



ADDINGTON NEWSLETTER



December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now at the end of a very busy Autumn Term, culminating in some exciting Christmas activities and performances. Thank you to all parents, staff and pupils who attended our Carol Service on Monday evening – as usual it was a lovely way to end the Christmas festivities and the Association yet again raised some much needed funds towards the new Sensory Garden.

I have also been out and about in the last 2 weeks, carol singing in the community with many of our classes: in Woodley precinct, the Council Offices at Shute End and the National Grid. Everywhere our pupils have performed they have been received enthusiastically by the public and have been a credit to Addington School for displaying such a sense of enjoyment and fun!

We have come to the end of the first term of the trialling our new curricula and many of the topics and themes chosen across the school have enthralled and motivated the pupils to progress in all aspects of their education. We are well on the way to providing a truly bespoke curriculum that meets every pupil's needs.

Finally we sadly have to say goodbye to some staff this term and I would like to wish Abi Sinclair and Aimee Ball good luck for the future. I would also like to say a huge thank you to Ann Tidey who is retiring after a long teaching career. Her commitment, enthusiasm and passion for teaching our pupils has been exemplary and on behalf of us all, I wish her a long and happy retirement.

Have a very happy Christmas and I look forward to welcoming pupils back on **Thursday 3rd January 2019.**

**Sara Attra
Headteacher**

Dear Parents/ Carers

It's that time of year again; time for celebrations, to welcome in a new year and to wonder how we are already a third of the way through the school year!

It was really lovely to see so many of you at the PECS workshop run by our Speech and Language Team. Total communication is such a huge part of the Addington ethos, and is so beneficial for our young people. Look out for other, communication related workshops in the new year!

I will be changing my days in the office from the new year. I will now be working **WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY** and **FRIDAY**. If you would like to contact me, and I am not in school that day, please use my direct email address;

lucy.sayer@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.

However you spend this time of the year, I wish you all a happy, restful and joyful festive period,

Best Wishes,

Lucy - Parent Support Adviser

Our Senior Leadership Team



Sara Attra
Headteacher



Lynda Wood
Deputy Head



Eirfron Watkinson
Assistant Headteacher



David Maycock
Assistant Headteacher



Sue Tod
School Business Manager

School Dinners

This is to inform you that from January 4th all school lunches must be paid 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.

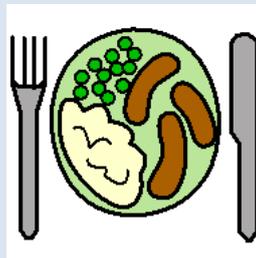
As a reminder:

Primary lunch is £2.05

Secondary lunch is £2.25

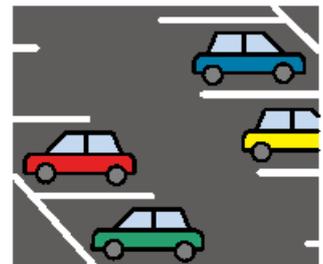
Please remember that money for school dinners should be paid **in advance**.

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



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.

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 second half of the Term:

Early Years

Amelia Nobes
Danny John
Lourdes Mirza
Owen Kyle
Shay Bowyer

Key stage 2

Aiden Baxter
Alayna Tariq
Daisy Cornell
Isaac Sheikh
Jamie Buckland
Josey Thomas
Lewie Cheeseman
Ria Lakhanpal
Shivshri Pandharikar
Sophie Gould-Seymour
Tommy Hunter

Key stage 3

Adem Barhoumi
Christopher Smith
David Bentley
Fatimah Mughal
Fergus West
Harry Croft
James Benjamin-Philips
Lauren Simmonds
Nathan Hunter
Presley Shearer
George Mills

Key stage 4

Alistair Slocombe
Angelina White
Piers Heys

Key stage 5

Ben Allum
Conor Lashbrook
Daniel Skeates
Duncan Stonehouse
George Mills
Lucas Pidgeon

Complex Needs

Ben Felton-Hodson
Favor Onoriode

HEADTEACHER AUTUMN TERM AWARD

Winner

Summer Dixon

Runners Up

Charlotte Wills-Parsons
Carys Westgate
Sophia Gould-Seymour
Owen Kyle

Well done everyone...keep up the great work!



