560 Leeds was small town, hardly extending north of the street which we now know as the Headrow, and that Potternewton was a rural area, surrounded by fields.

Writing in 1715 Ralph Thoresby described Potternewton as "most pleasantly situated on the South side of a delicate Green, commonly called Chapeltown Moor, as well as noted for its healthful and free air, and for races and other diverting exercises, one or both of which might influence the gentry to reside here, where we

Left — Part of the map of the Borough of Leeds which was included in Edward Baines' General and Commercial Directory of Leeds, published in 1834 **Below** — The Mexborough Arms, now called The Three Hulats

shall find a greater number than in any other township in the parish." Things did not change very much over the next one hundred years.

The illustration to the left is part of the map of the Borough of Leeds which was included in Edward Baines' General and Commercial Directory of Leeds, published in 1834. You may need a magnifying glass to see all the detail. Even without this, you can see that Chapel Allerton and Potternewton were at this time still rural areas. Fields covered most of the area, and there were several quarries. Landmarks to look out for on this map are Gipton Wood, Gledhow Hall and Harehills Grove.

Bowling was one of the "diverting exercises" that Thoresby mentioned. Those with long memories will know that a bowling green survived long into the twentieth century, adjoining the pub then known as the Mexborough Arms, and now called The Three Hulats. The photograph shows the old pub which the present building replaced.

In 1834 the population of Potternewton was only about 1,000. Over the next eighty years it increased almost fifty fold. Chapel Allerton and Potternewton changed from rural settlements north of Leeds into the densely populated residential suburbs of today. This is a story for another day.

Images and text supplied by Dr Alan Benjamin Slomson Leeds Historical Society. www.thoresby.org.uk





Open every Thursday 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Anyone is welcome to pick up food and other essential items.

No questions asked.





Mhat's On?

Leeds has many places to visit where you can enjoy the history and culture of our wonderful city (with the majority being free of charge). Please see the list below which we have been able to pull together for you from the following websites:

www.visitleeds.co.uk/inspire-me/ www.Leeds-list.com www.discoverleeds.co.uk



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EVENT TYPE Breeze in The Park

Potternewton Playing Fields, 31st July 23

Get caught up in sun, fun, chills and thrills with, a new interactive play system, revamped arts zone, fun fair, food and, of course, our classic inflatables. You can fast track on 5 inflatables and on entrance to events with a Breeze Pass.

www.breezeleeds.org/whatsonvenue/breeze-in-the-park



EVENT TYPE Light Night Leeds 2023

Leeds City Centre, 12 Oct 23 — 13th Oct 23

Leeds City Centre the UK's largest annual arts and light festival. Two nights when some of Leeds' most recognisable indoor and outdoor spaces are transformed by spectacular artworks and captivating performances by local, national and international artists.

www.lightnightleeds.co.uk





VISIT

Noteability Concert Band Burley Park.

23 July 23

Consisting of woodwind and brass players, who rehearse so that they can entertain audiences with popular music in and around the local area. noteability.wixsite.com/band/about-us



VISIT Shepley Band

Canal Gardens, Roundhay Park, 23 July 23

A vibrant and enthusiastic group of amateur musicians that believe in making music fun and accessible for all. They meet once a week for rehearsals and perform several public engagements during the year. shepleyband.co.uk



VISIT Chris White Jazz Trio

Golden Acre Park, 30 July 23

Formed in 1996 consisting of a male vocalist, pianist and double bass, performing the great American song book, Cole Porter, Gershwin and many more. In a mellow tone but uplifting style. They also play up tempo for dancing. www.chriswhitejazztrio.co.uk



VISIT Stray Notes

Canal Gardens, Roundhay park, 6th August 23

Stray notes is a Community Choir with a big heart where learning is made easy and everyone is welcome. thestraynotes.org.uk



VISIT Leeds Concert Band

Westroyd Park, Farsley, 6th August 23

Formed in 2010 as a community ensemble for players of all ages. The band's motto is Music, Community, Friendship and they try to make sure these principles are evident in everything they do. They play a wide range of music from their hugely varied concert band repertoire. leedsconcertband.org/about-us



VISIT Steel Concordia

Horsforth Hall Park, 6th August 23

A steel band made of professional members spanning over 40 years experience of steel pan passion. They are a mix of teachers and seasoned players who have been performing in steel bands for years. Steel Concordia's repertoire of both up to date and traditional steel pan melodies offer the perfect Caribbean vibe.





VISIT

James Farrell Concert Band Golden Acre Park,

13th August 23

A community band working in the community for the community. The band consists of about 35 instrumentalists - woodwind, brass and percussion.

www.jf concert band.com



VISIT

West Yorkshire Brass

Canal Gardens – Roundhay park, 27th August 23

A brass band, formed in 1986 with some members originally from the West Yorkshire Fire Service Band.

we sty ork shire brass. co.uk



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Leeds Project Big Band Golden Acre Park.

27th August 23

With full brass and reed sections, keyboard, guitar, bass, drums and vocalists the band will perform a set of jazz favourites.

leedsconcertseason.co.uk/ whatson-event/leeds-project-bigband-golden-acre-park-2



Alder Tree Times Summer 2023



VISIT

The Big Easy

Chapel Allerton park, 31st August 23

The Big Easy have taken some of the greatest tunes by the giants of swing; Louis Armstrong, Louis Prima, Nina Simone and many more household names, and added their own interesting arrangements to bring you a set of the finest swing tunes. thebigeasyband.co.uk



VISIT

The King & I

Golden Acre Park, 10 September 23

A free programme of jazz favourites sponsored by Golden Acre Park as part of the Summer Bands in Leeds Parks series.

