

Welcome back everyone!

I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter holiday break, and is looking forward to the summer term ahead. We have had a great first week back and all pupils are thoroughly enjoying the warmer weather during break and lunchtimes.

Children should come to school on time and be in school every day. At the end of each day, children should leave school feeling safe, happy, and cared for whilst also having meaningful learning experiences.

Children's well-being and academic achievement is our priority every day. If, for any reason, children do not feel safe and happy, then class teachers will speak directly with parents at the end of the school day.

Year 6 Learning

Well done to all our Year 6 children for working especially hard in the run up to SATs. All pupils have had a fantastic start to the summer term with outstanding behaviour, attitudes and determination to do the best they can. A breakfast (8am) will be provided during SATs week (11th- 14th May).

Summer 1 Curriculum topics

Each half term pupils experience a new learning topic. Here are the topics for Summer 1 – with a school focus on historical knowledge and skills:

Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Fairy Tales	Florence Nightingale	Rosa Parks	Victorian	The Vikings	Benin	Shang Dynasty

More detailed information for each year group can be found on the school website in the Tab: Learning, then Year Groups-

<https://www.addisonprimary.org/year-groups-3>

Lateness and attendance

Pupils are expected to be in their classroom by 8:45am. Doors open at 8:30. Gates to the rear of the school are locked at 8:45am. Pupils who are late will enter school through the main office.

Attendance and punctuality are areas where we have made significant improvements this academic year – thank you parents and pupils.

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**Summer 2026****April**

- 20th Afterschool clubs begin
- 20th Book Fair (**3:10pm**)
- 22nd Y3 Parent Class Visit
- 23rd Reception Cinema Trip
- 29th Y4 Parent Class visit

May

- 5th Y1 Phonics parent Workshop (**2:30pm**)
- 6th Y5 Parent Class Visit
- 7th Y1 Class Assembly
- 11th- 14th Y6 SATs
- 18th Y5 British Museum
- 20th Y6 Class visit
- 21st Y4 Stay & Play (5-8pm)
- 22nd Last day of half-term

25th – 29th May Half Term**June**

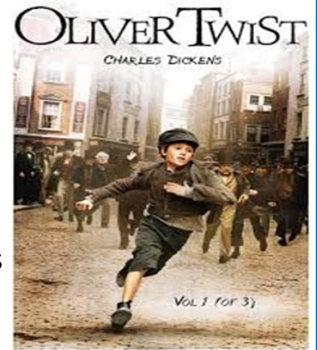
- 1st Return to school
- 15th Assessment Week
- 18th Y5 Sleepover
- 26th International Day (**1:30pm**)

July

- 2nd Y1/2 End of Year Production (**9:30am**)
- 9th Y6 Sleepover
- 7th Sports Day EYFS (Onsite)
- 7th Parent Consultations
- 14th Sports Day at St Paul's
- 17th Y6 Leavers assembly (**12:45pm**)
- 17th Last day of term (**1:10pm Finish**)

Ruby Class

This half term, Year 3 will have an exciting and engaging range of learning opportunities ahead across the curriculum. In Maths, the focus is on fractions and money. The children will develop their understanding of fractions by recognising and finding fractions of shapes and quantities, as well as adding and subtracting simple fractions. Alongside this, they explore money by recognising different coins and notes, calculating totals and change, and solving real-life problems.



In English, learning is inspired by *Oliver Twist*. The children explore the story, characters and themes, using these as a stimulus to write their own narratives. They also learn how to write an informal letter, focusing on tone, structure and key language features. Our class reading book this term is, 'The Fire Maker's Daughter', By Phillip Pullman supporting the development of comprehension skills, encouraging thoughtful discussion and broadening vocabulary.

In History, the children travel back to the Victorian era, exploring what life was like during this period, including schools, homes and jobs, and making comparisons with life today. In Science, the focus is on light. Through practical activities, the children explore different sources of light, investigate how light travels, and observe how shadows are formed and change over time.

Alongside academic learning, PSHE lessons have focused on our value of *Ria Respect*, considering what it means to show respect to themselves and others and how this can be demonstrated in school and beyond

Topaz Class

Welcome back Year 4! This half-term our topic is, 'Vikings - *Land and Sea*,' with a strong focus on History. The children will be learning about the Vikings, exploring their way of life, their journeys across the seas, and the impact they had on Britain. To enrich this learning, we will be visiting Fulham Palace to take part in an Anglo-Saxons and Vikings workshop. This will be particularly valuable as the children built a strong foundation in their learning about the Anglo-Saxons last term, allowing them to make meaningful connections and deepen their understanding.

In English, the children will be exploring the book, '*She Wolf*' by Dan Smith. This exciting text will inspire them to write engaging narratives, using powerful verbs, adverbs and a range of sentence structures to bring their ideas to life.

Science lessons will focus on Sound, where the children will investigate how sounds are made, how they travel and how we hear – all this will happen through a range of practical activities.

