



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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This week has been an incredibly busy week! We have had three year groups out on trips this week and they have made us incredible proud by representing the school brilliantly and using their enquiring minds! Year 5 learned about our solar system at the Winchester Science Museum, Year 3 delved into the world of Chocolate production at Cadbury's World and Year 4 completed their 11b411 at Dinton Pastures by going on a hike! We are pleased that so many families took the opportunity to take some reading books home from our old stock – please enjoy sharing these books at home as a family! We are using this opportunity to restock our library and really appreciate families who have recently donated new reading books for our collection! I will use this opportunity to remind all families to log into the parent app for GoRead and log reading sessions three times a week so that we can track their progress at home and at school. If you need your login instructions resent, please let us know. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week!



Miss. Thomassen
Head of School

Inset Day

A reminder that Friday 1st July is an inset day and school will be closed to all pupils.

There has been confusion over the last day of the summer term. I can confirm that the last day for pupils to attend will be Tuesday 19th July.

Leaving The Palmer Academy

If your child in Reception through to Year 5 will be leaving us at the end of the Summer term, please email admin@thepalmeracademy.com to let us know. Many thanks

SEND Guide for Parent Carers updated

The SEND Guide for Parent Carers, first published last June, has been revised and updated. It is a quick and easy guide for parents of children with SEND and answers frequently asked questions around education, childcare support, welfare benefits and much more. The guide was produced by BfFC in collaboration with Reading SEND Local Offer, Reading IASS, Reading Families' Forum and local school SENCos. You can find the latest version at: [SEND Guide for Parent Carers | Reading Services Guide](#).

Summer HAF scheme registration open

Just a reminder that parents/carers can now register for the summer Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) scheme if they have a child eligible for pupil premium free school meals. Holiday camps will offer children activities including arts and crafts, board games, karaoke, drama and a variety of different sport, such as football, cricket, basketball, tennis, hockey and much more!

Families can register at: [Holiday Activities and Food scheme \(HAF\) - Brighter Futures For Children](#)

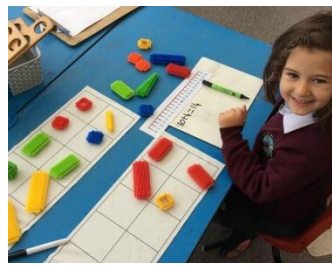
Community Wellbeing Update June/July 2022

Please use this link for the June / July Community Wellbeing Newsletter which contains updates on the following: <https://servicesguide.reading.gov.uk/kb5/reading/directory/site.page?id=OUdZSnRYQ24>

- Financial support in Reading
- Free mentoring and training for people who are unemployed
- A new wellbeing café for hobbies and activities at Abbey Baptist Church
- Dates for walk-in Covid 19 vaccinations
- Free wellbeing sessions from Compass Recovery College
- Tips for keeping cool in the heatwave
- Nature activities at Holy Brook Nook
- Grass Rootz youth club
- And more!!

What have Reception been learning about this week?

This week the children have enjoyed learning about trains old and new and had great fun creating trains in the outside learning environment to go on exciting adventures with their friends! We have been listening to the sound made by trains as they clatter along the train tracks and have copied the rhythm using the musical instruments. In maths we have been reminding ourselves about addition using ten frames and are getting very good at writing the tens numbers. We love spending time in the reading shed when the weather is a bit too hot and sunny!



What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

This week, Year 2 have been writing their own versions of the Tortoise and the Hare. We have seen lots of innovative fables like “The Polar Bear and the Penguin” and “The Lion and the Giraffe.” They have made for some exciting and enjoyable reads. In Maths, we are recapping fractions. We are learning how to find half, quarter and a third of a number. We have learned that fractions are equal parts of a whole number, and it is important that all parts are the same size. Next week, we will be covering non-unit fractions and word problems. In Science, we have been super scientists! Last week, we created rainbows using mirrors, and this week, we created our own telephones. It was fun to try and communicate with each other using our own inventions. In History, we continued to learn about old toys and explore change of toys through the decades. We are really looking forward to our trip to Beale Park next week and especially seeing all the animals!

What have Year 4 been learning about this week?

This week, Year 4 have continued learning about the Anglo-Saxons. We found out about what their houses looked like and how they were made. Next week, we will have a go at making our own structures using the wattle and daub methods. This meant we had the opportunity to go out into the field and forage for sticks and materials to make our

structures. It was lovely to see the children's enthusiasm while doing this practical activity. We are also very excited about our trip to Dinton Pastures this week - spending more time adventuring out in the fresh air.

Note: It would be great if the children could bring in an old t-shirt for Tuesday's history lesson – it could get messy!

What have Year 6 been learning about this week?

This week Year 6 have been learning about the Victorians. We found out all about Doctor Barnardo and all he did to help children's lives improve. We have continued learning how to tell the time in French and this week explored how to use the 24-hour clock which involved using numbers up to 60 in French. We have been practising our leaver's assembly and have been reminiscing over memories from our time at Palmer to include. In PSHE we have been thinking about transition and thinking over worries and anxieties as well as the excitement we have about secondary school. It has also been very exciting as some of us have visited our new secondary schools and spent the day finding how what life in our new schools will be like.



TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!

Engagement has dropped for TTRockstars and so I have chosen only to list those children that are currently Rock Heros and will therefore be invited to the end of year party!

Alien - Sujal - Eduard - Wahaab - Bryant - Amelia - Joel - Rupa - Emmanuel - Muzammil - Hope

There are 60 children that are less than 1 second away from getting their invitation too! Who can join them?

Let's see how much we improve this coming week so that we can share Most Valuable Players again!- Miss Gundry



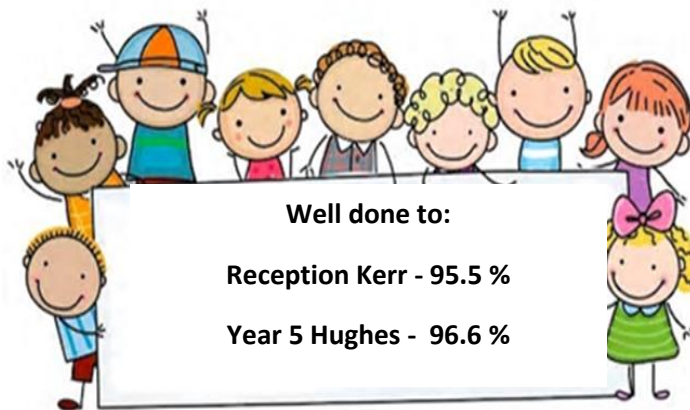
Attendance Information



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| Nursery AM | Nursery PM | YR Kerr | YR Rosen | Y1 Cole | Y1 Donaldson | Y2 Ahlberg | Y2 Butterworth |
| 92.7% | 91.7% | 95.5% | 88.6% | 89.3% | 92.6% | 92.7% | 94.4% |



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| Y3 Benjamin | Y3 King-Smith | Y4 Binch | Y4 Pullman | Y5 Hughes | Y5 Morpurgo | Y6 Horowitz | Y6 Lewis |
| 95.3% | 94.3% | 89.6% | 93.7% | 96.6% | 90.4% | 91.5% | 94.4% |



Attendance for the whole school year is currently 92.1%

You have to be in it to win it! If you attend school every day you will automatically be put into our attendance raffle which will be drawn on a Friday afternoon. A winner from KS2, KS1 and Early Years will be selected and win a special prize. We are always looking for exciting prizes so if you have any new items which would make good attendance prizes, please feel free to donate to the office.

Well done to our winners this week Ollie, Divina and Amaan