www.leedsconcertseason.co.uk/ whatson-event/kingi-golden-acrepark



VISIT

Sundown Swing

Golden Acre Park, 17th September 23

A free programme of jazz favourites sponsored by Golden Acre Park as part of the Summer Bands in Leeds Parks series

www.leedsconcertseason.co.uk/ whatson-event/sundown-swinggolden-acre-park-2/





VISIT

Adel Dam

Adel Dam Nature Reserve, LS16 9JY

A little gem of a woodland and wetland nature reserve. Stroll among dramatic high canopy trees planted as a victorian garden, enjoy close up views of the bird feeding station, popular with woodpeckers and mandarin ducks, then overlook the lake with an almost guaranteed sighting of the resident kingfishers.

www.ywt.org.uk/nature-reserves/ adel-dam-nature-reserve



VISIT

Adel Woods

Crag Lane, Leeds LS17 5PR
Adel Woods are a jewel
between the suburbs of Adel
and Alwoodley.

www.discoverleeds.co.uk/thingsto-see-and-do/outdoors/adelwoods



VISIT

Armley Park

Stanningley Road, LS12 3LW
Armley Park is two miles west of Leeds city centre and is approximately 14 hectares in area. It's the perfect location for people of all age ranges to enjoy a relaxing day out. The park gives local residents and visitors amazing views over Kirkstall Valley.

www.discoverleeds.co.uk/things-to-do/outdoors/armley-park



SIGHT SEEING Blue Plaque Trail

Leeds Area

Leeds Civic Trust has been proud to install over 170 blue plaques throughout our city for the last 30 years. Enjoy a selection of the city centre's plaques on this self-guided trail. Feel free to pop into alleyways, yards and arcades on your way – you'll no doubt spot a few extra plaques on your travels.

www.leedscivictrust.org.uk/ whatwedo/heritage/blue-plaques



VISIT

Breary Marsh Local Nature Reserve

Bramhope, Leeds

A diverse example of a wet valley alder wood and associated floodplain habitat. Much of the site is a Site of Specific Scientific Interest. These habitats were once common along streams and river valleys in the county but they are now sadly localised and fragmented.

www.leeds.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/nature-reserves/breary-marsh

LEEDS 2023

Leeds 2023 is a Year of Culture packed with creativity, which started on Saturday 7 January with an opening show at Headingley Stadium featuring music, poetry, dance, comedy and much more, from artists including Corinne Bailey Rae and the Orchestra and Chorus of Opera North. From dance to design, poetry to pop and sculpture to sport, Leeds has something for everyone. Leeds 2023 consists of 12 large-scale experiences and hundreds of activities and events throughout the year. For more information visit: www.leeds2023.co.uk/my-leeds-2023

CULTURE Day of the Dead

Leeds Playhouse & Leeds City College

27th October — 4th November
Leeds Playhouse and Leeds City
College – Celebrate 'Day of the
Dead with Leeds' very own Ellie
Harrison and Zion Art Studio, from
Mexico. A 9-day celebration of
those we've loved and lost. See
Ellie's thirteen-year long body of
work, The Grief Series, experiencing
beautiful, immersive environments
and empathetic conversation
during a glorious 9-day celebration
of life – and death in the form of
pioneering art, live performance,
workshops and talks.

www.leeds2023.co.uk/whats-on/all-that-lives



CYCLING

Explore Leeds by bike Various locations

7 trails including: Aire Valley Towpath, Ilkley Loop, Otley Chevin Circular, Kirkstall. Roundhay and back, Wetherby Circular,

Headingley Loop, The Lines

Way. www.leeds-list.com/culture/7awesome-days-out-on-your-bikein-leeds/



VISIT **Eccup Reservoir** LS17 7PF

On the outskirts of Leeds. Eccup Reservoir has a circular walk which is ideal for families with plenty to see along the

www.yorkshirewater.com/thingsto-do/reservoirs/eccup-reservoir



MUSIC

Free Live Music at **Leeds Venues**

Various locations

There are venues across Leeds that occasionally put gigs on free of charge - These include: Brudenell Social Club. The Duck and Drake, Sela Bar, Oporto, Hyde Park Book Club, The Domino Club, Santiago, Leeds Conservatoire, LS6 Café, The Hi-Fi Club, Headrow House, Distrikt, Heart, Seven Arts, The Chemic Tayern, Northern Guitars, Verve, The Grove Inn. Wharf Chambers. The Fox & Newt, Howard Assembly Room.

www.leeds-list.com/culture/thebest-places-to-catch-free-gigsin-Leeds



VISIT

Gledhow Valley Woods Leeds, LS7 4JU

A ribbon of woodland and grassland running about 1.5km through a suburban area of north Leeds. The vallev is entirely surrounded by housing and the busy Gledhow Valley Road runs through its centre. A small stream called Gledhow Beck flows along the valley and empties into Gledhow Lake. www.visitleeds.co.uk/things-todo/outdoors/gledhow-valleywoods



VISIT

Golden Acre Park Leeds, LS16 8BO

179 acres of mature woodlands and gardens surrounding a beautiful lake. The park comes alive with nature's vibrant colours throughout the spring and autumn and is home to wild birds, rabbits, squirrels and sometimes an occasional deer!

www.goldenacrepark. co.uk/#about-golden-acre-park



VISIT

Granary Wharf Leeds, LS1 2SP.

An ideal beauty spot to enjoy the picturesque waterside settina. A stunnina area with cobbled bridges and original working locks of the waterways.

www.visitleeds.co.uk/things-todo/arts-culture/granary-wharf



VISIT

Harewood House Circular Walk

Leeds, LS17 9LJ.

A lovely circular walk around the Harewood estate perimeter, with great views towards Harewood House, through the deer park and across to Almscliffe Crag. 4.8 miles.

www.muddybootsmummy.co.uk/ harewood-estate-circular-4-8miles



VISIT

Henry Moore Institute Leeds, LS1 3AH.

