The Newspaper of Adamsrill Primary school

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October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of our first half term of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a wonderfully busy, productive and exciting few weeks at Adamsrill Primary School. It has been a joy to see our children embracing new learning experiences, developing friendships and demonstrating the enthusiasm, confidence and resilience that make our school such a special place.

It has been lovely to see our youngest children settling into their new routines, forming friendships and growing in confidence and independence. From exploring stories and developing early phonics and number skills to enjoying creative activities, library visits and learning through play, they have made an encouraging start. Thank you to our Early Years staff for their care and dedication, and to parents and carers for working so closely with us to ensure a positive transition into school.

Across the school, October has been filled with exciting opportunities to learn beyond the classroom. Our Year 4 children enjoyed a memorable residential experience at Rand Farm, developing independence, teamwork and practical skills. Years 5 and 6 explored the wonders of space during their visit to the National Maritime Museum, while our younger children have been busy strengthening their reading, writing, mathematical understanding and scientific curiosity. These experiences remind us that education is about much more than academic achievement; it is also about nurturing curiosity, building character and creating lasting memories.

One of the highlights of this half term was our **Multicultural Day celebration on 22nd October**. What an enjoyable, colourful and informative occasion it was! It was wonderful to see our children celebrating the richness of the cultures, traditions and heritage represented within our school community. The enthusiasm, creativity and pride they demonstrated were truly heartwarming. My sincere thanks go to our parents and carers for supporting the children with their outfits and preparations, and to our dedicated staff for organising such meaningful learning experiences. Most importantly, well done to all our children for their fantastic participation and for helping to make the day such a success. Our diversity is one of our greatest strengths, and occasions like this reinforce the importance of mutual respect, understanding and belonging.

We have also enjoyed a range of community activities, including our Halloween Disco, Harvest Festival, Wear It Pink Day and parent coffee mornings. Thank you to the Friends of Adamsrill, our families and staff for their generosity, involvement and continued commitment to making school life so enriching. Your contributions to our Harvest collection for Lewisham Foodbank and other charitable activities demonstrate the kindness and community spirit we value so highly.

As always, I would like to remind families of the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality. Our expectation remains **at least 96% attendance for every child**. Regular attendance enables children to build strong learning habits, maintain friendships and make the most of every opportunity. Congratulations to the classes achieving excellent attendance, particularly 4G, which recorded an outstanding 100% in our recent attendance update. Thank you to families who consistently ensure their children arrive at school on time and ready to learn. Together, we can help every child succeed.

Friday 23rd October will be Mrs Priyanka Bourne's last working day before she begins her maternity leave. Mrs Bourne, our Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion and SENCO, is a valued member of our school leadership team. On behalf of the children, staff, governors and the wider Adamsrill community, I would like to thank her for her continued dedication and wish her and her family every happiness as they prepare to welcome their new arrival. We send her our warmest wishes for this very special time.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our families for the tremendous support you have given the school throughout this half term. Whether through supporting learning at home, attending school events, contributing to charitable initiatives, encouraging excellent attendance or simply working in partnership with our staff, your involvement makes a real difference. I am equally grateful to our hardworking staff for their commitment and to our wonderful children for the effort, enthusiasm and joy they bring to school each day.

As we break for half term, I wish every family a peaceful, restful and enjoyable holiday. Please remember that Monday 2nd November 2026 is an INSET day for staff, and the school will be closed to all pupils. Children will return to school on Tuesday 3rd November 2026. Thank you once again for being such an important part of our Adamsrill family. I look forward to another exciting and successful half term as we continue working together to *inspire excellence for all*.

Warmest wishes,
Dr Increase Esoe

Congratulations for spreading the message girls!



Wearing Pink for a Worthy Cause!

