

# THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

**Edition 104**

**Friday 6th September 2024**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year. Children have returned to school calm, happy and ready to learn. On Wednesday I talked to the children about Responsibility and focussed on one of our Palmer Powers - 'Responsible Rosa'. We talked about responsibility meaning 'Doing what you should do – when you should do it.' The children shared their responsibilities in different areas of the school, such as listening to staff, asking questions, tidying up after they finish and being kind to one another. We will continue to focus on responsibility for this half term.

Over the Summer Holidays, I was informed that Palmer Academy has received the Bronze Award for Eco Schools. I'd like to thank our Eco Schools team for their hard work towards this award. We have added sustainability learning into our Science and Geography curriculum, so the children will continue to deepen their understanding about climate change and taking care of the world around them.

Our Reception children had their first day in school today and have been learning their new routines, playing together and making friends. We are so proud of them and excited for their future learning and enjoyment at Palmer.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any queries please don't hesitate to ask



With kind regards

**Miss A Higginbotham**

**Headteacher**

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## Reminders and Information for Parents

Please note there is an opportunity to meet the new teachers in Year 1,2,4 and 5 on the following date and times- (If you are unable to attend and you require any information please inform the school)

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September Meet the teacher meeting Year 1 and 2 @ 3:30pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September Meet the teacher meeting Year 4 @ 3:30 pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September Meet the teacher meeting Year 5 @ 3:30 pm

PE DAYS	
CLASS	DAYS
RECEPTION	MONDAY
YEAR 1	MONDAY and WEDNESDAY
YEAR 2	TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY
YEAR 3	MONDAY and TUESDAY
YEAR 4	TUESDAY and THURSDAY
YEAR 5	WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY (for next 10 weeks- Swimming)
YEAR 6	MONDAY and FRIDAY

## Uniform

Could we please ask Parents/Carers to make sure all uniforms are clearly labelled. Nearly all the uniform emptied from the lost property bins is unnamed, making it impossible to return to the rightful owners.

## School lunches

Parents are now able to cancel and book school dinners up to 9am in the morning. Please remember to order for your child before this time and cancel any meals not required should your child be absent for the day, you will still be charged if meals aren't cancelled. Meals should only be ordered by the school office on the rare occasion that you may have forgotten to order. We are still experiencing a high number of pupils every day that have no school dinner ordered – if this continues we will phone parents to bring in a packed lunch so could you ensure you have booked for the week ahead. Please speak to the school office if you need a reminder of how to order through Parent Pay.

From 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 Meal prices are changing to £2.57

## **Grassroots**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Schools and Grassroots fixture of 2024-25 Season!**

School and Grassroots fixtures are returning to the Select Car Leasing Stadium for the 2024/25 season, giving your group the opportunity to cheer on the Royals and win fantastic prizes and experiences!

The first fixture of the campaign will be when Crawley Town make the visit to RG2 on Saturday 19th October, 12.30pm.

Across the course of the last two seasons more than 250 schools and clubs from Berkshire and the surrounding areas sold over 30,000 tickets through the scheme, which sees them earn a discount code which they can pass on to their students or players for specific fixtures in the Royals' campaign.

With Rubén Sellés' side starting to make our home a fortress, we would like nothing more than to see you bring your support as we look to continue a fine start! Full details of how to get involved can be found below so please share with all your children, friends, family and staff and let me know if you require any further information.

### **You have been invited to Reading Football Club's 1<sup>st</sup> Schools and Grassroots Fixture of 2024-25!**

#### **When?**

Reading vs Crawley Town  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 12.30pm kick off

#### **Where?**

Select Car Leasing Stadium

#### **How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?**

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: **#ThePalmerAcademy** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets which will be discounted to the below prices:

**13 and Under: £1**

**17 and Under: £3**

**18 to 24: £5**

**65 and over: £5**

**Adult: £10**

#### **How many tickets can we purchase?**

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code.

**Important!** This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off.

#### **6 great prizes to be won for your School!**

Select your School [here](#) to cast your vote and be in with a chance to win one of 6 great prizes!

If you have any questions about this offer, please email [sales@readingfc.co.uk](mailto:sales@readingfc.co.uk) or call 0118 968 1313.

**Come on URRRZZ!!**

WALK TOGETHER ON A WEDNESDAY



MEET AT HEXHAM ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE

1:15PM TO 2:30PM

ALL AGES AND ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

SEPTEMBER 4TH, 11TH, 18TH, 25TH

OCTOBER 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD

NOVEMBER 6TH, 13TH, 20TH, 27TH

HEXHAM.ROADCC@READING.GOV.UK

0118 937 3352

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Borough Council



# HEXHAM COMPUTER AND COFFEE CLUB

## Hexham Community Centre

Suitable for all  
abilities, including  
beginners

**FREE!**

Last Thursday of  
the month 11am -  
1pm



# Discounted Events

## Clip n Climb Reading

13th September | 6pm | From £6

The Grain Store, Bridge Farm, Clip 'n Climb, RG2 9HT

## High Score Arcade Newbury

14th September | From £6

1 Hour Sessions - 12:45pm | 1:45pm | 2:45pm

25 Cheap St, Newbury RG14 5DB

## High Score Arcade Bracknell

14th September | From £6

1 Hour Sessions - 5:15pm | 6:15pm | 7:15pm

The Lexicon, 20 Princess Sq, RG12 1LS

## Bowling Bracknell

18th September | 6pm | From £3

The Point, Skimped Hill Ln, RG12 1EN



Please book via email - [activities@spotlightuk.org](mailto:activities@spotlightuk.org)  
For more information visit the events calendar on our website  
[www.spotlightuk.org](http://www.spotlightuk.org) Reg Charity 1129258



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# FOODSEQUAL

## FSE in Whitley

We have been doing our research about food in Whitley from 2021! Yep, it's been awhile!