With aalleries, an extensive sculpture research library and archive of sculptors papers, visit the Henry Moore Institute to experience, study and enjoy sculpture from around the world.

www.henry-moore.org



VISIT

Hollybush Conservation Centre

Broad Lane, Kirkstall, LS5 3BP Part of The Conservation Volunteers and a reaistered charity. Wander around a wonderful garden and visit the café for a drink and some cake. Children and doas are very welcome. Make an afternoon of it and take a lovely walk along the canal

www.visitleeds.co.uk/thingsto-do/outdoors/hollybushconservation-centre



VISIT **Hope Pastures**

Weetwood Lane, Leeds LS16 5PH

An equine and welfare charity in North Leeds whose aim is to rescue, rehabilitate. re-home or offer residency to horses, ponies and donkeys who may otherwise end up neglected or are already suffering from neglect. Open 365 days a year between 10am and 3pm. The animals love to meet new people! www.hopepastures.org/visit-us



VISIT Kirkstall Abbey

Abbey Road, Kirkstall, LS5 3EH, Explore the historic ruins and learn all about its history in the Visitor Centre. Enjoy wandering through the park and woodlands, and take a leisurely stroll beside the River Aire.

www.museumandgalleries.leeds. gov.uk/kirkstall-abbev/see-anddo-at-kirkstall-abbey



VISIT Kirkstall Valley Nature Reserve

Redcote Lane, LS4 2AL

Just outside the urban heart of Leeds, Leeds City Council's Kirkstall Valley Nature Reserve combines the industrial past with today's vibrant wildlife communities. A keen eye might spot otters or kingfishers by the weirs on the River Aire. www.ywt.org.uk/nature-reserves/ kirkstall-valley-nature-reserve



VISIT

Leeds Art Gallery

Leeds Art Gallery, The Headrow, Leeds LS1 3AA

A world of art in the heart of the city. Leeds Art Gallery provides a dynamic exhibition programme and holds a significant collection of modern and contemporary British art.

www.museumsandgalleries.leeds. gov.uk/leeds-art-gallery



VISIT

Street, LS1 3AB

Leeds Central Library Municipal Buildings, Calverley

Stay and read a book, renew or reserve a book, borrow an online book, magazine or skills, learn from home.

newspaper, browse events happening in libraries across Leeds, develop your digital explore the under 5's offer. find fun things to do with children or young people, find information or do research, access free business support, focus on your health and wellbeing, learn about your heritage, find out about the school library service. www.leeds.gov.uk/libraries/ central-library



VISIT

Leeds City Museum

Millenium Square, LS2 8BH, Discover the history of Leeds and see new exhibitions in the city centre for free. Get close to amazing animals, uncover buried archaeological treasures and discover the incredible story of Leeds history. Leeds City Museum hosts two changing exhibitions per year, along with exciting events for everyone to take part in.

www.museumandgalleries.leeds. gov.uk/leeds-city-museum/seeand-do-at-leeds-city-museum



VISIT

Leeds Corn Exchange Call Lane, Leeds LS1 7BR

A shopping mall in Leeds. The building, which was commissioned as a corn exchange, is a grade I listed building. Designed by Cuthbert Roderick, a Hull architect best known for Leeds Town Hall, in the Italianate style. The use of the building as a corn exchange declined in the wake of the Great Depression of British Agriculture in the late 19th century. As of 2019 the Corn Exchange contains about 30 independent retailers and food outlets.

www.leedscornexchange.co.uk

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VTSTT

Leeds Country Way

Various locations.

The Leeds Country Way is a 62 mile-long footpath around Leeds that takes users through some of the beautiful and varied countryside surrounding the city. The route is split into four main stages, each around 15 miles long and these stages are divided again into shorter 5 mile walks: Golden Acre Park to Barwick-in-Elmet, Barwick-in-Elmet to Carlton, Carlton to Cockersdale, Cockersdale to Golden Acre Park. www.leeds.gov.uk/parks-andcountryside/public-rights-of-way/ the-leeds-country-way



VISIT

Leeds Discovery Centre Off Carlisle Road, LS10 1LB,

A purpose built display storage facility built for Leeds museums and galleries in 2007. It was funded by Leeds City Council and the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The facility stores over one million objects in climate-controlled conditions and hosts regular tours.

www.museumsandgalleries.leeds. gov.uk/leeds-discovery-centre/



VTSTT

Leeds Kirkgate Market

Vicar Lane, LS2 7HY.

One of the largest indoor markets in Europe, Kirkgate is a shopper's paradise from fresh food, drink and fashion to jewellery, flowers, hardware and haberdashery. At the heart of the Leeds retail scene since 1857, Leeds Kirkgate Market is home to some of the most characterful traders in the city, with businesses spanning generations and representing a wide range of nationalities, an Asian Bazaar every Wednesday morning and a farmers market held on Brigaate every first and third Sunday of the month. www.leeds.gov.uk/leedsmarkets



VISIT

Leeds Minster

2-6 Kirkgate, LS2 7DJ,

Normally open for visits 11am – 2pm Tuesday to Saturday, you are welcome to look around and find out about the history and heritage, light a candle, say a prayer or make a prayer request, enjoy a cup of tea, see the Leeds Cross, the mosaics surrounding the altar, the Hardwick monument, the windows, the wooden statue of St Peter, a stone effigy of a knight, monuments in the Lady Chapel, the Mayor's pew and the old font. www.leedsminster.org/about-theminster/contact-us/



VTSTT **Leeds Owl Trail**

Various locations.

