

Head Teacher Message

With the first half of the school year complete, we are already looking forward to the sunshine and 'longer' days the spring brings. The academic year has been very positive and we are very pleased with: increase in attendance; wide range of trips and curriculum experiences; class assemblies; sporting events; children's outcomes, especially reading and maths; parent support and positivity; and, children's welfare and behaviour.

Each February we send a link for a parent survey—this will be sent after the half term break. The feedback we receive helps us understand what we are doing well and where we can make changes. Your thoughts and ideas really help us when we make plans to improve the school.

Thank you parents/carers for supporting the uniform policy. All our pupils look fantastic and very smartly dressed.

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable half term break, and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 23rd February for the start of the second half of the school year.

It was nice to receive a letter from the Secretary of State for Education regarding our performance as a school... A message from Bridget Phillipson

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Addison Primary School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.

Bridget Phillipson

Secretary of State for Education

Spring 2026

February

Percy Perseverance

- 25th Pearl class parent visit
- 27th Y5 trip to 'Into University' Centre

HALF TERM

Mon. 16th – Fri. 20th February

March (Ollie Honest)

- 3rd Amber class parent visit
- 4th Y6 Science Museum
- 5th World Book Day – 'You are a reader'
- 6th – 15th British Science Wk
- 10th Y6 JCS at Craven Cottage
- 11th Reception parent class visit
- 12th Silly Science Workshop
- 12th Reception to Phoenix Farm
- 12th Sapphire assembly
- 18th Y3 Eid assembly 9:10
- 19th Eid (tbc)
- 20th Y6 Leighton House
- 24th Y1 London Zoo
- 24th & 25th Parent Consultations
- 26th Y2 London Zoo
- 26th Y4 Easter assembly (9:10am)
- 27th Last day of term
(1pm Finish)

Blueberries (Reception)

This half term has been busy and exciting in Reception as we explored our topic, 'People Who Help Us'. Pupils have shown excellent engagement across all areas of learning and have made fantastic progress in phonics, particularly in Fred-talk, blending sounds and spelling words. Their confidence with numbers continues to grow with excellent progress in subitising 1 to 10 and developing their understanding of mass and capacity, including balancing scales.

A highlight was our school trip to Hammersmith Library where pupils had a fascinating talk from the librarian about the history of the building including the fact that she used to live there during the post-Victorian era. Pupils learned how books are ordered and about the different clubs available at the library which sparked lots of curiosity and questions.

Reception also enjoyed special visitors in class. The parents of Aram and Yamm, who are both engineers, brought in models and machines including an aircraft carrier, a water pump and a spinning light machine. They explained how their roles help society and how engineers design and build machines to solve problems which really helped pupils understand the importance of their work. Pupils were also joined by Dr Robert, a podiatrist, who taught them how to keep their feet healthy. Dr Robert used an ultrasound machine to show you can hear a heartbeat from your foot!

It has been wonderful to see the children's curiosity and enthusiasm as they learn about the people who help us and the world around them. We look forward to another half term of hands-on learning, exploration and fun.

Helping Hands in Reception: Librarians, Engineers and a Podiatrist!



School meals

Although school meals are free for this year, we urge all parents to check their eligibility for free school meals using this link:

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/benefits/student-benefits-and-grants>

By completing this online form and confirming your eligibility, you will enable the school to receive extra, crucial funds that will be used to purchase educational resources for your children and provide wider curriculum opportunities.

Free
School
Meals



Are you entitled?

Jade class (Year 1)

Pupils have been highly engaged in their learning and have shown great creativity and perseverance throughout. One highlight was growing 'cat grass' and writing instructions on how to care for it. The children carefully observed the growth process and used sequencing words, such as 'first', 'next', and 'finally' to explain each step. Storytelling skills were developed through writing their own versions of, 'Jack and the Beanstalk', with imaginative twists such as replacing the beanstalk with a golden vine or a yellow tulip.



The children have been exploring the properties of different materials and particularly enjoyed investigating which rubber band was the stretchiest. They measured the bands and created bar models before and after stretching them to compare lengths. This learning was brought to life during our trip to the Saatchi Gallery, which was an amazing experience. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the artwork and made thoughtful connections between the art pieces and their learning about materials.

Addition and subtraction within 20 has been a key focus, supported by practical resources such as ten sticks, bead strings, and number lines. Pupils also enjoyed role-playing Anglo-Saxon homes as part of their history activities. Creativity continued in art lessons, where the class collaborated to create a 3D spider structure, experimenting with techniques such as bending, folding, zigzags, and spirals.



Sapphire class (Year 2)

Year 2 pupils have approached their learning with growing confidence and courage, showing real enthusiasm across the curriculum. A highlight of the term was our visit to the London Sevashram Sangha Hindu Temple, where pupils explored the importance of Raksha Bandhan and learned how Hindu families celebrate protection, care and change. The children were respectful, inquisitive and asked thoughtful questions, making the trip a valuable and memorable experience.



In History, pupils were captivated by their learning about Sir David Attenborough. They carried out careful research using a range of sources and produced beautiful, detailed posters showcasing his life, achievements and impact on the natural world. This work supported both their historical understanding and their growing skills in research, presentation and writing.



Science lessons brought plenty of excitement, as pupils became, 'apprentice gardeners'. They planted seeds and bulbs in the classroom and have been closely observing how plants grow and change over time. They have loved caring for their plants and watching them develop, linking their observations to what plants need to survive and thrive.

It has been wonderful to see pupils' perseverance and pride in their learning.

Term Time Leave of Absence – Important Reminder

In accordance with Department for Education guidance and Local Authority regulations, leave of absence during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

The Head Teacher is unable to grant permission for holidays or other non-essential absences during term time. Any absence taken without prior authorisation may result in the Local Authority issuing a Penalty Notice (fine). The fine is £80 per child if paid within 21 days.

Parents and carers are therefore advised to arrange holidays outside of term time to avoid disruption to pupils' education and the risk of a financial penalty.

Where exceptional circumstances apply, a leave of absence request must be submitted in advance. Each request will be considered on an individual basis, and authorisation cannot be granted retrospectively.

Here is the link to the form: [Addison Primary School - Attendance and Punctuality](#)



Term Dates

Please note the dates for the school holiday for the Academic Year 2025/26 can be found on the school website: <https://www.addisonprimary.org/term-dates-1/>

Term dates,
school calendar

	First day	Half-term	Last day
Spring 2026	Tuesday 6 th Jan.	Mon 16 th —20 th Feb.	Friday 27 th March
Summer 2025	Tuesday 14 th April.	Mon 25 th —29 th May.	Friday 17 th July

Attendance

Reception	Jade	Sapphire	Ruby	Topaz	Pearl	Amber
92.7%	92.1%	94.6%	93.6%	95.6%	93.5%	95.3%

For individual pupils

DARK GREEN 98%-100% - Excellent Attendance

PALE GREEN 95%-97.9% - Good Attendance

AMBER 90%-94.9% - Attendance levels being monitored

RED below 90% - Unacceptable attendance - likely to seriously impact on a child's ability to make good progress

Best attendance this Term: Topaz Class

