



ADDINGTON NEWSLETTER



October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

As the first half term draws to a close, I am pleased to say that all our new pupils have settled into their classes and I hope that Addington is now beginning to feel a little bit more like home. It has also been a pleasure to get to know our new families and great to see some of you becoming more involved with the school already.

As usual, the term has been very busy with events, of which the evening performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream at South Hill Park in Bracknell stood out as a showcase for our pupils' theatrical talents. They performed with confidence, enthusiasm and artistic flair with the entire audience captivated by what they saw. It was a truly memorable evening! The SingIn concert at Bulmershe last Sunday evening was equally wonderful where true co-operation and friendship between our pupils and their peers in mainstream was evident for all to see. My thanks go to all the staff who supported these excellent events.

Our new sensory playground at the back of the field has now been built and we are awaiting some landscaping before we can open it to pupils who are already eyeing it with excitement. The new 6th form building is on schedule but currently is being built off site, so there is little to see at school at the moment. The 2 new multi-use games areas however, have provided the PE team with some excellent new all-weather surfaces to play on, vastly superior to the old concrete ones. They were opened recently by the Mayor and some of Reading Football Club's female players.

The Association has resurrected the Christmas Fayre this year on Saturday 30 November and have been busy collecting items all term to ensure it runs smoothly. Please put the date in your diaries and visit the Fayre – your attendance will boost the much needed Association fundraising pot as well as providing a safe, fun event for our families to attend together.

Finally, I would like to wish one of our long standing teachers, Fiona Hulley, good luck in her new career. Many parents will have experienced Fiona as their child's teacher and know how much commitment she has given the school and continues to give the Thumbs Up Club. We extend our thanks and wish her well.

Have a good half term and we will see pupils back on Tuesday 5th November.

**Sara Attra
Headteacher**



Dear Parents/ Carers

We have come to the end of our first half term of the year, and the winter nights are drawing in!

It was fantastic to see so many of our new parents at the Early Years information event, run by Parent Support with Yvonne and Steph, our Early Years leads. It was a really lovely and informative event and many thanks to Yvonne and Steph for all their hard work.

It was also great to see so many parents and carers at parent's evening, and great to hear how well so many of our young people are settling in!

If you need to contact us, and are unable to reach us by phone, please use the PSA mailbox to contact us by email. This is:

psa@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.

Also, please remember that the Parent Support page on the Addington website can provide you with a good starting point for accessing clubs, services and charities.

Best Wishes,

Lucy & Ellie – Parent Support Advisers

New Building Update!



New extended car park
now in use



New sensory play area –
work is on-going



Site of new FE Building –
not much to see yet

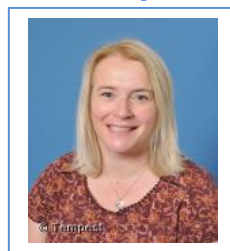


New MUGAs (Multi-Use Games Areas)

Our Senior Leadership Team



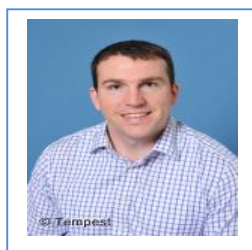
Sara Attra
Headteacher



Lynda Wood
Deputy Head



Eirfron Watkinson
Assistant Headteacher



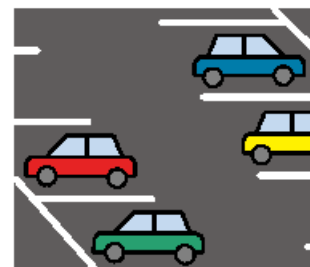
David Maycock
Assistant Headteacher



Sue Tod
School Business Manager

CAR PARKING REMINDER

1. All drivers **must** use the one-way system marked out by the cones and road markings
2. **Only** park in marked spaces and not on the end of rows
3. All pedestrians **must** use the zebra crossing and the pavement when walking children to and from the site. **DO NOT WALK** on the road by the side of the gates where there is **no pavement** as a short cut. This is very dangerous and could result in an accident



Addington Youth Club

Managed and staffed by
Wokingham Bracknell & Districts Mencap

Wednesday evening 7pm to 9pm
Fun for all youngsters from Year 9 up

Look out for the activities planned for the current term,
come along and try a session.

Contact Wokingham Mencap on 0300 777 8539 for more information.

School Dinners

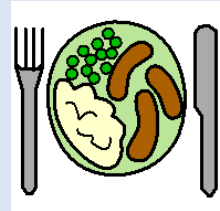
This is to inform you that all school lunches must now be paid for online. The school will no longer be able to collect cash on a daily basis.

