

Start of term message

Welcome back everyone – we hope you had a wonderful and restful summer holiday with opportunities to meet with friends and family. Our pupils have achieved outstanding results outperforming national figures in every key assessment area! Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

As Executive Head Teacher of Addison PS and now Flora PS, I will allocate my time across both schools. As such, I wish to offer a big congratulations to Miss Dirir, who has been promoted to Head of School at Addison!

Everyone in the school community has the highest regard and respect for Miss Dirir and knows that she is determined, passionate and fair. She has immense care for all the pupils and sets the highest standards and expectations for all pupils and staff (and parents too). This is an exciting year and the school is blessed to be led by such an outstanding role-model and practitioner!

New staff - We are pleased to introduce two new members of our school staff who will play important roles in creating a safe and nurturing environment for our pupils. Welcome to Miss Amin & Mrs Otto.

Breakfast Club and Play Centre - Bookings and payments continue to be via ParentPay. Parents who wish to avail of this service must sign up using the google link. This is a separate service to Addison Primary School. Contact P. Premji for queries at: play@addison.lbhf.sch.uk

Academic Year 2024-2025 - Note the dates for the school holidays for the next academic year which can be found on the school website: <https://www.addisonprimary.org/term-dates-1/>

School-run after school activity clubs - These will begin next week and the brochure will be sent in the next few days. These clubs will run from 3:10-4:10pm.

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

Communication - We believe in positive and proactive communication, and strive to maintain warm partnerships with parents. Teachers are available after school and by email. We look forward to an exciting and successful year ahead with your continued support.

Executive Head Teacher, D. Mc Garrigle

Autumn 2024

Sept. (Rocco Responsibility)

- 11th Parent Curriculum Evening (3:15pm)
- 12th Year 3 Parent Curriculum Evening
- 13th Y1 Phonics Baseline
- 17th CCA meeting 8am
- 23rd Sept – 4th Oct Reception Baseline
- 26th Amber assembly

October (Responsibility)

- 11th- 14th Year 6 PGL
- 15th & 16th Y6 Parent Consultations
- 21st Book Fair

HALF TERM

Mon. 28th Oct.- Fri. 1st Nov.

November (Friendship)

- 11th-17th Anti-Bullying Week - 'Make a Noise About Bullying'
- 14th Ruby class assembly
- 21st Photograph day
- 25th Assessment week

December (Friendship)

- 6th Winter Fair
- 10th & 11th Pupil Progress meetings
- 11th Y5 Xmas Show
- 19th EYFS Nativity (9:30am)
- 20th – Last day of term*

Spring 2025

January (Perseverance)

- 6th Inset Day (no pupils)
- 7th Pupils return to school
- 16th Topaz assembly

Ruby Class

Our topic is, 'The Stone Age'. We will be exploring life in prehistoric times and using archaeological evidence to investigate the different ages. We will deepen our knowledge further by using texts such as, 'The First Drawing' by Mordicai Gerstei and '24 hours in the Stone Age' by Lan Cook. From these texts we will create exciting narratives and informative instructions focusing on the use of expanded noun phrases, time conjunctions and imperative verbs.



In maths, we will be revising our knowledge of Place Value by representing and partitioning numbers to 1000 and using a number line to help with estimation. Keep practising times-tables – especially the 2, 5 and 10s.

Through our topic lessons, we will learn and discuss key dates from the prehistoric era creating a timeline of events and using drama to understand the importance of trade during this time. We will also take a trip to Fulham Palace to handle Stone Age artefacts to further our understanding. Our science topic will be, 'Skeletons' where we will discover the importance of a healthy, balanced diet and identify the similarities and differences between animal and human skeletons. We will use our creativity skills to create botanical drawings and focus on shading in our Art lessons.

Topaz Class

Welcome back Year 4! We have a very thrilling half term planned with lots of interesting learning! Our main topic is, 'The Romans' which we will explore in both topic and English lessons. We will look at how the Roman Empire had an effect on Britain and the changes it had created during the Roman era.



In English, we will be focussing on two different texts, 'Julius Caesar' by Andrew Matthews and 'Boudica' by Claire Llewellyn. These interesting focus texts will encourage us to produce a newspaper report on the terrific death of Julius Caesar. We will use different features of a newspaper and the information collected from our topic lessons to allow us to craft our own report. We will also create a biography on one of the significant individuals (Boudica) during the Roman period.

In Maths we will be learning about number and place value, addition and subtraction. Our Science topic is, 'States of Matter' where we will compare and classify different materials as solids, liquids or gases. We will observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled. We will also cover how the water cycle can also be related to different states of matter. Our value this half term is, 'Responsibility' which will be viewed through PSHE lessons and assemblies, including everyday interactions with each other.