SPORTS PAGE



Scooter Hockey and Kurling Competitions

On Tuesday 6th November we took a KS3 scooter hockey team and a primary Kurling team to Brookfields School to compete against 3 other schools from the area. Both



teams made it to their respective finals but both lost very close matches to finish second. All the students enjoyed the morning and received certificates for their hard work.

Football Tournament at Madejski Stadium



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On Thursday 8th November we took 2 6-a-side football teams to Reading football club's Madejski Stadium. The competition took place on their out-door training pitch in beautiful November sunshine. Both teams played 6 matches against other SEN schools in the area. The Amber team won 2, drew 2 and lost 2 games and finished a creditable 3rd, scoring 7 goals. The Green team won 4, drew 1 and lost 1 game and finished a brilliant first place, winning a trophy. Well done to all the players.





Swimming Gala



On Wednesday 14th November a team of 4 Addington students took part in a swimming gala at Brookfields School in Tilehurst. The competition included length and width races, musical floats, a treasure hunt, tower building and a raft relay. They competed against 4 other local schools and were placed a creditable second. All the students had a good time and received certificates.



After School Sports Club

We have been lucky to continue to benefit from the services of a coach from London Irish Rugby Club at After school Sports Club this term. Joe has delivered Tag-Rugby sessions both outside on the courts and inside in the hall. With the weather being inclement and with the large number of participants this half-term, Joe has worked wonders and kept everyone engaged with lots of different games.





Tag Rugby Festival

On a chilly, damp day we visited Abbey Rugby Club in Sonning Common to take part in a Tag Rugby festival organised by London Irish. We were kept warm by playing two twenty minute matches against two local SEN schools. When we weren't playing we received training from London Irish coaches. Digger, the London Irish mascot was also in attendance. The Addington team did really well, winning both their games and having lots of fun.



British Heart Foundation Fitness Week

The last week of November was British Heart Foundation fitness week, organised brilliantly by Swan Class. The PE department prepared a fitness circuit in each PE lesson and invited parents to make a donation. Staff were encouraged to take part in the circuit and a

rowing challenge and donate. The 30 second rowing challenge was very popular – how far can you row in 30secs? Winners: Daniel Skeates travelled 166m and Emily Marchant rowed 140m.



Thank you to everyone who donated money for BHF, we raised £92.



Young Ambassadors Training Day

On Friday 7th December 2 of our Year 10/11 students were invited to a young sports leader training day at Theale Green School. Our students joined with young people from mainstream schools around Berkshire. They received training in understanding young people, inclusion, planning sports sessions, ethics and action planning. This was in preparation for students supporting at the Berkshire School Games competitions in 2019. This was training aimed at mainstream students and I was so proud of the way our students confidently joined in with each session.



Early Years

Daisy Class

This term in Daisy class we have enjoyed exploring the topic of Weather and Christmas.

We have explored the weather in a variety of ways using all our senses. We have enjoyed sensory play and art by making sensory bottles, science fun using colouring and foam to create rain clouds and painted rainbow bread. The students all enjoyed playing in different sensory trays including; rainbow foam, leaves, fake snow, ice and rainbow spaghetti.



We have explored different weather conditions and seasons through a range of different stories with 'Kipper's Weather'

being our favourite. We have used the parachute to experience different weather conditions by putting leaves and snow in the parachute. We have also enjoyed dressing up for different weather conditions, especially for the rain and splashing in the water and using umbrellas.

This term we have also carried out themed activities for different events in the calendar. For Halloween we explored pumpkins by carving and exploring the seeds through sensory exploration. We also made pumpkin faces with paper plates and biscuits.



For Bonfire Night we made shaving foam firework pictures and played in sensory trays. We also marked Remembrance Day by making poppies.