You will need to register online if you have not done so before. **A letter with your personal log on details has been sent home with your child.** If you have previously logged on to the Tucasi system but have forgotten your password, please follow the instructions on the login screen.

As a reminder:

Primary lunch is £2.05

Secondary lunch is £2.25



Please remember that money for school dinners should be paid **in advance**.

If you have any problems, please contact Wendy Dixon on office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.

Parent Contact Information

We want to cut down on the amount of paper we send to parents and to get in touch more electronically via emails, texts and our school website www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk).

Apart from the money saved on printing costs, electronic communication is instant. In order to do this we need to be kept up to date with your latest email address and mobile numbers.

If you need to update us please email: office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk

School Mobile App

Our School Mobile App can be downloaded from the links below.

[iTunes](#)

[Play Store](#)

Once you have downloaded the School Jotter app **you will need to select “Addington School” from within the app.**

The school mobile App is **FREE to download** and enables you to receive news updates and alerts on your phone or other mobile device. You can also view our newsletters and see photos of the students.



Headteacher's Award Winners



Congratulations to the following students who achieved awards for the first half of the Term:

Key Stage 3

Carys Westgate
James Benjamin-Philip
Sam Hardman
Harry Lewis
Rowan Nyamaradzo

Key Stage 4

Tom Cannon
Alex Green

Sensory Classes

Ria Lakhanpal

PE trousers/ALDI (kit for schools) stickers



If you have any outgrown tracksuit trousers or shorts, the PE Department would be very grateful if you could please donate them for use in school. They also want to remind everyone to keep sending in the ALDI (kit for schools) stickers. Thank you to everyone for your support.





SPORTS PAGE



Outdoor Learning

D of E

Following our first, very successful, Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, we have assembled the cohort for this year. They have had their first tent building and route finding practice, an orienteering session and an introduction to their rucksacks that they will use on the expeditions. All the students are excited and looking forward to the year.





Official opening of the new Multi Use Games Areas



The official opening of our new Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) took place on Monday 30th September. As part of the new build here at Addington we have 2 new MUGAs, one astroturf football pitch and one multi use all weather pitch on which we can play basketball, tennis, cricket, boccia, fitness and much more. The pitches are safer with integral goals and no metal posts and drain well.

Thank you to Cllr. Bill Soane, mayor of Wokingham and Cllr. Ulla Karin Clark, executive member for children's services at Wokingham Borough Council for coming to cut the tape and pronounce our new MUGAs officially open.



Two members of Reading Ladies football team, Brooke Chaplen and Grace Muloney, were also there and all the students enjoyed meeting them and playing football with them on the new astroturf pitch. Other students demonstrated tennis and boccia on the other pitch.



Orienteering Competition

We took a team of 14 students to an orienteering competition after school on Wednesday 9th October. It took place at Woodford Park with teams from local mainstream schools. We split into 3s and each group had to find 2 control points located somewhere in the park. The team consisted of past, present and future DofE candidates and it was perfect to practice their map reading skills. It was such an enjoyable session, especially when it stopped raining and the sun came out.



Addington P.E department achieves School Games Gold Status

We were very happy to be awarded Gold School Games Mark accreditation for 2018-2019 for a third year in a row for YR 3-11 engagement. It is a Government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of sport across their school and in the community.

Huge congratulations to all of these schools for their fantastic achievements; they are richly deserved.

Platinum – *in order to achieve Platinum, schools have to achieve Gold for 5 consecutive years and then write a case study which is validated by Youth Sports Trust.*

Nine Mile Ride
Radstock
Shinfield St Mary's CE Junior

Gold

Addington

Hillside
Robert Piggott Junior
All Saints CE Aided Primary

Silver

Loddon

Bronze

St Paul's CE Junior
The Coombes
Evendons



Interhouse Volleyball tournament

The first Inter-house competition for FE, Secondary and Upper Primary was played and it was Volleyball. We had 80 students participate and they really enjoyed it.