Twenty five owls and two trails to follow – If you visit the twenty five locations across Leeds City Centre marked on the Leeds Owl Trail map vou will discover some unique owls. Suddenly you will set out on a voyage across history as each owl informs you of why it is there and aives you a brief snapshot of what it has seen in its lifetime.

www.leedsowltrail.com/owl-map/



VISIT

Leeds Street Art Trail Various

Leeds has a rich street art history, with striking works such as Cornucopia and the Mabgate Mural popping up decades ago before street art became as popular as it is today. Start the trail with a hidden treasure - Winifred by Qubek is one to seek. Hidden away in a ginnel between York Place and Park Place, the design brings together the famous elephant armour found at the Royal Armouries. www.visitleeds.co.uk/street-arttrail/



VTSTT

Leeds Urban Bike Park

Ring Road, Beeston Park, Middleton, LS10 3TN

Operated by Cycle Pathway CIC, this is a free sustainable facility which aims to provide an inclusive, safe, and exciting facility, which can be enjoyed by everyone, with or without a bike.

www.leedsurbanbikepark.com/ copy-of-info



VISIT

Leeds Waterfront LS10 1JO.

Once almost derelict, the area is now regenerated with vibrant waterside cafes and bars, a world-class museum, art galleries and public art. Leeds Dock on the Aire & Calder Navigation was once a vast complex of store yards and warehouses busy offloading coal and goods from barges that plied this wide canal. It was a nerve centre providing a vital cross-Pennine link from Liverpool along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal to the North Sea. www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/ places-to-visit/leeds-waterfront



VISIT

Meanwood Valley Trail St Anne's Car Park Headingley,

95 Otley Rd, Headingley, Leeds LS6 3PS.

The green artery of Leeds, bringing rural countryside into the heart of the city. Running from Meanwood up through Adel Woods and finishina at Golden Acre Park, where it connects to the Leeds Country Way. A 7 mile trail that is a great way to explore the Meanwood Valley Nature Reserve and to discover some of the highlights of the cultural and natural history whilst walking the valley. www.meanwoodvalleytrail.co.uk



VISIT

Middleton Railway Museum LS10 2.JO.

A Heritage Railway run entirely by volunteers. The oldest continuously running railway in the world, with its history starting in 1758. The track currently goes from its Moor Road Station headquarters, to Park Halt, in Middleton Park, Leeds.

www.middletonrailway.org.uk



VISIT

Middleton Woods Local Nature Reserve

Middleton Grove, LS10 4HX, The largest remaining ancient woodland site in West Yorkshire and of special importance for nature conservation in Leeds. There are many historical and archaeological features, including bell pits, from early coal mining and the former routes taken by trams. www.leeds.gov.uk/parks-andcountryside/nature-reserves/ middleton-woods



VISIT

Potternewton Park

Harehills Lane, LS7 4HA, A popular park in the heart of Chapeltown which consists of open parkland and flower beds, a bowling green, tennis courts, playaround, skate park, basketball court and a giant chess board. It is just over 32 acres in size and has facilities for people of all ages. It is home to the West Indian Carnival too!.

www.leeds.gov.uk/parks-andcountryside/your-local-park/ potternewton-park

@aldertreeleeds



VISIT

Roundhay Park

Mansion Lane, Off Princes Avenue, LS8 2HH.

The park covers over 700 acres of rolling parkland with lakes, woodlands, formal gardens, cafes, playgrounds, and the Tropical World visitor attraction.

www.leeds.gov.uk/parks-andcountryside/major-parks/ roundhay-park



VISIT

Royal Armouries Museum

Armouries Drive, LS10 1LT. Home of the UK's national collection of arms and armour which is free to visit. Explore the five floors of galleries. Over 4,500 objects on display in the purpose-built museum. Discover how arms and armour have shaped society. art, and culture throughout history. Enjoy watching historic armour and weapons brought to life as the live interpretation team use live combat demonstrations to show you how they were used. www.royalarmouries.org/venue/ royal-armouries-museum/

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VISIT

RSPB St Aidan's Nature Park Astley Lane, Leeds LS26 8AL

A stone's throw from the centre of Leeds, St Aidan's is a stunning park to explore. Whether you are on foot, on your bike, riding your horse or have your camera at the ready, take advantage of the amazing views and wonderful wildlife including bitterns, avocets, black terns, skylarks and meadow pipits. www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-



VISIT

Sahaja Yoga Meditation Online classes

events/reserves-a-z/st-aidans/

Free Yoga! Founded in 1970 by Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi and now practised worldwide.

www.sahajayoga.org.uk



VISIT

Stanley and Audrey Burton Gallery

Parkinson Building, Woodhouse Lane, LS2 9JT

Part of Leeds University Library galleries, an art gallery established in 1970. Free to all, the collection includes stunning examples of European and British painting, drawings, and prints from the 17th century to the present day, as well as small collections of sculpture, ceramics, miniatures and photographs. www.library.leeds.ac.uk/ info/1900/galleries



VISIT

Temple Newsam

Temple Newsam Road, LS15 0AE A Tudor-Jacobean house in Leeds with scenic grounds landscaped by Capability Brown.

www.museumsandgalleries.leeds. gov.uk/temple-newsam/visit/



VISIT

The Donkey Sanctuary Leeds LS16 8AZ

Dr Elisabeth Svendsen MBE founded The Donkey Sanctuary to strive a better world for donkeys. Set in the glorious Yorkshire countryside, The Donkey Sanctuary Leeds is open to the public for prebooked visits...

www.thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk/ visit-us/leeds



VISIT The Tetley

Hunslet Road, LS10 1JQ

A contemporary art gallery in Leeds' South Bank within a stunning art deco building which was once the headquarters of the former Tetlev Brewery, Provides a platform for emerging artists, presents breath-taking free exhibitions, and helps communities and young people in Leeds find their creative voices. Free entry. www.thetetlev.org

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VISIT

Thwaite Watermill

Thwaite Lane, Stourton, LS10

Thwaite Watermill is one of the last remaining examples of a water powered mill in Britain. A museum of the Leeds milling industry set in a former mill on an island in the River Aire. (A small charge applies). www.museumsandgalleries.leeds. gov.uk/thwaite-watermill



VISIT

Townclose Hills Nature Reserve

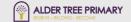
Westfield Lane, LS25 7LJ

(Or Billy Wood as it is known locally) sits upon a knoll of magnesium limestone and is located on the edge of Kippax in south east Leeds. From a grassland plateau at the top of the hill are beautiful near-panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. The mosaic of habitats include limestone grassland, woodlands, meadows, scrub, and a woodland glade supporting a wide variety of plant and animal life. Much of the site has been designated as a Site of Specific Scientific Interest by English nature.. www.ywt.org.uk/nature-reserves/ townclose-hills-nature-reserve





everyone; outstanding."











