

## ☀ Rider Story: Meet Jake! ☀

*Riding with RDA for over 3 years*

Jake has been part of our RDA family for more than three years, and in that time he has become a confident, determined, and skilled rider. His favourite horse is **Welcome** — *“I like that she can be cheeky and trot really fast, but always keeps me safe.”* He also has a soft spot for **Blue**, the horse who helped him learn to ride when he was younger.

Over the years, Jake has worked with many different volunteers — *“They are all nice, and they make the activities lots of fun.”*

But when you ask him what he loves most about RDA, the answer is always the same: **the horses... and trotting fast!** (Also getting out of school on Fridays is a bonus!)

Jake says he has gained so much from RDA:

- ✓ riding a horse confidently
- ✓ making friends with other students from school who attend
- ✓ growing his independence, strength, and courage

When he talks about RDA to friends and family, he sums it up perfectly:

*“RDA is really cool and really fun. My friends at school wish they could come too!”*

Jake has also loved taking part in our annual fundraising relay. He’s already excited for the next one — and he has a big dream:

*“I want lots of other children to experience riding at RDA, and I hope I can help fundraise so that it happens. Please donate.”*