The final results were:

1st - **Blue Sharks (21 points)**

1st - **Red Eagles (16 points)**

2nd - **Green Crocodiles (15 points)**

3rd - **Yellow Tigers (12 points)**

Thank you to all the staff who supported the students and managed the teams. They students voted

Most Valuable Players were:

Yellow Tigers – Ramiah B, Sophie J-S & George M, Tom N & Chloe W

Red Eagles – Grace G, Lucas P, Josh H, Luka W, Ryan S & Shriya

Blue Sharks – Ben A, Christopher S, Jake G, Ege C, Candice-Grace B, Anamol R, Jazz L & Saahil A

Green Crocodiles – Fergus W, Leon H-W, Tom C, Benji W, Ameerah M, Jasmine P, Daniel M, David R & Chanique W



Bikeability training (Oct 2019)

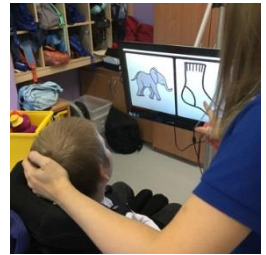
11 students ranging from years 6- 14 participated in Bikeability recently. This course is run by Wokingham Borough Council and teaches the students how to cycle safely on the road. The instructors were impressed with the student's hard work and good behaviour. 8 students achieved Level 1 and 3 students achieved Level 2. They all worked hard over the day and a half and improved their safety skills on the road. Well done to all our cyclists.



Early Years



Daisy class have really enjoyed our topic 'All about me and my world' and enjoyed sharing pictures of ourselves and families. The students have settled well into school and have quickly become familiar with the school surroundings and routines of the school day.



We have been learning about the part of our bodies and using mirrors to recognise features of our face, making collage faces and using Playdough to make faces too.

We have been playing with and trying out sensory trays using both dry and wet material' some sensory trays have been more popular than others.

Students are responding well to Attention Bucket and are increasing their focus and interest as the term continues. We have also had lots of fun exploring 'Curiosity Boxes' these help develop children's awe and wonder of new experiences whilst giving them the confidence to begin to explore with growing independence.



We have also been enjoying Immersive Theatre which has had a space theme, the children have really been enjoying the sensory experience and engaged really well.

In music we have been doing weather songs and learning to play rhythms on the drums and exploring other instruments.

We have enjoyed getting to know all the new students and welcoming back familiar pupils. [We would like to welcome you to join us for a Stay and Play, On Monday 9th December at 9.15am – 10.15am.](#)



Sunflower class have had a very busy start to our school year! Lots of children in our Early Years class are new to Addington school. These children have settled in brilliantly and have become familiar with our daily routines and different places around the school. Pupils in our class have been developing relationships with adults and their peers. It has been lovely to see meaningful and trusting relationships form and develop. This term our theme was 'All About Me and My World'. We have been learning about the children's likes and dislikes and using these as motivators when working on PECS. The pupils have also enjoyed learning about their families and looking at pictures family relatives sent in from home. Pupils have enjoyed our creative art activities also linking to this term's theme, such as painting their faces onto paper plates.



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Tulip Class - This term we have been settling into Tulip class and starting to build relationships with the adults around us. We have enjoyed exploring our topic 'All About Me' through enjoying lots of sensory play, and deciding what we like and don't like to play with. We have enjoyed looking at and recognising ourselves in the mirror through play, and every day at Circle



Time. Some of us are able to recognise ourselves in photos too! For some of us we have explored new parts of the school this term, such as Sand, Splash and the Kitchen for cooking sessions, and have been working on transitioning to these different areas. We have been really enjoying our cooking sessions, beginning to learn how to use a variety of tools in the kitchen, and tasting and exploring a range of foods during the sessions.



In Tulip class we have also been working really hard on our communication skills, with most of us using PECS to ask for our favourite toys and food throughout the day which is amazing. We have also been working on our independence skills, especially when changing for P.E, encouraging the children to do as much as they can, and they are doing really well with it.



We would like to welcome you to join us for a **Stay and Play**, On Thursday 5th December 2pm – 3pm.



Lily Class have loved our 'All about me and my world' topic this term! We have read stories, sung songs and done lots of messy activities! The children enjoyed using their photos from home to tell their class mates about their families and who they live with. They also painted some super self-portraits and learnt about the different parts of a face. We drew around ourselves when learning about the different parts of our bodies and enjoyed singing 'Heads, Shoulders, knees and toes' and 'The hokey cokey'!



We have done lots of work about our emotions, particularly focussing on happy and sad, painting pictures and looking at photos of people and deciding how they might be feeling. We have done things to make us happy eg dancing, playing with bubbles, swimming, playing in soft play and the sand and splash rooms. The children have also been caring for babies, washing, clothing and feeding them – they have also given lots of lovely cuddles!



It's been a busy term getting to know each other and establishing class routines, as well as lots of fun activities and super learning!

We would like to welcome you to join us for a **Stay and Play**, 2pm-3pm on Tuesday 3rd December.