In Maths, the focus will be on decimals and money, developing confidence with Place Value, addition and subtraction, and applying these skills to real-life contexts.

Our value for this half-term is *Respect*, which will be explored through PSHE. The children will reflect on what respect means in different situations and how they can demonstrate it in their everyday actions.



With so many enriching experiences planned, this promises to be a fantastic half-term. I look forward to seeing the children fully engaged in their learning and making the most of every opportunity.

Pearl Class

Welcome back Year 5! Hope you are ready for a fun half term ahead filled with engaging learning and memorable experiences. We look forward to seeing everyone settled quickly into routines and ready to take on new challenges across the curriculum, building confidence and enthusiasm for learning.

Our History topic explores the, 'Ancient Kingdom of Benin', where pupils will learn how it became a powerful empire through trade with Europe and achievements. Children will study historical sources and how artefacts help us understand the past. We will visit the British Museum on 18th May, including a talk on Benin artefacts significance.

English lessons will centre on Playscripts, with pupils studying Romeo and Juliet, exploring characterisation, dialogue and dramatic tension. They will write an emotive monologue from Friar Lawrence's perspective using expressive language. Pupils will write a formal letter of complaint based on The Kingdom of Benin by Philip Steele, exploring who artefacts belong to.



Maths lessons will cover statistics, shape, position, and direction. Pupils will develop understanding of data interpretation and strengthen their knowledge of angles and degrees. They will practise accurate drawing and measurement skills, applying reasoning to solve geometry problems.

Science learning focuses on Plants, including how flowering plants reproduce through pollination and fertilisation. Children will compare flowers, identify features and learn about plant life cycles and habitats.

On 5th May, the class will attend their second, 'IntoUniversity' workshop on creative arts, encouraging teamwork and aspiration. Year 5 will continue Tuesday tennis sessions.

Amber Class

Preparation for the upcoming SATs, beginning on Monday 11th May, has been a central focus for Year 6 pupils. Great determination and effort have been shown as children continue to work towards these important assessments with increasing confidence. Booster classes are already underway and will continue this term, offering valuable additional support to strengthen understanding and develop key skills. These sessions focus on essential topics, providing targeted guidance and practice to improve performance across all subjects. During SATs week, children will also be invited to enjoy breakfast at school each morning, helping them to feel calm, focused and ready to begin each day positively.

A strong emphasis will also be placed on exploring physical and mental health, overall wellbeing and the importance of human and civil rights. Through meaningful discussions and research activities, pupils will learn how to maintain a healthy mind and body while gaining a deeper understanding of the rights and freedoms that shape modern society.

History lessons will focus on the Shang Dynasty, one of the earliest Chinese civilisations. Children will investigate its achievements, including early writing systems, bronze work and religious beliefs, while examining archaeological evidence to understand how people lived during this period.

In Maths, learning will develop around shape, including the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, angles and position and direction. Pupils will apply their knowledge through reasoning and problem-solving activities.

Towards the end of the summer term, enjoyable trips, including a picnic in Holland Park, will celebrate the children's achievements.



Our Y6 pupils have roles and responsibilities across the school, for example: welcoming new pupils; guiding pupils to class in the morning; supporting at lunchtime play leaders, reading partners, school councillors; giving parent tours etc...

We are delighted to share a new responsibility—writing their Y6 edition of the Values Newsletter! Each half term this will be created by our dedicated Year 6 Values Champions.

The purpose of the Values Newsletter is to continue raising the profile of values-based living, values in action, across our school, led and shaped by the children themselves. Each half term, the Y6 newsletter will highlight the school's value and show how this is positively impacting the lives of children. This half term, our focus is Respect. Inside the Y6 newsletter, you will find ideas, reflections, and practical suggestions to help bring this value to life both in school and at home.

I Can Show Kindness!



<p>Let someone else go first</p>	<p>Give a kind compliment</p>	<p>Say "good morning!"</p>	<p>Say "hi" to someone</p>	<p>Tell someone "thank you"</p>
<p>Share with someone else</p>	<p>Offer to help someone out</p>	<p>Invite someone to join you</p>	<p>Give someone a high-five</p>	<p>Ask someone how they are</p>
<p>Work with someone new</p>	<p>Hold the door open</p>	<p>Forgive someone for a mistake</p>	<p>Help clean up</p>	<p>Just listen to a friend</p>

Values

In assemblies and class activities we explore values and this half term we are focusing on 'Respect'. Please speak to your child about this and ask them questions about school activities. Ria Respect is:

- Confident and tries her best to feel good about herself
- Knows that she is unique and special
- A good listener and appreciates others and their ideas
- Thoughtful and treats others nicely
- Respectful of the environment and seeks ways to protect it.



Please note the dates for the school holiday for the Academic Year 2026/2027 can be found on the school website: <https://www.addisonprimary.org/term-dates-1>