

Happy Christmas and Happy New Year

This has been an excellent first term which has been exemplified by fantastic teaching and learning, and children demonstrating positive behaviour; superb class assemblies; an amazing Christmas assembly from our Reception pupils in which everyone performed brilliantly; and many wonderful experiences undertaken by the pupils.

All the experiences take thought, time and additional work to make them happen. It is through our hard-working staff, supported by parents, working together and showing consideration for what our children need that makes Addison so positive and great for our children. Thank you all! I hope that everyone has a restful Christmas break and has Happy a New Year!

Advent

Cameron, the local Vicar led a school assembly at the beginning of the month and discussed the theme of 'light' and 'showing goodness' to all. Advent reminds us that even in darkness there is hope. Let us pray for all who suffer through poverty, ill health, loneliness and broken relationships, that this season gives them hope.



As we proceed into the season of Advent, it is always a time to reflect on what is important in life. Christians believe Jesus taking on human form and being born to a poor family teaches us to appreciate that there are more important things in life than status and wealth. Family, love, friendship and faith are things that money cannot buy. In the lead up to Christmas, Advent slows us down, it helps us to not get so caught up in the materialistic and commercial side of the season.

Winter Fair—Friday 12th December

We have been planning our Winter Fair for some weeks and final preparations are underway. Pupils will be dismissed at the usual end of day time— families can make their way to the Fair, located in the lower hall (stalls) and upper hall for the bouncy castle and face painting.



Autumn 2025

- 12th Winter Fair
- 19th Last day 1pm finish

Spring 2026

January (Perseverance)

- 6th Pupils return
- 8th Fire Safety workshop Y2&5
- 14th Topaz parent class visit
- 15th Topaz class assembly
- 21st Jade class parent visit
- 27th Y6 into university
- 28th Sapphire class parent visit
- 29th Pearl class assembly

February (Ollie Honest)

- 1st- 9th National Story telling week
- 3rd Phonics workshop 2:30pm
- 4th Ruby class parent visit
- 11th Topaz class parent visit
- 25th Pearl class parent visit
- 10th Internet Safety Week

HALF TERM

- Mon. 16th – Fri. 20th Feb.

Reception Class

As we reach the end of term, there are many achievements and milestones to celebrate in Blueberries Class. Pupils have shown excellent engagement in phonics and are confidently applying their Set 1 sounds and the sounds introduced so far in Set 2. Many have now read their first book this term, which is a wonderful achievement!

The children have loved exploring our transport topic. They particularly enjoyed reading, 'The Naughty Bus' and using their phonics skills to describe their own mischievous forms of transport.



In November, Reception went on their first school trip of the year to Hammersmith Fire Station. Pupils were fascinated by the fire engines and were thrilled to climb onto the vehicle and sit in the driver's



seat. A standout moment this term has been the children's enthusiasm and dedication while preparing for the EYFS Nativity. They have worked hard to learn their lines, project their voices and sing beautifully. Reception have impressed staff and pupils who have passed by our rehearsals and we could not be more proud of them. They have set a high standard for the rest of the school!

A special mention goes to Aram for developing a strong tripod pencil grip and to Ayat for her excellent progress in counting to ten and beyond. We hope the pupils have a restful break and return refreshed for another term of hands-on learning.

Sapphire Class

Our classroom has been full of curiosity, creativity and lots of smiling faces. The children have continued to grow in confidence and have embraced every new challenge with enthusiasm.

In Maths, we turned our attention to shapes. Pupils explored 2D and 3D shapes through games, building activities and hands-on investigation. There was lots of laughter as they created shape pictures and patterns, and they were eager to share their discoveries.

Geography lessons took us on a journey around the world as we learned about the seven continents and five oceans. The children were amazed at how big our planet is and loved spotting places on the globe and maps. Some children were so inspired that they designed their own maps at home and proudly brought them into school to share.

In English, we enjoyed reading and performing Kenning poems. Pupils played with language, acted out ideas and delighted us with their imaginative descriptions. Their poems were full of humour, adventurous vocabulary and character.

As part of our RE learning on Christmas celebrations, we visited St Simon's Church. We were warmly welcomed and had the chance to ask thoughtful questions to the vicar, Cameron. It was a lovely opportunity to understand why Christmas is such an important time for Christians and to learn more about the features of the church. We have been so impressed with the children's positive attitude, teamwork and growing independence. We hope you have a restful holiday, and we are looking forward to even more exciting adventures in the New Year.

Jade Class

As we are coming to the end of our autumn term, it has been an amazing time with Year 1. We have come so far in our learning and have enjoyed every bit of it. The children have grown in confidence, curiosity and independence, and it has been wonderful to see how much progress they have made.

Our English lessons this term have focused on the fairy tale, 'Little Red Riding Hood'. Pupils have been learning new vocabulary from the story and have been working hard on grammar, especially exclamation marks, question marks and speech marks. They have been learning what these punctuation marks mean, why we use them and how to include them correctly in their writing. It has been lovely to see them spotting these features in the story and using them confidently in their own retelling.

We have also explored our local area through different types of maps, learning how maps can show us landmarks and help us understand the places we visit every day. The children enjoyed comparing maps.

In maths, the children have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, comparing their sides and corners, and identifying them around the classroom. They have also been practising counting to 20, finding one more and one less and developing their understanding of tens and ones. We have been learning about the five senses and the different parts of the body in science. The children have enjoyed carrying out simple investigations and can now name all five senses confidently, as well as recognise what different body parts do.

We also had a wonderful visit to St Simon's Church. Before our trip, we looked at maps of the route from Addison Primary School to the church and talked about how maps help us find places in our local area. When we arrived, the children explored the building and asked thoughtful questions about Christmas, kindness and why people celebrate at this time of year. They loved looking around the church, noticing different features of the building and learning more about its purpose. It was a lovely experience and a very special way to bring our learning together this term.



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CHRISTMAS!

Staff leavers

Sadly, we say farewell to Mrs Maple & Miss Eason at the end of term.

Mrs Maple has been at Addison for almost three years and supported pupils with their phonics, reading and arts and crafts. She is passionate about nurturing confidence in every child and has inspired so many children. With her EYFS experience she has supported many adults at Addison to be better teachers too. She will be very much missed and we wish her the very best in her next role. Thank you Mrs Maple for all that you have contributed to Addison!



Miss Eason joined Addison in September as a cover teacher for Mrs Gillespie's maternity leave. Despite only being at our school for a term, she has made a tremendous impact to everyone in the school, especially the Year 5 pupils. She has been an outstanding teacher and has formed positive relationships with staff, pupils and families. We are sorry that Miss Eason is leaving, and we wish her the very best on her return journey home to Australia.

Academic Year 2025-2026

Being in school every day is a legal requirement. Parents should not take children on holidays outside of these dates and the Head Teacher cannot authorise these absences.

Term dates for 2025/26 are available and can be viewed on the school website:

<https://www.addisonprimary.org/term-dates-1>



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