VIST

Treasures of the Brotherton Gallery

Brotherton Gallery, LS2 9JT A public exhibition housed by the University of Leeds, rooted in Yorkshire and open to the world. The Treasures takes visitors on a journey through the University's renowned Special Collections. The display includes original material written by the Brontës, stunning illuminated medieval manuscripts and rare books from across the globe.

www.visitleeds.co.uk/things-todo/arts-culture/treasured -of-thebrotherton/



VISIT

Victoria Gardens Chess

The Headrow, Victoria Gardens, Leeds

A Giant Outdoor Chess Board which is free to all to use. Popular in summer when people like to watch. url-if-available.com



VISIT White Rose Way

Location, Area

links sections of existing trails with little used public footpaths to create a new 104-mile walking trail from Leeds City Centre to Scarborough. No mountains to conquer and for the most part, the walk is easy going under foot and relatively flat. www.whiteroseway.co.uk/thewalk.html



VISIT

Yeadon Tarnfield Park Cemetery Road, Yeadon, LS19

17 hectares which includes a tarn, playground, BMX track, scenic walks, bowls, summer entertainment events, fishina, and other water sports activities.

www.leeds.gov.uk/parks-andcountryside/your-local-park/ yeadon-tarnfield-park



VISIT

York Gate Perennial Garden Back Church Lane, LS16 8DW

A magical one-acre garden created by the Spencer family between 1951 and 1994. Frederick and Sybil Spencer, along with their son Robin, laid out and nurtured what is now one of the finest small gardens in the country a design of rooms interlinked through a succession of vistas. On Sybil's death, as were her wishes, York Gate was given to Perennial.

www.perennial.org.uk/garden/ york-gate-garden/



VISIT

Yorkshire's Sculpture Trianale

Location, Area

Founded in 2011, this is a partnership of four arts venues that sit in close proximity. The Henry Moore Institute, Leeds Art Gallery, The Hepworth Wakefield and the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. The venues collaborate to celebrate the artistic heritage of the region and promote exhibitions of contemporary and modern sculpture.

www.leedsinspired.co.uk/blog/ yorkshire-sculpture-triangle





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"OUTSTANDING" FOR LEADERSHIP,

LEEDS CITY ACADEMY



Our academy has enjoyed an impressive period of transformation over the last few years, and we hope to be able to welcome your child into its ever-growing family.

One of the biggest milestones was receiving a 'Good' judgement in our last OFSTED inspection, while also securing an 'Outstanding' judgement for Leadership and Management.



We are walking distance from Alder Tree Primary Academy, and we are excited to develop a close partnership, which offers your child the opportunity to continue their learning journey within the same, whole-school family. Our staff at Leeds City Academy will work closely with the children at Alder Tree Primary to ensure they feel comfortable when the time comes for them to move to secondary school.

I'm proud to be part of the Trust and the academy: it is a unique and truly inspirational place to learn and work, enhanced by our wonderful students who come from a diverse range of cultures, heritage and experiences.

RICHARD CHATTOE
Principal of Leeds City Academy

"The school's culture is now inclusive and aspirational. Pupils develop the resilience needed to rise to the challenges set by staff. The school has been transformed and its overall effectiveness improved."

- Ofsted, May 2019



Welcome

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the first edition of our community magazine. We believe that this magazine will be a valuable resource for our community. Our aim is to bring the community together by providing a platform for sharing information about events happening in our local area, as well as sharing local historical information, messages from local MP's and councillors, competitions, recipes and jokes written by our pupils, and much more. We have also included information about Alder Tree Primary and our offer to local families should this be of interest to you.

We are excited to be able to produce this magazine twice a year, Summer (July/August) and Winter (December/ January), and we welcome contributions from the community to future issues.

Thank you to Taylor Wimpey for placing an advert in our first issue. We were delighted to use the funds they provided to stock our Food Bank at Alder Tree Primary Academy (further information about the Food Bank can be found on page 8).

We hope this magazine will become a valuable resource for you, providing you with information and inspiration that will strengthen all our connections as a neighbourhood. We welcome your feedback and suggestions as we strive to make this magazine better with each issue, whilst also reflecting the diversity and vibrancy of our wonderful community. From covering local businesses and entrepreneurs to highlighting the achievements of our young people, we aim to showcase the best of what Potternewton and its surrounding areas have to offer.

Thank you for joining us on this exciting journey and we look forward to sharing more

> Mrs Kate Burton **Principal**

Who are you? Mrs Burton



Why did you decide to be a teacher?

Since I started school at the age of 4 I have wanted to be the one teaching and helping children. It genuinely is a lifelong passion of mine.

Have you always worked at primary schools? Yes, I have - primary schools in Manchester, Bradford and Leeds Why did you want to work at Alder Tree Primary? When I saw the advert, I was incredibly excited at the opportunity to work in Leeds with such a diverse and supportive community. Being part of Alder Tree's journey was something that I wanted to contribute towards.

Do you have children? Yes, a daughter who is 13 and a step-daughter who is 12.

Do you have any pets? Yes lots of farm animals - 5 sheep, 2 goats, 2 horses, 1 donkey and 1 pig! They keep me very busy when I'm at home!

Do you have any hobbies? Horse riding and football are my two main hobbies. I am a Manchester United season ticket holder!

Did you enjoy school? Yes I loved it. I loved the experiences and the range of learning that was available.