Following our earlier **Jeans for Genes Day assembly**, when children learnt about genetic conditions and the importance of understanding and supporting others, our school community once again came together to raise awareness of another important cause: **breast cancer awareness**. On Friday 23rd October, Adamsrill was awash with pink as pupils and staff proudly wore pink clothing and accessories, with many children generously donating £1 in support of this worthy cause. The celebrations were made even more memorable by a wonderful dance performance from four of our very talented girls, who entertained everyone with their confidence, enthusiasm and creativity. Both Jeans for Genes Day and Wear It Pink Day provided valuable opportunities to help our children understand the importance of compassion, empathy and making a positive difference in the lives of others. All funds raised through our Wear It Pink Day will be donated to a breast cancer research charity, helping to support vital research into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

Parents and carers who would like to make an additional contribution are warmly encouraged to donate directly to Breast Cancer Now, a leading UK charity supporting breast cancer research and care, through its official donation page:

https://breastcancernow.org/get-involved/donate

A heartfelt thank you to our families for their generosity, to our staff for their support, and to our fantastic dancers for adding such a special touch to the occasion. **At Adamsrill, even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference!**



Multicultural Day Celebration in the Nursery





Nursery Celebrates Multicultural Day!

Our Nursery children had a wonderful time celebrating Multicultural Day on Thursday 22nd October! We were delighted to welcome some of our parents, who generously gave their time to prepare and share delicious dishes representing different cultures.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to explore and appreciate the rich diversity within our school community through food, shared experiences and celebration. The excitement, smiles and laughter said it all – both children and parents had an absolutely wonderful time!

A huge thank you to our amazing Nursery parents and staff for making the day so special and memorable. **What a lovely celebration of the cultures that make Adamsrill such a vibrant and inclusive school!** We had some excellent dancing (parents and children) from different cultures. Unfortunately it cannot be shared here because of consent.





ADAMSRILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Attendance

To inspire excellence for all

Why Attendance Matters!

At Adamsrill Primary School, we believe that excellent attendance is key to helping every child reach their full potential.

- Build confidence and friendships
- Develop strong learning habits
- Keep up with lessons and school activities
- Achieve their best academically and socially

Remember: Every lesson counts, every day counts, and every child matters.

Behaviour and Welfare Officer Session

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance is essential to your child's learning, wellbeing and development. Being in school every day and arriving on time helps children maintain their learning, build positive relationships, develop confidence and make the most of every opportunity.

We would like to thank all our parents and carers for ensuring their children are in school in good time and ready to learn. Your support makes a real difference to your child's progress and overall wellbeing.

Attendance Policy Reminder

In line with our School Attendance Policy, term-time holidays are not normally authorised. Requests for leave during term time will only be considered where there are exceptional circumstances.

Our Attendance Figures

Good attendance (96% and above)	
4G	100%
YR6	98.68%
3G	98.46%
1B	98.33%
2B	98.4%
4B	97.14%
RB	94.7%
3B	94.1%
YR5	93.38%
RG	92.76%
YR5/6	92.42%
1G	88.14%
2G	87.5%

Let's work together to move every class above 96%.

Aim High, Attend Well, Achieve More!

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE = EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES

CREATIVITY ★ INTEGRITY ★ RESPECT ★ RESPONSIBILITY ★ RESILIENCE

Attendance remains a key priority because regular school attendance has a direct impact on pupils' learning, wellbeing, confidence and friendships. The Department for Education (DfE) is clear that every school day counts, and pupils who attend regularly are more likely to achieve well and benefit fully from school life.

Our expectation is that all pupils achieve attendance of at least 96%.

As we approach the end of the academic year, we thank families for their continued support and remind parents and carers that term-time holidays are not normally authorised.



ADAMSRILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent Partnership Update

To inspire excellence for all

As we continue our school year, we would like to say a big thank you to all our families for your continued support. At Adamsrill Primary School, we value our strong partnership with you and look forward to working together to ensure every child has a positive, happy and successful year.

Stronger Together

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Thanks to the Friends of Adamsrill for putting on the Halloween disco which took place on the 16th of October. The children had a fantastic time!



MULTICULTURAL DAY

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Thanks to all parents and carers for the effort in dressing up your children for this day. It was a wonderful celebration of our diverse community and cultures.



WEAR IT PINK DAY

Friday 23rd October 2026

Thanks to all parents and carers for participating and for all the donations. Your support helped raise funds for this important cause.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Friday 9th October 2026

Thanks to all the parents and carers for the donations made. These donations have now been picked up by the Lewisham Food Bank.