We also have a fun visit planned to experience a day at Fulham Palace to witness the rich evidence of a long and active history that goes back at least 6,000 years!!



Pearl Class

Welcome back, Year 5! We are about to embark on a fantastic half term filled with exciting learning opportunities. Our topic is, 'The Tudors' which we will also explore in English lessons. We will dive into the rich history of the Tudor monarchs, discovering how they shaped the world we know today.



In English, we will be reading, 'St George and the Dragon' by Geraldine McCaughrean and 'The Tudors' by DK Eyewitness. These engaging texts will inspire us as we write an informative non-chronological report, packed with interesting facts and information we have gathered from our topic lessons. We will also craft an exciting narrative, using various stylistic devices to bring our stories to life. Throughout this, we'll learn about the key features of a non-chronological report, including layout, the use of brackets, and time adverbials.

In Maths, our focus will be on number and place value, as well as addition and subtraction. Our Science topic, 'Forces and Magnets' will take us on a journey of discovery as we learn: how forces work; how magnets attract and repel; and, how these principles are applied in the world around us. We will explore the concepts of gravity, friction, and magnetic fields through investigations. In History, we will explore the power and influence of the Tudor dynasty, understanding their significant role in shaping history.

We have an exciting visit planned to the Tower of London! Walking through the Tower's ancient walls will enable pupils to have a deeper insight into the lives of the Tudor monarchs, their power struggles, and the significance of the Tower during their reign.

Amber Class

Welcome back Year 6! Our writing, reading, history, geography and art lessons are all linked to our topic on WW1 and WW2. In English, we will be analysing and comparing famous WW1 poems and exploring powerful imagery to help us write our own war-based poetry. 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian will be the book we focus on in Guided Reading; we are sure children will enjoy finding out about what happens in this intriguing WW2 story.



In maths, we will be consolidating and strengthening our understanding of Place Value as well as the four operations. Our focus in Science will be, 'Classification of Living Things'. Children will have the opportunity to investigate how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals.

Children will take part in different activities including swimming lessons every Friday at St. Paul's. Most importantly, children and adults must be beyond excited for our trip to the PGL centre on the Isle of Wight (11th – 14th October). We know we will all have a truly wonderful and memorable time.

Pupils Priorities

Pupils will have three main priorities to work on. With the work of the teaching staff and parents, we are confident our pupils will be able to achieve their three core priorities. Teachers and other staff will share ideas and tips on how to boost your child's self-esteem and build their confidence. The pupil priorities are as follows:

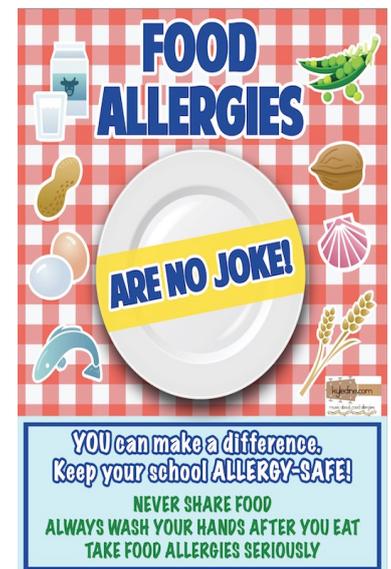
Priority	This means:
1. I practise being confident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking out in class and assembly • Not being afraid to take a chance, even though the answer might be wrong • Expressing how I feel, even when I'm feeling sad or upset
2. I am a reader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I always have a book to read at home and at school • I know a range of genres & authors and have a favourite • I read for pleasure
3. I live by the Addison Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I know the words: Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance, Honesty & Friendship and what they represent • I try to make my choices like the 'Addison Characters' would • I encourage others to be the best they can

School meals – We received some good news from the Mayor of London - school meals will continue to be provided free of charge for all children in Reception to Year 6 for this academic year. Nursery parents will be required to pay £2.00 per day for school lunches, unless you are entitled to free 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://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>.

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.

IMPORTANT: Special Diet - We are aware of those pupils with allergies/ medical conditions, whose parents have already completed the relevant paperwork, to allow us to cater for their child's needs appropriately. If your child develops an allergy / medical condition, and requires a specific dietary requirement, please advise the school asap.



Lunchtime

The children have enjoyed their lunchtimes on their first week back, including our new Jenga on the lawn. Activities of the week have included Tennis and Basketball.



After school Clubs

There has been a tremendous sign-up for the clubs this term—thank you parents for your support in enabling us to provide these experiences!

Eighty-one pupils have signed up and clubs on offer include: Boxing, Multi-sports, Cricket, Choir, Taekwondo, Arts & Crafts and Graffiti/Bubble writing.

The autumn term consists of 10 sessions in total.