Did you go to university? Yes I went to a University in Lincoln and studied drama and teaching.

What is your favourite sport? Football!

Can you sing or dance? I like to think I can but if you saw me do either you would say definitely not!

What would you like to say to all the Year 6 Alder Tree children who are leaving this year to go to secondary school in September?

Believe in yourself, Belong to your new school community and **Become** the best person you can possibly be.

What would you like to say to any parents who are looking for a nursery or reception place for their **children?** Come and visit - meet the children and staff. You will feel truly immersed in our values and not want to leave!





At Alder Tree we value learning through play; adults expertly intervene and guide and coach conversations to ensure that learning and development are achieved all whilst the children are having fun and interacting with each other. However – we know that might often mean when you ask your child "What did you do at school today?" the response quite often will be "We played!" or even "nothing!" so, we thought we would give you the 'fly on the wall' experience. An insight into what a day as a 5 year old at Alder Tree looks like.

A day in the life of a Reception child at Alder Tree

- **8.40am I arrive at school** and say good morning to my teachers, put my things away and then get on with my 'Start Of Day Activity' also known as SODA.
- **9.00am It's time for assembly**, we line up and head to the hall and sing our whole school song at the top of our voices!
- **9.30am Phonics** I go to my phonics group where I learn a brand new letter and the sound

that it makes, I practice my speech, reading and writing and apply my new knowledge.

10.15am Enquiry Time – This is the longest part of my morning and is otherwise known as 'play'. I can choose to be indoors or out. This morning I've chosen to play in the farm shop area. I write a shopping list, applying my phonic knowledge then use my maths skills to count out my money and choose the ingredients that I want. Now I get to use those ingredients to make real pancakes AND I get to eat them for snack too! Yum Yum. After this I spend some time roleplaying in the home corner, I use playdough and utensils to recreate the cooking method that I just learnt for pancakes. Such fun.

11.15am Maths – Now it's time for maths. I recall my previous learning then my teacher introduces a new concept about my number of the week. This week I'm learning all about the number 7 and today we are looking at how to use a 'part part whole' model to represent the number 7 in different ways. My partner and I use cubes and numicon to show that 7 could be made up of 1 and 6, 5 and 2, 3 and 4 or 7 and 0. My teacher shows me the 5p and the 2p in the farm shop – now I know how to make 7p for the milk!

12.00pm Lunch time - It's been a very busy morning so now I'm ready for my lunch. Will I choose a jacket potato, the veggie or meat lasagne or maybe a sandwich today? I just can't decide – but I do know I will choose the cake for pudding today – I can smell it baking all the way from my classroom. After I have eaten I play outside with my friends, we build a den, play hide and seek and play in the sand.

1.00pm Topic and Literacy – Today we are being introduced to our brand new project – we have 2 projects every half term and they always end with us creating and sharing our brilliant work. I can't wait to find out what it will be. My teacher reads us a new story, it is 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We learn how to map the story and use drama to act it out. I find out that our new project is going to be having our very own caterpillars in class! We will watch them turn from eggs to caterpillars to chrysalides and then to butterflies as we learn first hand about lifecycles.

1.30pm Enquiry Time – I am so excited about our new project that I decide to try and find some caterpillars outside. My teacher supports me to find bug hunting equipment

and we make a list of the different minibeasts we find. My friends join in too and by the end we have collected 5 different types of bugs. My teacher shows me a book about minibeasts and we find their pictures and learn their names. Next I create a beautiful picture using paints so I can remember which bugs I found before releasing them back to the wild.

3.00pm Almost home time – it's time to get ready for home. I have had such a busy day and we talk as a whole class about what we have learnt.

3.10pm – My grown-ups are here.

Time to go home for a good night's sleep before coming back for another wonderful day tomorrow.

So there we have it – a day of play in Reception. It's non stop and no two days are the same. The children's play allows them to develop all areas of their learning and adults ensure they are challenging children with new skills and knowledge throughout the day. We hope this gives you an insight into the kinds of things we do each day. Please keep your eyes out for the next Stay and Play session so you can see some of our day in action!





Top left — Caring for the flowers and learning about how they grow

Far left — The pupils check on how their poppies are progressing

Left — Roasting marshmallows under close supervision

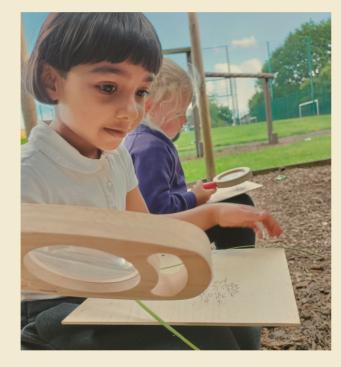
Below — Looking closely at nature

Forest School

Forest School happens each week enabling us to enjoy learning activities outdoors. We undertake a wide range of activities which help us to develop our attitudes to learning and each other using our 10 High Performance Learning (HPL) animal acronyms.

This term we have been exploring fire lighting and our need for fire, not just to keep warm but so that we can eat. We have used our skills with fire steels to make 'Fairy fires' – a fire that we make using cotton wool and a shell, which burns just long enough to warm the 'fairies in the forest'. We then used these skills to light a fire for cooking – we have made and enjoyed sharing camp doughnuts, vegetable stew and toasted marshmallows.

We are preparing our raised beds for this season's crops which will include rhubarb, courgettes, strawberries, pumpkins, sunflowers, wild flowers, gooseberries, blackcurrants and raspberries. Year 2 are very busy with their seed pot preparation, using their skills with paper folding to make our



biodegradable pots.

As the season changes we look at what we can see and hear around us in our environment. We have recently noticed a flock of 'Fieldfares' foraging on the field and watched them quickly fly into the trees as a 'Red Kite' flew overhead. They quickly returned to their foraging when the danger had passed. The Bluetits, Blackbirds and Robins are ever present with their calls and songs and we have been watching them repairing and building their nests.