COFFEE MORNING

Thanks to all parents and carers who have attended our coffee mornings. We encourage more parents to participate.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday 13th November 2026

Supporting children and young people across the UK.
Donation of one pound will help improve the quality of life for many children.

CREATIVITY INTEGRITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RESILIENCE

NURSERY

This week, the children enjoyed a lovely trip to the library, where they explored different books and shared special reading moments with their parents. They also chose books to celebrate Black History Month, which they brought back to nursery to continue learning together. Before leaving, the teacher read a story to the children, encouraging their love of reading. We also had a fantastic time celebrating **Space Week!** The children loved exploring the exciting space-themed activities set up around the room, which encouraged their curiosity and imagination. During circle time, we explored the story Look Up! using props to bring the book to life. The children listened carefully, shared their ideas and confidently answered questions about the story. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, communication skills and engagement throughout these experiences.










Messages to parents/carers

Half-term - Friday 23rd October

Children return to school - Tuesday 3rd November

Children In Need - Friday 20th November

Nursery Christmas Production - Friday 4th December

December End of term - Friday 18th December School finishes at 2pm

RECEPTION

The children have made great progress with their phonics sounds, and some are now confidently reading and writing CVC words. We have enjoyed exploring stories including Have You Filled a Bucket Today?, Owl Babies and Anansi the spider. The children particularly enjoyed creating their own owl babies using 2D shapes, as well as retelling and acting out the story of Anansi the spider.

In maths, we have been practising counting to six using one-to-one correspondence, exploring one more and one less, and practising writing our numbers while developing a deeper understanding of what each number represents.
We have also explored a variety of repeating patterns using 2D shapes, natural resources and beads.

The children are enjoying learning their Bollywood dance for Multicultural Day and are looking forward to performing!
In Reception the children continue to develop their social skills by learning to share, take turns and build with a variety of construction materials and playing games.

After half term, Reading Mornings will take place every Thursday. Parents are warmly invited to join us for 20 minutes of reading with their child.

We hope you enjoy a relaxing and restful half-term break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in November!

STARS OF THE MONTH

Readers
- Bilal
- Rosie

Writers
- Betty
- Dahlia

Mathematicians
- Tommy
- Ezra

October

YEAR 1

It has been a busy month!
We have been exploring our senses in Science. We have looked at parts of the eye in detail and labelled a diagram. We used a mirror to help us see and compare our partners eyes with our own. How fascinating!
In English, we have been looking at features of a non-fiction book. We looked at a contents page, captions, headings, pictures and a glossary and even created our own fact file about Astronauts. In Maths we used number lines to solve addition and subtraction equations within 10. We began to look at 3D and 2D shapes.

Stars of the month

Mathematicians



1B - Kenzie

1G - Ruby C

Writers



1B - Otta

1G - Arthur

Reader



1B - Cruz

1G - Tsetslen













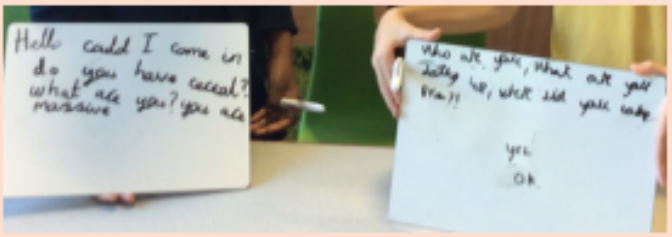
YEAR 2

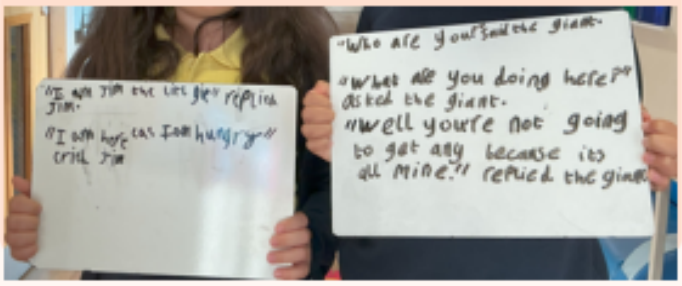
What a fantastic few weeks we've had in Year 2! The children have been working extremely hard as usual and have enjoyed a busy few weeks.

