

Welcome back everyone!

The summer term is an exciting time and teachers have planned exciting lessons and trips for this term (see year group updates on the school website). We are also very much looking forward to our annual International Day too at the end of the month.

New classes / teachers

We have been very fortunate to successfully fill the September teaching positions on 30th April (much earlier than previous years). This means we can take a more ambitious approach. Transition arrangements will begin on Tuesday 29th June and finish on 14th July (15th -17th July pupils will return to their current class teacher). Rather than a single transition day, this two-week period will provide an opportunity for pupils to meet and get to know their new class teacher. Teachers will teach core subjects (English and Maths) and also complete a range of 'getting to know' activities - a more detailed parent letter will be sent out nearer the time.

Year 5 pupils have already 'moved up' and are being taught by the Year 6 teacher, Mrs Shehu. This early transition has proven to be very successful in the past – thank you to the pupils for their maturity and willingness to start their Y6 preparations earlier.

Why are we doing a two-week transition? A two-week transition period i.e. moving into a new year group can have significant academic, emotional, and social benefits. It gives children time to adjust gradually rather than facing a sudden change. Here are the main benefits:

1. Emotional security and reduced anxiety
2. Better behaviour and self-regulation
3. Stronger relationships
4. Improved learning readiness
5. Better support for additional needs
6. Increased parental confidence
7. More accurate assessment and planning
8. Smoother long-term adjustment

We hope everyone will have a wonderful end to the school year!

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Summer 2026

June

- 9th Phonics Screening Check
- 15th Assessment Week
- 16th Y5 Parents Secondary School Transition meeting (Sam Lord) 9am
- 18th Y5 Sleepover
- 24th Y1 trip to Pizza Express
- 24th Y4 Cricket Tournament
- 26th International Day
- 30th Transition Day
- 30th Reception trip to Pizza Express

July

- 1st & 2nd Reception Home visits (New joiners)
- 2nd Y1/2 End of Year Production
- 6th Reception Home visits (New joiners)
- 6th Y1 Trip to Littlehampton
- 9th Y6 Sleepover
- 7th Parent Consultations
- 8th Sports Day EYFS (Onsite)
- 14th Sports Day at St Paul's
- 17th Y6 Leavers assembly (12:45pm)
- 17th Last day of term (1:10pm Finish)

Autumn 2026

September

- Thursday 3rd - Pupils return to school

Ruby Class

Our exciting topic is, 'Antarctica' and pupils will embark on a fascinating journey to discover the coldest continent on Earth. They will: learn where Antarctica is located; explore the differences between the Northern and Southern Hemispheres; investigate climate zones around the world; and, find out what life is really like for people living and working in this unique environment. As part of their learning, pupils will compare life in Antarctica with life in the UK, creating a contrasting fact file to showcase their knowledge.



In English, we will be exploring, 'Macbeth' and 'The Tunnel'. Inspired by the mysterious witches, the children will develop their creativity and imagination as they write their own captivating narratives. Reading remains at the heart of our learning, and regular reading at home plays a vital role in developing fluency, comprehension and a lifelong love of books. We will explore themes of adventure and family relationships, while continuing to develop reading comprehension, vocabulary and writing skills.

In maths, our focus will be on, 'Shape' and 'Statistics'. Pupils will investigate the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, identify angles, lines and patterns, and apply their knowledge through a range of practical activities. Pupils will collect, present and interpret data using charts, tables and graphs. Daily fluency practice will continue to build confidence, accuracy and mathematical reasoning.

We are looking forward to a half term full of discovery, creativity and memorable learning experiences as the children continue to challenge themselves and thrive.

Topaz Class

Welcome back Year 4! We are delighted to begin another exciting half term filled with engaging learning opportunities, creativity and memorable experiences. We have a busy and enjoyable few weeks ahead and are looking forward to seeing all the fantastic progress the children will make.

English lessons will be inspired by the exciting story, 'How to Train Your Dragon'. Pupils will develop their creative writing skills by inventing and describing their own dragons. They will also create persuasive advertisements, learning how to use ambitious vocabulary and a range of persuasive techniques to capture a reader's attention.