The children are always excited to see what challenges are ahead of them each time and our reflections at the end of the session enable suitable challenges to be explored in the future.

On this Day

We delve into our archives to find out what pupils & staff were up to years ago...

1933 – February

Air raid warnings through the night gave broken sleep to the children and heavy snow did much to reduce attendance

During June 1935

Accuracy of check of registers continues. Student teachers were in school

During February 1941

Children were taken home during the morning when the heating failed

During April in 1953
School was closed for a day's holiday to mark

the Coronation.

Durina May in 1933

Empire Day celebrations were held, with sports and dancing on the field. The day ended with the crowning of the May Queen, the saluting of the flag and singing the National Anthem.

During April in 1938Measles hit school again.

1953 - March

A group of children gave a physical education display at the Town Hall

During March in 1975 New floors in the corridors



Book Review

Windrush Child

This story is about a boy called Leonard whose father left him by sailing on the Empire Windrush for work, so he could get a better life in England. His mother told him that his father would come back to Jamaica but instead, they went to England. Leonard did not want to go as he was told his father would come back, but instead he had to go and leave his grandmother behind. Leonard had to go through a lot of racism once he arrived at England. This is the ship his father went on.

We would recommend this book to young people to give them a better understanding of migration in the 20th Century.

We would rate this book about 9/10





Quick bites

Recipe for Domada (African peanut stew) Kebba's favourite

In Kebba's words: Start with some onions in a big pan then add your meat, we use chicken. Then add in the peanut butter, it has to be smooth and then lots of spices, then you add some water and leave it for a bit and then you can put whatever vegetables in that you want. Definitely carrots and then some cabbage. Serve on top of some rice or to the side.

12 Cupcakes Ruby – Year 4

2 eggs,

12 tablespoons of flour, 12 tablespoons of sugar, splash of vanilla essence, 12 teaspoons of butter.

Mix together and place in cupcake holders and bake in the oven until you can put a skewer inside and it comes out clean.



The Kids Menu 🦫

Recipes from Alder Tree pupils

Jerk Chicken with Rice and Peas

Prep 25 mins

Cook 45 mins Plus overnight marinating Easy & **Serves 6**

Inaredients:

12 chicken thighs 1 lime – halved Hot sauce (to serve – optional)

For the Marinade

1 bunch spring onions chopped roughly Thumb sized piece of ginger – roughly chopped

3 garlic cloves

1/2 an onion

3 scotch bonnet chillies

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

1 lime juiced

2 tbsp soy sauce

2 tbsp vegetable oil

3 tbsp brown sugar

1 tbsp ground all spice

For the rice and peas:

200g basmati rice

400g coconut milk

1 bunch spring onions

2 sprias thyme

2 cloves garlic

1 tsp allspice

2 x 410g cans kidney beans (drained)

Method:

Step 1 - combine the spring onions, ginger, garlic, onion, scotch bonnet chillies, dried thyme, lime juice, soy sauce, vegetable oil, brown sugar and ground allspice in a food processor along with 1 tsp salt and blend to a puree.

Step 2 – Taste the jerk mixture, it should taste salty, throw in more chillies if its not spicy enough for you, if it tastes too salty add some more brown sugar.

Step 3 - make a few slashes to the chicken and poor the marinade over the meat, cover and leave overnight

Step 4 – To BBQ - Cook your chicken over indirect heat for approx. 30 mins

OR Step 5 – To oven cook – heat to 180C/160Fan Gas 4. Place chicken in roasting tin with the halved lime and cook for 45 minutes until tender and cooked through.



Drawing Competition

We would love to create an image for the Alder Tree Primary Academy fairy and really need your help. We have no idea what our fairy looks like and would therefore like our readers to enter our drawing competition below:

Please draw or paint a picture showing us what you believe the Alder Tree Primary Academy fairy looks like. All entries should either be handed in to reception at Alder Tree Primary Academy or be scanned and emailed to marketing@whiteroseacademies. org. Please include your name, age and

contact details with all entries.

The closing date for the competition is **3pm on Wednesday 6th September** and the winning image will be chosen by our pupils and announced the following week on our social media feeds.

Twitter @AlderTreeLeeds

Facebook @AlderTreePrimaryAcademy

Please follow us to make sure you don't miss the result. The prize of a Thorntons Chocolate Hamper will be presented to the winner of the chosen design.

Good luck!

Our Jokes

Teddy Year 3

What happened to the banana who got sunburnt? He peeled.

Noah Year 4

What time is it when an elephant sits on a fence?
Time to fix the fence.



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Ever wondered why we chose Alder Tree?

Alder Tree Primary Academy joined the White Rose Academies Trust on 1st December 2020.

The school was built in the 1930's and was previously named Potternewton Primary changing to Mill Field Primary in 2007, after merging with another primary, Miles Hill Primary.

Various consultations were carried out by the Marketing team of the White Rose Academies Trust regarding choosing a new name for the school when it joined the trust. Various suggestions were made including Excellentia Academy, Leeds North Academy, Rhubarb Fields and North Leeds Sugarwell and many more.

Álder Tree Primary was a suggestion which came from initial research into the cultural and linguistic history of the local area. 'Potternewton' is first mentioned in the twelfth century and comes from Old English niwe (new) and tun 'farmstead, estate), originally meaning 'new farmstead' or 'farmstead of the alder trees'.

The Alder Tree is a member of the Celtic Tree Zodiac. In Celtic folklore, the Alder Tree is associated with fairies, and it was believed that doorways to the fairy realm were concealed within its trunk. It is rich in symbolism represented by strong key words; education, tolerance, determination, strength and confidence. Therefore, we hope that calling the school 'Alder Tree', provides children and staff with an inspiring symbol and story to motivate the community.

A quote from the Alder zodiac is 'Everything goes better with a smile'.