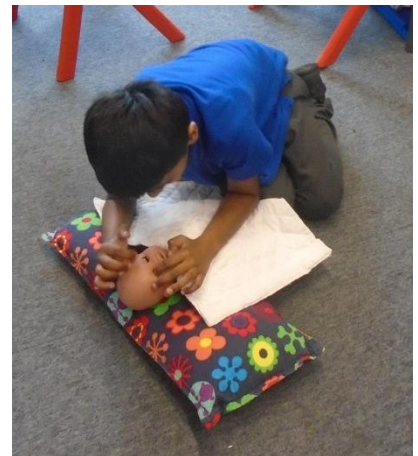
Daffodil Class - The children in Daffodil Class have settled brilliantly into the new school year. We quickly established our routines and found our way around the new classroom. We began by finding our favourite games and toys and practiced turn taking and sharing.

Our curriculum theme was 'All about me and my World'. We began by establishing our class identity through Arts and Crafts activities. All children have been encouraged to engage in role play related to familiar experiences such as restaurants, kitchens, looking after baby and doctors.

The children have explored 'weather' through Music and Art with Rhona and Jules. We have read stories about Families and Feelings and more recently explored 'Autumn' as the seasonal changes have become more obvious. The children have engaged well in Reading, Writing, and Maths activities using a multi-sensory approach and are now working towards their own personalised learning targets.

We hope you have a fun Half Term break and we can't wait to welcome the children back to begin our new theme of 'Colour and Christmas'.

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Have a lovely half term break
Early Years Team

Middle School News

This half term Middle School got off to a flying start



KS3 got a surprise when they visited the MUGAs and found the wreckage of a strange craft. Had the aliens landed? Chestnut class investigated and looked to the sky to see whether it came from above.



Sycamore class went to Winchester Science Museum on 22nd October. They went to a planetarium show, played with the hands-on science exhibits and had a rocket workshop.



Maple class practised their money skills in the local shop.



Holly class have enjoyed new experiences offsite getting close to nature at Jealotts Hill



“Paws, Claws and Whiskers” has inspired lots of creativity in Key Stage 2. As part of the topic, there was an exciting Theatre Trip to see “The Tiger Who Came to Tea”.



Thames Valley Adventure Playground continues to be a popular outing for KS2 classes and pupils look forward to their turn at this exciting venue.



Poppy, Cherry and Apple classes enjoyed a Carousel afternoon which included Smile, Aroma touch and Sensory story activities





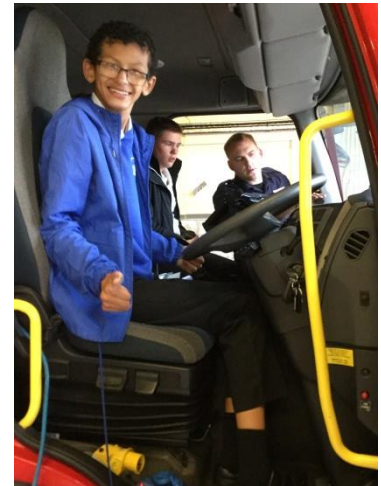
In Immersive Drama, Poppy class have been going to space and exploring Saturn and Neptune.

Enjoy your half term everyone.
See you on 5th November for lots more exciting activities.

Yvonne Edwards
Head of Middle School



Upper School



We already know that Upper School students are super-heroes everyday so it has been great fun finding out about super-heroes in the community during a **work ready day at Maidenhead Fire station.**





Technical cooking ... hairdressing ... ceramics. FE students love their college courses.

Upper School students have been trying out new experiences and learning new skills.

What a super talented bunch!





Wellness Week we say that cake always makes everyone feel better!

Upper School students served cakes at a wellness event at Loddon Valley for local senior citizens. We also made and served cakes & tray-bakes for the whole school during wellness week.





Upper School students have been working at the Eggbox on Ridgeway Farm. Each student picked 30 eggs, carried them to another barn, sized and boxed them. Over 300 eggs and not a single one was broken!!

Preparing goat-feed, sorting the geese, weighing and pricing eggs as well as finding time to pet a few guinea-pigs & rabbits.....it really has been a very busy half-term!