In Maths, children will explore shape, statistics, position and direction. Alongside these topics, they will continue to strengthen their multiplication knowledge through regular practice and quick recall activities.

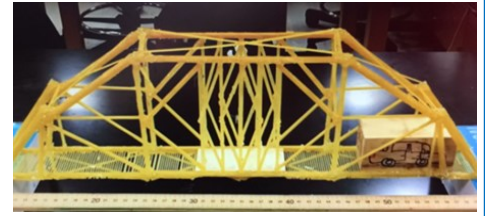
Our Science topic is Classification. Pupils will investigate the characteristics of living things and learn how plants and animals can be grouped according to shared features. They will use observation and sorting skills to identify similarities and differences between a variety of organisms.

The topic focus is, 'The Amazon Rainforest'. Pupils will explore its rich biodiversity, unique plant life and the people who live there. They will also learn about the rainforest's vital role in supporting life on Earth. To enhance this learning, children will visit Kew Gardens and examine a variety of tropical plants and habitats. We look forward to a fun, productive and successful half term together.



Pearl Class

Welcome back Year 5, to your final half term! This half term will be packed with exciting lessons, Sports Day and our much-anticipated sleepover.



Our topic this half term is, 'Africa'. The children will explore the continent by locating its different regions and identifying its biomes. They will also compare the human and physical features of Nigeria and the UK, developing their geographical knowledge and understanding of different cultures.

English lessons will focus on, 'The Benin Bronzes' by George the Poet. The children will create performance poetry and write a balanced argument about who should own the Benin Bronzes, using 'Children of Benin' by Dinah Orji. Alongside this, they will develop their use of adverbs, cause-and-effect conjunctions and the subjunctive form.

Maths learning will include decimals, negative numbers, converting units of length and time and measurement.

Our Design and Technology topic is, 'Structures and Bridges'. The children will design and build a spaghetti truss bridge, ensuring they measure and cut materials accurately. Reception pupils will help with the project, providing opportunities to develop teamwork, communication and leadership skills.

To celebrate a successful year of learning and hard work, Year 5 will enjoy their much-anticipated school sleepover on 18th June. We look forward to a fantastic final half term together!

Amber Class

As we begin our final term in Year 6, we want to say how proud we are of the children. Their resilience, enthusiasm and growth throughout the year have been wonderful to see and we are excited for a memorable final term.



A key highlight will be our Project Work. Pupils will work in small groups to choose a topic, carry out research and present their findings to parents and other classes. This will help develop important skills in teamwork, communication and presentation, preparing them for secondary school and beyond.

In Science, children will explore evolution and inheritance, including Charles Darwin's theory of evolution, natural selection and adaptation. In Geography, they will learn about globalisation and global challenges, discovering how countries are connected through trade, communication culture and technology.

To support the transition to secondary school, pupils will take part in workshops focusing on organisation, time management, independence and other essential skills needed for the next stage of their education. In June, we will celebrate International Week, giving children the opportunity to explore and appreciate cultures from around the world. In July, we look forward to Sports Day at St. Paul's Sports Ground, and families are warmly invited to join us for this special event.

We will finish the year with an exciting Activity Week, including a picnic day, a cinema trip and a school sleepover. These experiences will provide a wonderful opportunity to celebrate friendships, achievements and a fantastic final year of primary school together.

Summer 2 Curriculum topics

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

Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Space	Seas & Coasts	Port Douglas Oceans	Antarctica	The Amazon	Nigeria Africa	Time Zones

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>

Attendance

Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance this academic year to date is 94.1% which is just below the National Average of 94.6%



Top tips to help improve attendance in Summer Term 2

- Phone school on **0207 603 5333** or email admin@addison.lbhf.sch.uk **before 9:00am** to tell us why your child is absent, and when you expect them to return
- Only allow days at home for genuine illness
- Talk to your child regularly about school and how they feel about it
- Having a regular bedtime and morning routine can help to arrive at school on time

Reception	Jade	Sapphire	Ruby	Topaz	Pearl	Amber
93%	92%	95%	94%	95%	94%	95.5%

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: Amber Class

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](#)