



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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As we have arrived in December, we have certainly started feeling winter truly setting in! We keep so busy in school we sometimes forget that we only have a matter of weeks left in this year! At school, we are using every moment of this term to learn, experience and explore our topics this term. It was so lovely to see the Year Two children exploring their topic of transport at the Beaulieu Motor Museum! Thank you to all the families who are ensuring their children are getting to school "Here Everyday Ready and Ontime" (HERO) as this is making a huge difference to the children being ready for their first lessons! I wonder which house will get the most token next week!?

Finally, I have two reminders before we enjoy our weekend. Firstly, please ensure to only use the pedestrian gate when arriving and leaving school as the main gate is for the road down to the school which is not a safe place for children to be walking. Finally, please remember that our new headteacher, Miss Higginbotham, will be visiting our school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and will be outside the front office at drop-off and collection to introduce herself.



Miss. Thomassen
Head of School

Reminder: Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 14th December. Please book your child's meal through Parent Pay no later than 5th December. Absolutely no Christmas dinners can be booked after this date.

Parent Pay accounts

Please ensure your Parent Pay lunch account is not in debt by Friday 16th December. The school need to send a debt report to our catering provider after this date for costs to be received. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Reminder: 16th December-Carol Concert at Christchurch Church

Please see original letter for the permission link

Christmas Jumper Day

On 14th December we are going to be wearing our Christmas jumpers and Christmas finery, to mark Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Children need to bring in £1 to support the charity and we look forward to seeing everyone's fabulous, festive jumpers.

What have Reception been learning about this week?

In Reception this week we have been reading the story of Goldilocks and the three Bears. We sequenced the pictures and then retold the story to our friends to make sure that we can remember it and write it down. In maths we have

been thinking about the vocabulary of time and ordering events during the day. We have started to learn the songs for our Christmas concert and are very excited to sing them to our audience later in the month.

Could we please remind parents that the children need to have a PE kit in school on Mondays, including trainers or plimsols. The children get changed into their kit in the afternoon; they should not come to school wearing it underneath their school uniform. They also need to wear their shoes to school and change into their trainers when they change into their PE kit.

A few parents have asked for a reminder about home learning –

EVERYDAY the children need their book bag with their reading book inside it.

Homework (blue folder) and a reading book goes home on Friday and must be returned by Wednesday.

We collect the book bags in on Thursday to swap reading books and put new home learning in the blue folder.

What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

What a fantastic week it has been for the Year 2's this week! In English, we started reading the story of Goldilocks and the three bears and the learners absolutely loved writing this story into their books paying close attention to the punctuation they use. In maths we have started learning how to count money, the learners have enjoyed being able to look at the various coins and be able to count them to work out how many pence they have. On Thursday, the year 2's enjoyed a wonderful trip to the car museum. They were able to see the first bicycle and the first car invented and even got a chance to ride in one of the very old cars. They had a chance to ride on the motor-rail over the car museum being able to identify the different cars they liked from above. Everyone had a lot of fun! We have been very busy with nativity practices this week. Please practice your child's lines at home this weekend.

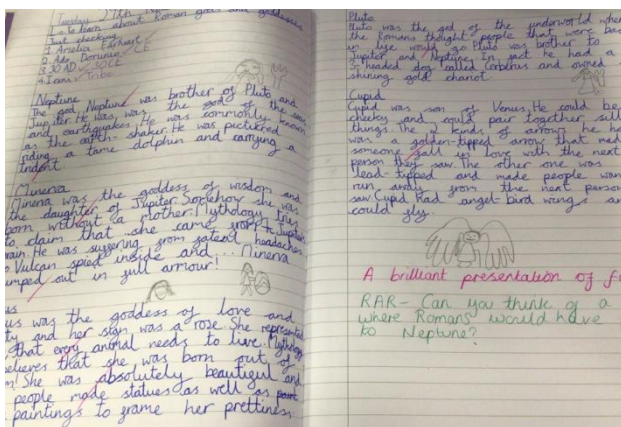


What have Year 4 been learning about this week?

What a wonderful week it has been for our lovely Year 4 learners. The children have really impressed us with their attitude towards assessment week- a time to show off their skills, knowledge and understanding. We are proud of their progress so far this year and excited to see how much further they progress in the Spring term!

In our afternoon sessions, we have been learning all about Roman Gods and Goddesses in History- please see some of our fantastic learning below! We have also really enjoyed exploring the library as part of our reading sessions. We read a book from this term's book collection which is all about Diversity and Celebrating differences. In Year 4, we are having a real push on wearing the correct school uniform. Please ensure your child is wearing black school shoes and a school jumper. If you need any further assistance with this, please speak to our lovely office staff. 😊

Remember to keep practicing those times tables as the MTC is fast approaching! If your child uses TTrackstars, please ask them to complete Garage as it will give us a clear indication of the tables they need extra help with. Many thanks as always for your support!



What have Year 6 been learning about this week?

Year 6 have been demonstrating the focus and attitudes of amazing learners this week. They have embraced the chance to demonstrate their learning and approached each assessment with a positive attitude. The whole year 6 team are very proud of every child for what they have achieved this week. We have continued our study of the human circulation system in science, conducting an investigation to explore the relationship between exercise and our heartbeats. This will continue into next week when we will be learning more ways to ensure we have a healthy heart, so watch out for lots of useful advice coming home! In History next week, we will be learning about our schools namesake, George Palmer. We will be evaluating the impact that he had on Reading during the Industrial revolution, so if you have any amazing facts you can share at home in preparation for this, please do. We are continuing to focus on independence in lessons next week, identifying children who are making use of all available learning time – our superstars next Friday will be focused on this. Keep up all the hard work with reading at home and times tables, thank you for all of your support as always!

Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
80.0%	79.3%	90.3%	93.0%	88.3%	88.9%	89.6%	91.4%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
91.2%	81.1%	93.3%	86.1%	89.4%	91.1%	92.6%	94.0%

Attendance for the whole school year is currently 92.8%

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: JENSON ,AVA and DECLAN on winning the attendance raffle!

A special well done to **JOHNSON House** who won the most HERO (here, every day, ready on time) tokens!