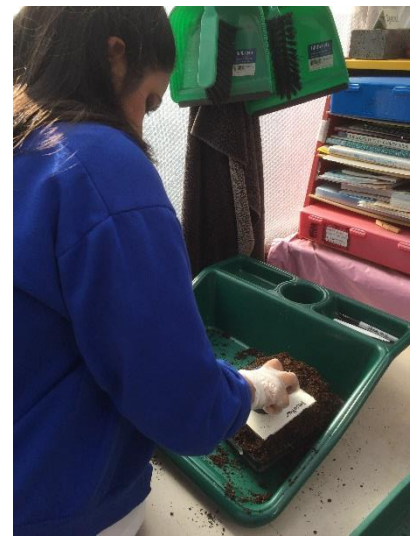




Students have been learning about how skills they are using in school are needed for services in the community.

A special 'well done' to KS4 – they became community super heroes by making sandwiches that were delivered to the homeless.

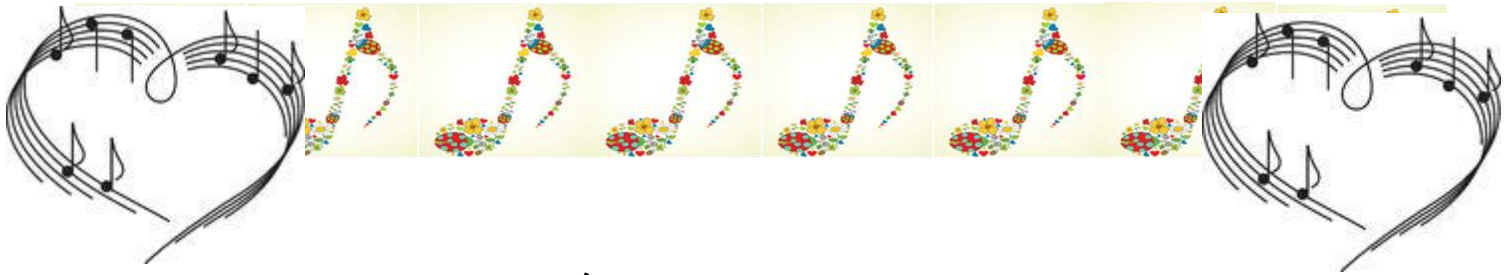




Horticulture students have been working at Ridgeline to harvest vegetables and to prepare beds for winter.

At school, upper school students entered the Newbury Show and secured a first place for their scarecrow display





The Creative Arts Page



Music

The start of a new school is always very exciting in the music department. Our theme this term is 'Space' and many classes have been exploring the themes from 'Star Wars'. They have been comparing the main theme with the Imperial March and focussing on tune and accompaniment to create small ensemble performances. Classes have explored creating sounds for graphic scores and turning these into short performances. Some classes have been singing and signing 'Walking on the Moon' by The Police and exploring changing tempo with 'Purple People Eater'.



Our sensory curriculum students have been exploring 'Our Everyday Heroes' theme in their sensory theatre music sessions. They have explored activities and songs about the fire and ambulance services to develop interaction using fabrics, movement, drums and their voices.



Our younger students have been making music and singing songs based around the weather in music. So far this term they have explored sunshine and the rain, exploring different sounds and rhythms using percussion instruments and the gathering drum.

Our instrumental lessons have all started well, with many students continuing their lessons and some students having the opportunity to try a new instrument. We would like to welcome Charlotte our new cello teacher who has taken over from Katy this

year. There is always a waiting list for lessons but if students are interested please let us know as places can often become available over the course of the year. We have a system of offering free trial lessons for students to try out an instrument and if they choose to continue these lessons are then privately funded.

Extra-curricular lunchtime clubs are also underway with more to be added after half term which include drama club and xylophone club. We also have our afterschool Theatre Club which welcomes some new students this year. Addington Band will also resume after half term after a short break, please contact the creative arts team if you are interested in joining.



SingIN 2019

On 20th October a choir took part in our SingIN Concert at Bulmershe Theatre. This was the end to a fantastic buddying project involving over 30 of our students linking with Highwood Primary School and Waingels College. After a launch day at Waingels College, students met weekly to rehearse and get to know their buddy. The final concert was a fantastic evening featuring the choir, along with a community choir comprising of Addington staff and friends, and accompanied by a rock band. The SingIN project is all about bringing children and young people together, to learn from each other with



music as their common language. This year the students from all three schools really were fantastic in both their performance and the friendships they made. Well done to everyone that took part.

Art

We would like to welcome Angie to the team this year. She will be working one day a week with different key stages over the year. This half term they have been focussing on animals. They have made lion heads, bunnies and explored African prints.

