

First half term message

As we reach the half-term break, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. It has been a busy and productive few weeks, especially so during the unexpected Ofsted visit on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you to all the parents that completed the online survey and gave positive feedback about our school – this is very much appreciated. I would like to congratulate your children for their contribution too – they participated in discussions, answered questions, read in pairs and individually, and showed their class learning/books - we are incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves throughout the inspection visit, and everything the children have achieved so far this term.



Staff are dedicated and work incredibly hard all year long – this was most evident this week. The inspectors looked at a range of areas and in particular closely examined: Early Reading, Phonics, Maths, Science, Music, SEND, Safeguarding and Attendance.

Your encouragement at home, combined with the hard work and dedication of our staff, has helped create a positive and engaging learning environment for all our pupils. Whether through supporting reading, attending school events, or simply ensuring your child comes to school ready to learn, your involvement makes a huge difference.

I hope this half-term provides a well-earned rest for your children and a chance for families to spend quality time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the next half of the term. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break!

D. Mc Garrigle

Executive Head Teacher

Asthma Friendly School

Addison has officially been recognised as an **Asthma Friendly School**—this is a wonderful achievement. This means Addison has taken several important steps to create a safe and supportive environment for pupils with asthma.

Being awarded this status shows our commitment to reducing asthma triggers and ensuring the health and well-being of all students, especially those with asthma.



Spring 2025

February (Ollie Honest)

- 26th Y1 Sea Life Centre

HALF TERM –

Mon. 17th – Fri. 21st Feb.

March (Ollie Honest)

- 6th World Book Day
- 8th–17th British Science Wk
- 13th Sapphire assembly
- 24th Assessment week
- 25th & 26th Parent Consultations
- 30th Eid al-Fitr

April (Ria Respect)

- 2nd Y4 Easter Show
9:10am
- 3rd Y3 Eid Assembly
9:10am
- 4th Last day of term

Easter break 7th – 22nd April

- 22nd Inset day (no pupils)
- 23rd Back to School
- 23rd Saint George's Day

May

- 8th Y1 assembly (9:10am)
- 22nd Y4 Stay and Plan (5-8pm)

26th May – 30th May Half Term

June

- 2nd Pupils return

Absent from school? Please telephone **before 9am** and tell us if your child is absent from school

Nursery (Cherries)

This has been a half term full of great learning. Pupils have explored different Maths skills such as making different compositions of Numbers to 5, and recognising the amount of sides and corners of different shapes. During our topic, 'People who help us' the children have been exploring a range of stories. We have been talking about Firefighters, Post Officers, Doctors and Vets and what things they need to do their job. The children have also really enjoyed playing in our Police Station role-play. This half term we started our Phonics lessons. I am so impressed with how much the children have engaged and learnt. This is something that parents can do with children every day – here are a few websites with more information:



We have had one new addition to our class this half term and he has settled in very well. The rest have been such kind friends welcoming him into Cherries Class. I am very proud of all the children.

Well done to Amaris H! You are now growing in confidence and we are finally hearing your lovely voice!

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ffeZXPtTGC4&t=2s>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvMyssfAUx0>

Reception (Blueberries) We have had a revolving door of heroes visiting us in Reception! We began with the dentist teaching us about the importance of teeth brushing, not eating too many sugary treats. Pupils particularly loved him encouraging them to tell their grown ups not to water down the toothpaste because, 'fluoride keeps them strong!' Each week we have focussed on a different group of, 'people who help us'. We had two doctors visit: Dr Boolaky who is a Psychiatrist and taught us about looking after our brains and then Dr Bart who taught us about looking after our bodies. Children have loved exploring different elements of this topic, with the outside fire engine role-play being a favourite.