Best SATs Results Ever for Alder Tree Primary Academy!

"Alder Tree Primary Academy has recently received its best ever set of SATs results. being only 3% away from the national result of 59%. We are all incredibly proud of this achievement. Our children have been resilient, determined and driven to making the best progress they can before they leave us to ao to secondary school. Our staff have been relentless in supporting, guiding, and nurturing our children to become the best versions of

themselves and our wonderful families have been there every step of the way - encouraging children to attend a week long residential. ensuring they attended additional interventions before and after school discussing targets with staff and supporting additional learning at home. This truly has been a team effort and we are incredibly arateful to everyone involved. Our school's rapid improvement journey is well on its way!"

Kate Burton Principal





Above — We're so proud of the effort put in by our Year 6 pupils who deserve every success

Our Ethos and Values

Believe

We enable children to believe they can aspire to great heights and achieve remarkable success.

Belona

We belong to a community where all members are accepted for who they are.

Become

We deliver a knowledgerich curriculum that ensures children will become model citizens of the future.

Our aim is to provide an education to enable each child to develop a sense of Believing in themselves, Belonging in the world and Becoming more than they thought was possible.

To achieve this, we promote six key values:

- We show respect.
- We celebrate diversity.

- We are positive.
- We are safe.
- We enjoy a challenge.
- We are fit and ready for our future.

We have exceptional standards and expectations both in behaviour and work – we have no doubt that our children can meet these standards and leave us at their best.

Parent Teacher Community

Kay Hussain(PTC Chair) is our lead in school for the PTC, she is supported by other parents and staff teacher Chloe Wilson who dedicate their time voluntarily, to organise plan and implement activities and events for the school community.

A PTC is a Parent Teacher Association, an organisation with a mission to make the school a better place for children to learn. It is very much at the heart of our school community. Alder Tree Primary's PTC brings together parents, teachers, and children to raise funds and strengthen the school community. Money raised is usually spent on things that the school budget does not cover.

The PTC have organised disco, fairs and liaised with White Rose Academies Trust's

Marketing Team to hold events, engaging and bettering the lives of our families, providing opportunities which would not always be achievable for some of our families; basically bridging equality.

We meet once a half term to plan and organise, also to discuss any issues or concerns parents may want to raise with the governing body. We are hoping to develop further, encouraging our PTC to be actively involved in school life by assisting teachers with small group interventions, baking and listening to children read.

Anybody who would like to join the PTC can request an application form from Kay Hussain at *Hussain.k@whiteroseacademies.*org or alternatively request a paper copy.

School Term Dates 2023–2024

| Term or holiday | Starts | Ends |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Autumn term (first half) | Monday 4 September | Friday 27 October |
| Half term | Monday 30 October | Friday 3 November |
| Autumn term (second half) | Monday 6 November | Friday 22 Decem-ber |
| Christmas holiday | Monday 25 Decem-ber | Friday 5 January |

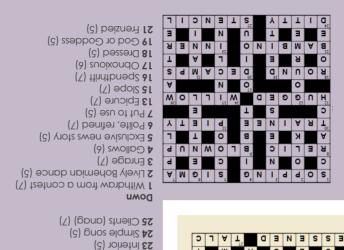
| Term or holiday | Starts | Ends |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Spring term (first half) | Monday 8 January | Friday 9 February |
| Half term | Monday 12 February | Friday 16 February |
| Spring term (second half) | Monday 19 February | Thursday 28 March |
| Easter holiday | Friday 29 March | Friday 12 April |

| Term or holiday | Starts | Ends |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Summer term (first half) | Monday 15 April | Friday 24 May |
| May bank holiday | Monday 6 May | Monday 6 May |
| Half term | Monday 27 May | Friday 31 May |
| Summer term (second half) | Monday 3 June | Tuesday 23 July |
| Summer holidays | Wednesday 24 July | Friday 30 August |

| Training Days* | Dates |
|---|-----------------------|
| Training Day 1 | Monday 4th September |
| Training Day 2 | Tuesday 5th September |
| Training Day 3 | Monday 15th April |
| Training Day 4 | Monday 22nd July |
| Training Day 5 | Tuesday 23rd July |
| *Your child will not attend school on these days. | |



Competition Answers



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16 Military pageant (6) 14 Red wine from Bordeaux (6) 11 Oarsman (5) 10 Embellish (5) 9 Latter-Day Saints (/) 3 Hindrance (8)

Maria"? Christopher Columbus

- 12. Which tamous sailor set off on his voyage of discovery with the ships "Mind", "Pinta" and "Santa recorded in July 2022? Lincolnshire (RAF Coningsby)
 - 14. At a scorching 40.3 degrees celsius, where in England was the hottest ever air temperture
 - 13. Visiting the UK in the summer months, what kind of creature is a whinchaft A Dird
 - 15. Who had a hit in 1975 with "Sailing"? Rod Stewart
 - 11. Who directed the 2007 sci-fi film "Sunshine"? Danny Boyle
 - 10. Which city were ABBA singing about on their 1978 single "Summer Night City"? Stockholm
- In which star sign does Northern Hemisphere midsummer's day fall? Cancer (21 June July 22)
 - Myich beverage is given to us by the bush "camellia sinensis"? Iea
 - Mhat kind of summer days did Nat king Cole sing about in 1963? Lazy Hazy Crazy Days MIIIIam Shakespeare, sonnet 18
 - Myose sounet contains the line "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day"? .9
 - In which 1973 cult horror film did Christopher Lee play the character "Lord Summerisle"?
 - The first song played on Radio 1, in 1967 whose hit was "Flowers in the Rain"? The Move
 - Myich summertime swimwear is named after a Pacific atoll? Bikini
 - Mhat kind of wine gave Elkie Brooks a hit in 1978? Lilac Wine
 - Myat is the name of the ancient Egyptian God of the 5un? Ra (or Re)

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