Christmas activities have included making salt dough decorations, experiencing and exploring Christmas sensory stories, playing seasonal cause and effect games on the computer, making snowmen placemats. We enjoyed joining in with Christmas dinner, watching a Snow White pantomime and dressing up. Finally we have explored lots of different sensory trays to develop our senses.



We have all loved using the trampoline in P.E and students are showing improved confidence using the trampoline and circuit activities.



We have learnt lots of weather and Christmas songs in music and continued to develop our play skills.

We have also been lucky to have the specialist Art teacher Beccy work with us every week, using stories to explore sensory art activities creating displays around the school with the work we have completed.



Sunflower Class

In Sunflower class this term our theme has been 'Weather and Christmas'.

We have explored many different sensory stories to learn and understand the different seasons. For example, Elmer's Weather where we incorporated different tactile stimuli to enhance our learning! As well as learning new songs such as 'How's the Weather?' and using different props to support ourselves i.e. umbrellas for the rain.

We have continued with our Monday cooking sessions this term and have made a range of different cakes, we enjoyed making them as much as tasting them! We have also practiced making salt dough for sensory play and the upcoming Christmas season and exploring the different properties ingredients goes through i.e. dry to wet.

As the Christmas season has been fast approaching, we have joined in with the annual festivities Addington has to offer! Sunflower class watched the pantomime Snow White where some of us chose to actively join in and wear costumes! As well as enjoy Christmas Dinner together as a class with a special guest, Eirfron.



More Christmas activities have included making Christmas Boxes ready to send all of our lovely art work and creations at the end of term to share with our families.

Our weekly assemblies with the other Early Years classes Daisy and Tulip have given us all a chance to celebrate our achievements this term and learn together collectively about our topics.



Tulip Class

In Tulip Class we have enjoyed exploring the weather this time as part of our topic, and have experienced different weather conditions through Attention Autism sessions. We have also observed how the weather has been changing outside, and put some pots of water outside on a cold day to see if it would turn to ice!

This half term we have enjoyed Art sessions with the Art teacher Beccy. We explored lots of different techniques, and even accessed the Art room for the first time. We have also enjoyed having play sessions with Sharon and Janet, who bring up lots of exciting toys to play with, such as a toy washing machine, microwave, rocket and even a BBQ!



We were also very lucky to go on another trip to Taplow this term which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

In the last few weeks we have enjoyed doing lots of Christmas activities such as decorating the Christmas tree, and making lots of different gifts to take home.



Middle School Newsletter



The Middle school department have enjoyed a busy and productive half term. Key Stage 3 have based their learning on the motivating topic of Superheroes. They have also had lots of opportunities for curriculum enrichment and learning life skills.

Some of Beech class have enjoyed going shopping to practice their money skills.



Maple class had an educational talk from PCSO s and enjoyed trying on police helmets and high viz jackets



In Key Stage Two years 5 and 6 have been experimenting with Muck, Mess and Mixtures while Year 3 and 4 have had lots of

opportunities for outdoor learning with the seasonal topic 'Why do Leaves Go Crispy?'



There have also been lots of opportunities to be creative

Birch class have enjoyed singing with Bimbi.



We dressed up and raised money for Children In Need
And wore spots and odd socks for Anti –Bullying Week



Holly Class have been exploring the theme 'Let's Celebrate' by looking at different celebrations. We have explored a range of materials using all of our senses. We had lots of fun and engagement.



This term Poppy class have been cooking a wide variety of dishes related to our Topic theme 'To Infinity and Beyond.' The whole class have explored a wide variety of ingredients, textures and tastes as well as using assistive technology to power pieces of equipment.



Cherry Class enjoyed making their hats for the Christmas dinner. They chose their own colours and liked feeling the different textures.

Christmas festivities are now in full swing and we got off to a great start with the Pantomime Snow White which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils who were fully engaged and encouraged to participate.