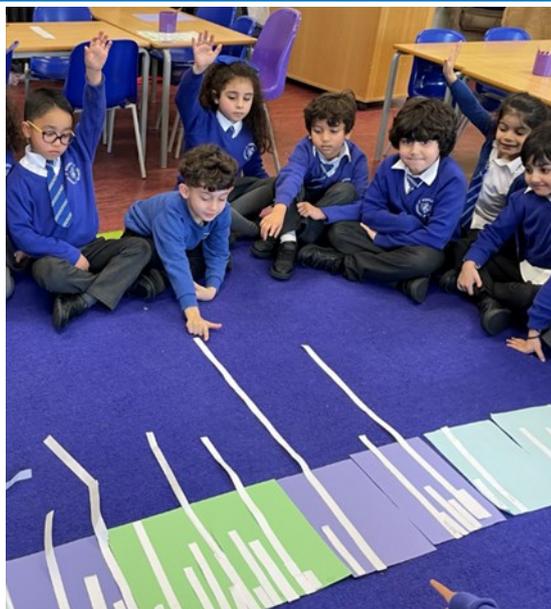
Maths has been equally thrilling, with our, 'Alive in 5' topic that dove into number composition to 5; during our topic, 'Mass and capacity' children were able to get hands-on with oats to explore how much they could fit into containers and then made boats to try and float in the outdoor water tray; our final topic was 'growing 6, 7 & 8' where children were introduced to the concept of doubling, odd/even and lots more. A highlight was when Mrs Otto and Ms Carol waltzed to illustrate the idea of partners Vs odd one out when learning about odd/even. Chanting has been a key feature of all lessons and we have often marched around the playground whilst chanting phrases such as 'even means they all have a partner, odd means there's someone left out'. We loved celebrating Number Day too!

In literacy, we have been working hard on our phonics and are becoming confident readers! We have had a big push on our handwriting, and children are quick to remember their 'tripod grip' and to 'sit for success'. We also had a phonics workshop—thank you parents for attending!

Jade Class (Year 1)

We have had a fantastic half term in Jade Class! The children have been engaged in their learning and have shown great creativity and perseverance.

One highlight was growing cat grass and writing instructions on how to care for it. The children observed the growth process closely and used sequencing words such as 'first', 'next', and 'finally' to explain the steps. In English, the children have also been writing their own versions of 'Jack and the Beanstalk', such as replacing the beanstalk with a golden vine or a yellow tulip! In science we have been exploring the properties of different materials. One of our favourite lessons was investigating the stretchiest rubber band. We measured the bands to create bar models before and after stretching them to compare the different lengths.



The children loved dressing up for Number Day. It was a great way to develop problem-solving skills and number fluency while raising money for the NSPCC. In maths, we have focused on addition and subtraction within 20, using resources like ten sticks, bead strings, and number lines to support understanding. The children enjoyed roleplaying Anglo-Saxon homes as part of our history topic. The class also collaborated to create a 3D spider structure in our art lessons. They explored techniques such as bending, folding, zigzags, and spirals to construct sculptures. Keep up the hard work!

Sapphire Class (Year 2)

Another successful half term has flown by and we are at the half-way point of year 2! This half term, we will write a recount describing our trip to The London Zoo. In this recount, we will focus on using time adverbials and adverbs for manner.

Following this, we will write a narrative based on, 'The Invisible' by Tom Percival. We will show off all of our hard work so far and will apply numerous learned concepts, such as suffixes for adjectives.



We have done remarkably well learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables and we will continue learning the division facts in maths. This half term is an exhilarating one not only for our new topics but also as we have our class assembly! We are so excited to share our knowledge to the school and parents/carers about Sir David Attenborough. We also will be celebrating World Book Day, which is always great fun. Lots of activities are being planned to make sure it is great; we just need to get our costumes ready!

Let's get ready for another enthralling half term. I am sure it will go as quickly and successfully as the previous ones.

Curriculum topics

Each half term pupils experience a new learning topic. Here are the topics for Spring 2 – with a school focus on geographical knowledge and skills:

Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
The United Kingdom Locational	Atlas and Globes Geographical skills and fieldwork	Biomes Physical geography	Local Area Geographical skills and fieldwork	Rivers Physical geography	Globalisation Human geography

Punctuality

In the previous 2-week period 24/01/25 to 7/02/2025 - 58 pupils arrived late to school. This is very disappointing! Too many children are regularly arriving late to school and missing valuable learning. Missing the start of a lesson can result in misconceptions and pupils struggling to understand what is going on. From February, any pupil who regularly arrives late may forgo their break time – instead, they will use this time to catch up on missed learning so that they do not fall behind.

REMINDER - The gates open at 8:30am and close at 8:45am when registration begins. Lessons begin promptly at 8:50am every day. Arriving to school is essential and teaches children the importance of respect for others, as well as responsibility in managing their own time effectively.

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes

3.5 Days from School

20 Lessons

10 Minutes

7 Days from School

41 Lessons

15 Minutes

10 Days from School

55 Lessons

20 Minutes

14.5 Days from School

82 Lessons

30 Minutes

22 Days from School

123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

Values

Our school value next half term is, 'Honesty'. We talk to the pupils in class and in assembly sessions about what this means.

Ollie Honest is our role model and here are his qualities:

- Steadfast when telling the truth about events
- Dependable and can be trusted to do the right thing
- True to himself and will always speak up for others
- Committed to having good relationships with friends