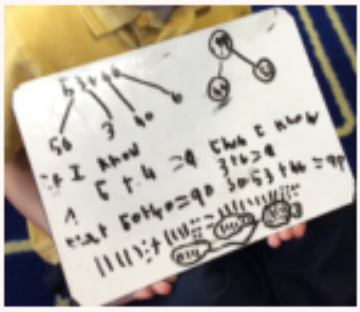
In English, we have been looking at the book Jim and The Beanstalk. The children were writing letters in role, role playing conversations between two characters and becoming more confident in using inverted commas in their writing.

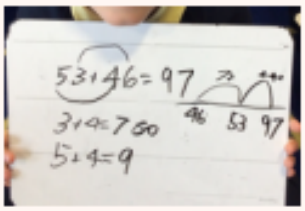
In Maths, the children used number lines and partitioning strategies to solve addition calculations, developing their confidence in adding two-digit numbers.

In RE, the children discussed how we can recognise right and wrong behaviour. They created posters to show rules that help us make good choices, show kindness and respect.











STARS OF THE MONTH

Maths

Grace 2B Theodore 2G

Writers

Kit 2B Ottilie 2G

Readers

Elodie 2B Poppy-Rae 2G

Dates for your diary

- Inset Day -Monday 2nd November
- KS1 Chrsitmas Production - Thursday 10th December

YEAR THREE

Year 3 have had a busy first half term of the year. They have settled in well and are working hard. It was especially nice to meet so many parents during our recent Target Setting evenings.

Our Year 3 pupils have had the opportunity to learn how to play the ukulele. We have investigated and explored rocks and soils in Science. Looked at the Stone Age in History, where the children visited the Horniman museum and took part in a workshop and were able to touch real Stone Age artefacts.

We still have Multicultural Day to enjoy to end this fantastic half term!











The children in Year 3 have been looking at the book The Heart and the Bottle.

They have had the opportunity to write postcards, character descriptions, diary en-







Year 3's writers of the month are:

3B— Enid Sheldrick Devine

3G— Ezra Timbrell



3B— Hayat Pormodhegi

3G— Raphealla Adekoya

Year 3's readers of the month are:

3B— Felix Gammon

3G— Zarah Adegboro

Thank you for your continued support during this term.

YEAR FOUR





4B and 4G have had an amazing time visiting Rand Park Farm. They have taken part in lots of different activities including bird box making and pizza making as well as helping to do lots of jobs around the farm.









Writer of the month
4G- Bella Buzi
4B- Indigo Fernandez

Mathematician of the month
4G- Millie Flemming
4B- Zora Mushonga

Reader of the month
4G – Omari Clayton
4B – Mason Ruddle

🚀 Out of This World! 🌟

YEAR 5/6

Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic day at the **National Maritime Museum**, where they journeyed through space and discovered more about the wonders of our universe.

The children took part in exciting demonstrations and hands-on activities, learning about **black holes, the solar system, rockets and space travel**. They explored a **Mars rover landing**, used a **starlight splitter** to investigate light from distant stars, and even stepped inside a **Galaxy Box** to experience the vastness of space in a unique way.

One of the highlights of the day was an immersive **planetarium show**, where pupils learned more about the stars, planets and constellations that make up our universe. Their curiosity and enthusiasm shone throughout the visit as they asked thoughtful questions and engaged fully with every activity.

It was a truly inspiring day that sparked imaginations and deepened pupils' understanding of science and space exploration.

✨ **Ask your child to share their favourite space fact from the trip. You may be amazed by what they can tell you!** 🚀















DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Half Term Begins:** Monday 26th - 30th October, 2026
- **Inset Day:** Monday 2nd November (No school)
- **5/6G Class Assembly:** Thursday 12th November, 2026
- **5B Class Assembly:** Thursday 19th November, 2026
- **Year 6 Autumn Term 2 Assessment:** 23rd - 26th November 2026
- **Year 5 Autumn Term 2 Assessment:** 30th November - 4th December 2026

Mathematicians of the Month:
6B: Haydn
5/6G: Bademba
5B: Austin

Writers of the Month:
6B: Elspeth
5/6G: Ariah
5B: Darcy

Readers of the Month:
6B: Lola
5/6G: Sara
5B: Ayesha



AUTUMN TERM 2026 ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Ballers Sports Coaching