Below is what we have gathered from various conversations through workshops, interviews, focus groups that we've held.

### 🍌 Views about food from Whitley 🍌



we don't want unhealthy chemicals and additives



we want more fresh fruits and vegs



Keeping families well-fed and happy is challenging!

End the Stigma  
Stop the Shaming

NO to stigma and inequality!

What are your thoughts on these ?

# WELLBEING SESSIONS

—HEXHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE—

Led by qualified instructors these chair-based sessions are perfect for gently rebuilding your strength, suppleness, stamina and skill and more importantly, provide an opportunity to reconnect and socialise with others.



**CLASS: FUN SEATED EXERCISE AND DANCE**

**DAY & TIME: MONDAY 2.00pm - 2.30pm**

**VENUE: HEXHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE, 1A  
BAMBURGH CLOSE, READING RG2 7UD**

**START DATE & COST: MONDAY 3rd JUNE 2024, FREE**

To book your place email/call Kate

[kate.wiggins@getberkshireactive.org](mailto:kate.wiggins@getberkshireactive.org)

07706 357 801



[getberkshireactive.org](http://getberkshireactive.org)



From £3 per person

# Jungle Mania Soft Play in Woodley



Friday 27th September  
6.15-8.15pm

Unit 4, Headley Park Nine, Headley Rd E,  
Woodley, Reading RG5 4SQ

Bookings must be confirmed in advance please email  
[activities@spotlightuk.org](mailto:activities@spotlightuk.org)  
[www.spotlightuk.org](http://www.spotlightuk.org) Reg Charity 1129258

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Calling all families and residents for an exciting Health and Wellbeing event.

Parking space is limited please use public transport where possible.

Entry is Free

**BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET** 



**THE HEXHAM ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE PRESENTS:**

# THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CHAMPIONS HEALTH EXPO DAY

FREE REFRESHMENTS, A VARIETY OF HEALTHY CONVERSATIONS,  
A FREE YOGA SESSION (OPTIONAL PARTICIPATION), COOKING DEMO,  
FREE RAFFLE DRAW, KIDDIES GAMES, HEALTH CHECKS/SCREENINGS,  
ARTISTIC SHOWCASES, SPECIAL GUESTS AND MORE...

**SATURDAY**  
**14TH SEPTEMBER, 2024**



11:30AM -5PM



**VENUE: HEXHAM ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

RG2 7UD



If you have any questions please email us at [hexham.roadcc@reading.gov.uk](mailto:hexham.roadcc@reading.gov.uk) or call us on 01189373352





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books is like a  
body without a  
soul."

— Marcus Tullius  
Cicero

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# Do I need to keep my child off school?

<b>Chicken Pox</b> Until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

## Attendance Information

Attendance is a key priority for our school this term. We want to ensure that all children's attendance percentages are in line or above national average of 97%. Children with an attendance of 97% above are more likely to be happier attending school, make better progress and eventually achieve better in formal exams. Please see below how even missing a few days of school can lead to many hours of learning missed.

Yearly Attendance	Days Missed	Hours Missed
100%	0	0
97%	6	30
95%	10	50
90%	20	100
80%	40	200

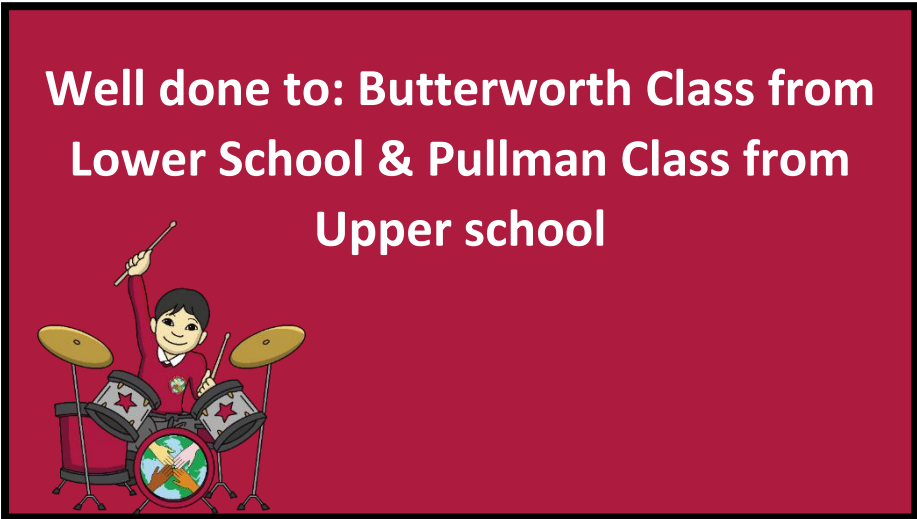


		<b>Year 1</b>		<b>Year 2</b>			
		Cole	Donaldson	Ahlberg	Butterworth		
		89.3 %	90.0%	87.1%	91.7%		
<b>Year 3</b>		<b>Year 4</b>		<b>Year 5</b>		<b>Year 6</b>	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
91.9%	82.8 %	86.2%	97.9%	87.4%	80.3%	88.7%	90.4%

**Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 88.7%**

**Attendance Raffle**

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 each class will be selected and win a special prize. We are also now holding a half term raffle for those children who have 100 percent attendance where they can win prizes such as amazon vouchers, roblox points, art kits and pencil cases. All the children have to do to be in with a chance of winning is to be in school every day!



**Turing wins House of the week- Congratulations.**