Finally we had a special visitor on Friday 14th December bringing presents and smiles to the Primary children. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Yvonne Edwards
Head of Middle School



UPPER SCHOOL

Business Enterprise

The next time Lord Sugar is looking for a new apprentice he can find one in Addington School! After advertising their latest enterprise product on the web, the number of orders accelerated and students had to work to meet a high demand as well as developing efficient systems and staying enthusiastic – excellent skills for the work-place!



Watch this space for Valentine's gifts, Easter treats and party supplies.

A group of students have been running a very successful café business for staff in Addington School. Not wanting to miss out on the action, a further group of students developed a side-line of samosa selling...delicious!



They have been developing food hygiene awareness, essential kitchen skills and working as a team. Every week they supply staff with lunch menus, collect orders, go shopping at Asda and Costco to get supplies, send out bills to staff and then supply a delicious lunch. Staff at Addington school are truly spoiled by their students.



Students ran a fantastic coffee morning raising nearly £200 for McMillan, which we prepared for by sampling cakes in various cafes!

We also had a fantastic finale to this term at the annual Addington Christmas Fayre. It was a wonderful event and younger students had the chance to meet our young people, and top practise their money skills.



Students catered for the Wokingham Lord Mayor's Christmas Party. They met local MP John Redwood, as well as the Director of Children's Services and mayors from Woodley, Bracknell and Reading.



Preparing for Adulthood



Preparing for adulthood is a large part of our curriculum at Addington School. So that they can be independent, and prepare for having their own homes students have been completing household tasks, such as preparing parcels for posting, recycling, using pin machines, vacuuming and laundry.



No more excuses students for escaping housework!

Learning about workplaces...



Students have enjoyed a range of Work Ready days, at lots of different venues. At the Oracle, students have been learning about different job roles in the retail sector.



The service industry has also been investigated by students. At Maidenhead Fire Station we learnt about the different roles of a firefighter, and how to behave safely in a new environment.

At Riverways Farm students learnt about organisational skills, and task completion by running a farm for the day.



Right Here, Right Now!

Upper School students seemed to have moved their classrooms to the community...they really have been getting out and about to develop skills that are essential in preparation for adulthood!





Students have been practising their money and shopping skills, using the google maps app, reading time-tables and using self-serve ticket machines.



Travelling by bus or train, we have been everywhere –Henley, and Woodley to check out prices in local cafes, compare different types of retail outlets and to become more familiar with local public transport routes.

Bracknell, Wokingham



Owl Class went to Reading for a day trip by public bus. They did orienteering, finding the locations around Reading, matching the place to the photographs and then the photographs to the photographs on their recording sheets. We explored a range of shops and what is sold in there. For example, they went to Lush, joining in hands-on demonstrations by shop staff – smelling bath foam, feeling bath bombs fizzing in water, having hand massages with body butter, feeling bath playdough and using cutters to



make shapes, smelling a range of gorgeous products. They listened to music on the headphones in HMV and played on the large sensory keyboard on the wall, enjoying the cause and effect of this; tried cookies at Millie's Cookies, smelt Christmas potpourri in The Oracle, explored the appropriate men's or women's section in H&M, feeling the fabrics. We went to Paperchase and explored the Christmas decorations. We went to McDonalds, ordering our choices using our communication boards and symbols, paying for our food. A great day was had by all.



Local Community



It's always important for the local community to see how Addington students contribute to the locality. Students have also been busy making local areas a nicer place by raking leaves and preparing ground for planting. Community Action...Right Here, Right Now!

A group of students presented a wreath for the Remembrance Centenary, as well as supplying cakes and tray-bakes for the local Woodley town council for their memorial service to commemorate the event.



Seasonal Events



This term students worked together to enter two scarecrows in the Newbury Ploughing Festival. We were awarded first prize in the show for our Bertie Bassett inspired scarecrow!

Jan from Newbury Showground worked with a class using seasonal produce to make delicious apple crumbles. More seasonal cooking to follow next term!



Seasonal events in school included Christmas dinner, a rock party and a carol concert.