Adamsrill Primary School

Timetable

Monday 3:30-4:30

KS1 /KS2 Dodgeball (£50)

Tuesday 3:30-4:30

KS1 Football (£50)



Wednesday 3:30-4:30

KS1/KS2 Tennis (£50)
KS1/KS2 Arts & Crafts (£70)

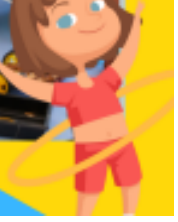
Thursday 3:30-4:30

KS1/KS2 Gymnastics (£70)
KS2 Karate (£70)

Friday 3:30-4:30

KS2 Football (£50)





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Mini Engineers + Make Code Arcade

After School Club



Microsoft MakeCode

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Students will learn key coding concepts such as sequences, loops, and events, all while building their own interactive digital creations.

Depending on their age and skill level, students can learn with Code Blocks, Python, or JavaScript.

Mini Engineers:
MONDAY FROM
3.30-4:30PM
Reception - Y2

Make Code Arcade:
TUESDAY FROM
3.30-4:30PM
Y3 - Y6

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YEARS 1-6

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ADAMSRILL SCHOOL GARDENING CLUB

WEDNESDAY
3:30–4:30PM

YEARS
1–6

£8
PER SESSION

- Grow plants from seed
- Learn about nature and wildlife
- Garden craft activities
- Help bring green spaces into the school
- Grow fruits and vegetables
- Learn about our plant life cycles

LET'S GROW TOGETHER!

DIG IN. LEARN. GROW.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL PARENTS AND CARERS

Thank You for Supporting Our School Street

A big **thank you to all our parents and carers** for observing the extended **Adamsrill/St Michael School Street** arrangements. Your cooperation is helping to create a calmer, safer and more pleasant environment around our schools at the beginning and end of the school day. We hope that families are already beginning to appreciate the benefits of reduced traffic around the school gates.

While the School Street helps to reduce vehicle movement, it is important that we **do not become complacent about road safety**. Vehicles may still need to access the area for authorised reasons, and children will continue to encounter traffic on surrounding roads. Please continue to remind children to **stop, look and listen carefully before crossing**, use safe crossing points wherever possible, and never assume that a road is completely traffic-free.

Thank you for working with us to help keep **all our children safe** on their journeys to and from school.

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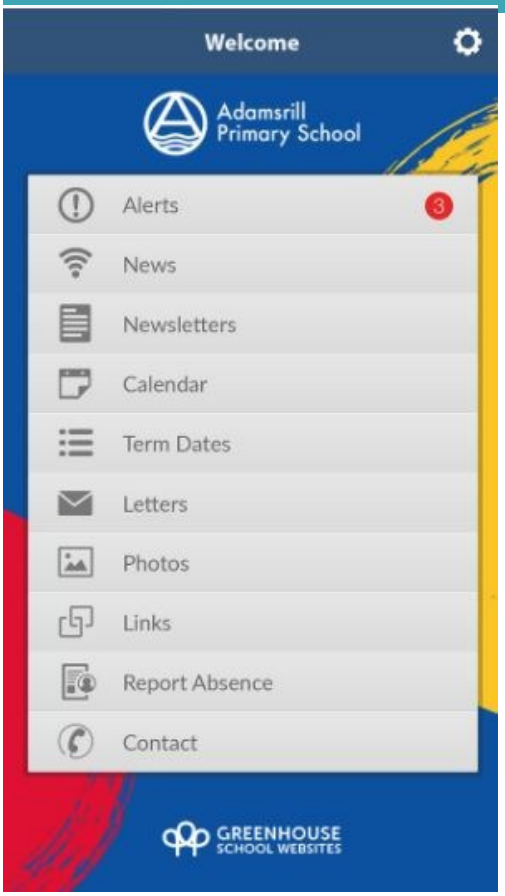
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Our Mobile App

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- **Alerts**: Recent notifications sent by the school
- **Calendar**: Latest diary dates which you can add to your device calendar
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- **Links:** Useful links
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