Drama

After the success of last year, Addington took part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival (SSF) again this October. A small group of students worked with Chris and Jane to create their own version of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' to perform at the Wilde Theatre in Bracknell. They attended a workshop day at the theatre, working with SSF facilitators and enjoyed playing drama games and rehearsing on the stage. Their final performance was brilliant and demonstrated their hard work of developing character and projecting their voices on stage. We are very proud of them.



Dates for the Diary

Friday 29th November 9:45am and 1:15pm KS3

Production - 'Moon Zoom'

Key Stage 3 classes have been preparing a performance called 'Moon Zoom' and parents and friends are invited to come and watch next half term. The performance is based upon Key stage 3's termly theme of Space and classes have been creating scenes with Chris in their drama sessions and props in their art sessions, as well as learning some songs in their music lessons. Some students have also been participating in immersive theatre which is linked to the space theme.

12th December 1:45pm - Carol singing in Woodley Precinct

Monday 16th December 7pm - Addington Carol Concert

We hope you all enjoy half term!

Rhona, Sean, Jules and Martin





News from the Association

Email: AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com

Dawn Adams - Chair – Addington School Association

Dear Parents and Carers

I'd like to start this newsletter with a roundup of some of the activities that have been completed either by the Association, or on our behalf, since I wrote last. We've received several donations which we are incredibly grateful for. I'd like to mention just 2 of them now. Firstly, Tom and Vincent, two of Addington's pupils, completed a 'Transport Challenge' on September 8th. They used 24 modes of transport during the day! They were fund-raising for 4 charities close to their hearts and raised an amazing £530 for the Association! Following this Tom and Vincent did a presentation about their day at an event at Ascot Racecourse. The boys so impressed their hosts that the Racecourse have donated a further £500 towards the cost of a new minibus! On October 1st, Sandra, Ann and Colin (Association members) supported the 'Celebrate Age' day which was hosted by Wokingham Borough Council. The Council had organised a raffle as part of the day and kindly donated all proceeds to the Association. In all we were delighted to raise £420 on the day.

Looking forward now we have several events in planning. These are:

24 th October -	School Disco
30 th November -	Christmas Fayre
16 th December -	Christmas Carol Concert

We've been overwhelmed by the kindness shown by everyone who has donated to our 5 themed donation weeks. We're very busy organising the Grand Christmas Draw and the Christmas Fayre and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Fayre. There will be games, tombolas, food and drink and plenty of gift stalls to visit. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

Finally, there are a couple of easy ways that you can support the Association. It would be wonderful if as many people as possible sign up for the following websites that donate a percentage of sales to the Association.

Amazon Smile - use the link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1088765-0>

EasyFundraising - use the link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/addingtonschoolassociation/>

Wishing you a happy and relaxing half-term.

Dawn Adams
Chair – Addington School Association

You can contact us either via

School on 01189669073

Email AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com

Our Facebook page

You can donate to the Sensory Garden project via our JustGiving page.

ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019 - 2020



Addington School

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Staff Training Days – (closed to pupils)	Tuesday 3 September & Wednesday 4 September 2019
Term Starts	Thursday 5 September 2019
Staff Training Day (closed to pupils)	Friday 25 October 2019
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 28 October to Monday 4 November 2019 inclusive
Term Restarts	Tuesday 5 November 2019
Term Ends	Friday 20 December 2019

SPRING TERM 2020

Term Starts	Monday 6 January 2020
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2020 inclusive
Term Restarts	Monday 24 February 2020
Term Ends	Friday 3 April 2020

SUMMER TERM 2020

Term Starts	Monday 20 April 2020
May Day Holiday (closed to pupils)	Friday 8 May 2020
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Friday 22 May to Friday 29 May 2020 inclusive
Term Restarts	Monday 1 June 2020
Term Ends	Tuesday 21 July 2020

ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES 2020 - 2021



AUTUMN TERM 2020

Staff Training Days – (closed to pupils)	Tuesday 1 September & Wednesday 2 September 2020
Term Starts	Thursday 3 September 2020
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 26 October to Monday 2 November 2020 inclusive
Term Restarts	Tuesday 3 November 2020
Term Ends	Friday 18 December 2020

SPRING TERM 2021

Term Starts	Monday 4 January 2021
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2021 inclusive
Term Restarts	Monday 22 February 2021
Term Ends	Thursday 1 April 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021

Staff Training Days – (closed to pupils)	Monday 19 April 2021
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 April 2021
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Friday 28 May to Friday 4 June 2021 inclusive
Term Restarts	Monday 7 June 2021
Term Ends	Wednesday 21 July 2021