The highlight of this half term was our day trip out to Windsor, where the whole FE department enjoyed lunch in McDonalds followed by our annual trip to the Pantomime!

It was wonderful for students to celebrate the Christmas season together by taking part in a truly British tradition. A huge thank you to the Mason Society for providing us with tickets for the panto again this year.

Employability

- Interns on the 'EmployAbility' programme have almost completed their first placements. They have been working with different teams, and are now fully immersed in the workplace culture at National Grid. They



celebrated the end of their first term by hosting the Annual Winter Fayre, and raising over £280 for Alzheimer's Charity.

- To keep in the Christmas Spirit the school choir came to join us to sing Carols as a big thank you to the National Grid for supporting our Interns and the EmployAbility programme.



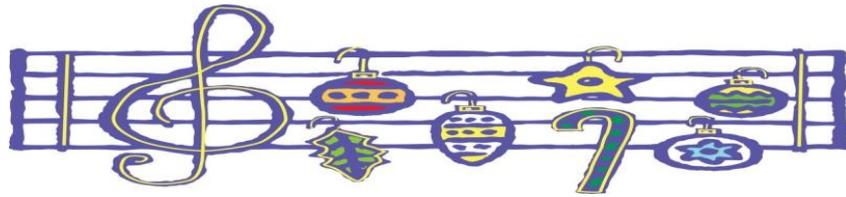
New Internship Programme to start on 7th January 2019



We are very excited to confirm that our new internship programme with Sodexo goes live on 7th January. Five of our students will be at the Johnson & Johnson offices working as part of the Sodexo facilities management team. This is an amazing opportunity for our students to be doing real jobs in real teams and gaining real working

experience. Year 14 students will be working in the canteen, post room, staff shop, security and on reception. We are looking forward to giving you updates as they progress through their internship.

Upper School Team



The Creative Arts Page

Music

This term has been full of music and as the term draws to a close the music team are busy singing festive songs in the school and the wider community. Some students have focussed on ostinatos and melody playing with 'The Addams Family' theme and '7 Years'. Our students on the sensory curriculum have continued exploring a space theme, visiting new planets in their sensory theatre music sessions using cymbals and the metallophone. Our younger students have been singing songs based on Halloween, Bonfire Night and Going to the North Pole in music.

The Addington Band have been rehearsing for a performance at the Addington Association Christmas Concert on Monday 17th December. Our Xylophone and Percussion club will be performing on the last day of term too in a concert shared with the Addington staff ensemble.

Once again this year we have been out and about in the community carol singing. Groups have been to Twyford Concern, The National Grid, Shute End, The Birches and many of the school came along to Woodley Precinct for a carol singing afternoon. Students have really enjoyed sharing their Christmas cheer in the wider community!



Age



Art

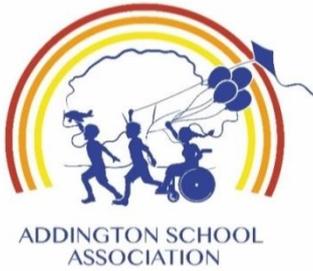
To mark the centennial anniversary of WW1, some of our students produced a beautiful poppy wreath made of clay poppies. This has been displayed at the Oakwood Centre in Woodley which was visited by some classes and staff during November.

Drama

Our Shakespeare Schools Festival (SSF) group took to the stage again in November to perform their version of 'As You Like It' to school and some governors. They were once again fantastic and the performance was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. There will be a winter themed performance by another small group who have been working with Chris before the end of term too.

From the Creative Arts Team, we wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Sean, Jules and Martin



News from the Association

Email: AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM ADDINGTON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

It has been a busy few weeks for the Association with our fund-raising efforts. We had a successful couple of days collecting at Henry Street Garden Centre; our thanks go to those who braved the cold and collected for us.



We had our stall at the Woodley Christmas Extravaganza; our thanks go to everyone who donated items for our tombola, Jonathan Parsons for donating the money for our pitch for the day and of course again to those who came along and helped man the stall on the day.



