

THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to the parents and carers who have given their names to be volunteers at the school. We are delighted with the response! If you have given your names someone from the school will be in touch with you before half term to arrange to organise your DBS. If you wanted to volunteer for reading, lunchtimes, trips or gardening but have not yet told us, don't worry, it is not too late. Please let our school office know.

On Thursday it was World Teachers Day and last Friday it was National Teaching Assistant Day. It gave us opportunity to thank our wonderful team of staff who support and care for the children. I would also include our amazing office team, caretaker and kitchen team who all make a huge difference to the children here. Working in a school is such a fantastic job. It is so much more than education. The staff team at Palmer are committin to go above and beyond to support the children in all aspects of school life and their development.

We are getting ready for parents' evenings next week so we can share the learning the children have been doing since September. It is also a good opportunity to talk to the class teacher if you'd like to know how you could support your child's learning at home. I look forward to seeing you all over those evenings.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

A Higginbotham

Miss A Higginbotham

Headteacher



Important Dates

October is Black History Month

10th October-World Mental Health Day – Wear yellow

10th and 11th October Parents Evening (Year 2 Alhberg only)

11th and 12th October Parents Evening

PLEASE NOTE PARENT EVENING BOOKINGS WILL CLOSE MONDAY 9th OCTOBER @6PM

Mental Health Day

On Tuesday 10th October we will be marking Mental health day by wearing yellow and bringing in £1s to raise money for young minds (the mental health charity for young people).

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% or 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



Nursery		Year R		Year 1		Year 2	
AM	PM	Kerr	Rosen	Cole	Donaldson	Ahlberg	Butterworth
88.4%	86.6%	95.1%	85.2%	93.5%	92.6%	96.0%	86.1%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
95.4%	89.3%	88.9%	87.7%	98.2%	95.7%	87.4%	90.4%

Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 93.3%

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!