Our Annual Christmas Draw tickets have been on sale in the weeks leading up to the draw at this year's carol concert. Thank you to those who have donated items for this and to everyone out there for purchasing and selling tickets for us.

Jenny Clements donated an amazing cake to be raffled also at our carol concert, I think you'll all agree it was a fabulous creation.

Dawn Adams again organised the opportunity for families to purchase cards and mugs designed by their own children. We hope everyone who has purchased these enjoys these very personal gifts.

Schools Eirfron Watkinson donated a family portrait opportunity with a local photographer, this was auctioned to the highest bidder and snapped up by Nick Jackson. Our thanks to Eirfron for this amazing donation.

The 14th December saw us collecting and promoting our Sensory Garden Campaign at ASDA at Lower Earley, our thanks to those who volunteered to collect for us, to ASDA for welcoming us and also for donating £30.00 worth of goods for our fund raising. It was a fabulous opportunity for us to be seen out in the local community and raise awareness of our campaign.

We must also thank Kestrel and Hawk classes for donating the profit from their business enterprise to us for the sensory garden. I think we all agree the Reindeer gift packs were a wonderful idea, a fantastic gift and very professionally put together. All Kestrel and Hawk classes will have received the Association newly introduced school community certificate as a show of our appreciation for their efforts for their school.

A huge thank you must go to Dawn Adams and Ellie Robinson for taking on the task of organising the Carol concert following Barbi's retirement. This much-loved event would have been greatly missed by families and staff alike. A great evening was enjoyed by all; rounded off by mulled wine and mince pies; getting everyone into the Christmas spirit.

So, overall at time of writing an amazing £1700.00 has been raised over the run up to the festive season; with yet more to be added. This all will go towards the Sensory Garden Project, please do follow its progress on Just-giving and watch out for our up-dates on our Face Book page.

Other work has also been happening in the background, with our new association volunteer Sammi approaching local businesses for support with our Sensory Garden Project. Sammi is also working on our very own Association Website which should prove a fantastic tool for getting the word out to a wider audience about our efforts to raise the funds for the Sensory Garden.

Already we are making plans for next year, so please watch out for our news on our notice board and on Face Book and hopefully very soon on our website.

If you would like to get involved please do get in touch, you can do this through school, email us at AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com; or just come along to our next meeting. You can also help out without joining the committee by joining our helpers list and helping us by joining us to run events.

We are still looking for crafters or "would like to be crafters" to get involved with making goods for us to sell; it's not too late to register your interest, just drop an email or let us know through school.

Lastly; well almost lastly, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank school's reception and admin team for their continued support and help (for me in particular the lessons in how to use the photocopier)! We couldn't do it without you and it is very much appreciated.

Lastly, I promise, please do remember our donations bin in reception should you happen to get any un-wanted Christmas pressies, we will happily make good use of them. Do keep them coming.

Have a wonderful Christmas and all our very best wishes for a bright and Happy New Year.

Yvonne Thrower
For Addington School Association

**Merry
Christmas** 



ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES

2018 - 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Staff Training - Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 September
(school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 5 September - Wednesday 19 December

Half Term: Monday 22 October - Monday 29 October (inclusive)

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3 January - Friday 5 April

Half Term: Monday 18 February - Friday 22 February (inclusive)

Summer Term 2019

Staff Training - Tuesday 23 April (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 24 April - Tuesday 23 July

May Day Holiday - Monday 6 May

Half Term: Friday 24 May - Friday 31 May (inclusive)

190 days for pupils



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ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES

2019 - 2020

Autumn Term 2019

Staff Training - Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 September
(school closed to pupils)

Thursday 5 September - Friday 20 December

Staff Training: Friday 25 October (school closed to pupils)

Half Term: Monday 28 October - Monday 4 November (inclusive)

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6 January - Friday 3 April

Half Term: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February (inclusive)

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20 April - Tuesday 21 July

May Day Holiday - Monday 4 May

Half Term: Friday 22 May - Friday 29 May (inclusive)

190 days for pupils