

THE PALMER ACADEMY

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a very special and meaningful week ahead as we observe Anti-Bullying Week, Remembrance Day, and Children in Need. Here's an overview of each event and how your child can participate.

Anti-Bullying Week (November 11th - 15th)

This year's Anti-Bullying Week theme is "**Choose Respect**". We'll focus on teaching our children the importance of respecting others, standing up against bullying, and creating a supportive school environment. Here's what we have planned:

- **Odd Socks Day (Tuesday, November 12th):** Children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate individuality and kindness.
- **Assembly:** Children will have an assembly focusing on respect and empathy.
- **Classroom Activities:** Throughout the week, children will engage in discussions and activities that emphasise inclusivity, positive interactions, and ways they can help build a respectful school community.

Remembrance Day (November 11th)

On Monday, November 11th, we will hold a **special assembly** on our playground to honour those who have served and sacrificed in conflicts worldwide. This will include a moment of silence at 11:00 a.m. Poppies will continue to be available for purchase on Monday morning, with all proceeds going to the Royal British Legion to support veterans and their families.

Children in Need (Friday, November 15th)

To finish the week, we'll be celebrating **Children in Need** on Friday, November 15th. Students are invited to wear **something yellow, spotty, or Pudsey Bear-related**. We suggest a donation of £1 to take part, with all funds raised supporting Children in Need's work to improve the lives of young people in need across the UK.

Thank you for supporting these events, which promote kindness, respect, and generosity within our school community.

A Higginbotham

Kind Regards

Miss A Higginbotham

Headteacher



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Hiking Heroes	Year 4 go on a hike around the local lake reservoir in the Autumn term, exploring changes in seasons and using senses to support writing	Year 4
Perfect a pitch	Using the leadership for change programme Year 5 will be taking part in the discussions around leadership and sharing their opinions in the online lesson. This will result in them writing a pitch to submit to the competition.	Year 5
Ride a large Animal	All children in Year 3 visit the local stables and ride a horse. They learn how to look after a horse and care for it.	Year 3
Culture Vulture	West End show in London- travelling to London by bus, train and tube. Experiencing West End Theatre.	Year 6
Sleepover under the stars	A sleepover in the school or the science museum (depending on numbers interested) under the stars projector/stars planetarium. Encouraging independence and resilience.	Year 5
Seeds to Supper	Planting carrot seeds to have as part of their lunch in the school dining hall after they have grown.	Year 2
Messing about on water	The Year 1 trip to the beach involves them experimenting and paddling in the water.	Year 1
Create something amazing	A whole school talent show. Audition rounds so all children can showcase a talent	Whole School
10 good deeds in 10 days	Children in Reception and Nursery complete 10 good deeds within the school community and for their families	Reception and Nursery
Wildlife Warriors	Creating bug hotels as part of their mini beast topic for the area and creating bird feeders to encourage the bird life.	Year 1
Shake it up Shakespeare	A Shakespeare workshop using different drama and expression to bring to life a Shakespeare story	Year 4

Reminders and Information for Parents

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

Important dates

11th November Armistice Day

12th November Year 4 trip to Reading Museum

12th November odd socks day for Anti-bullying

15th November Children in Need Children can wear spotty/yellow clothes, non-uniform or any 'Pudsey' style clothing and bring £1 to donate to the children in need charity.

29th November Yr2 trip to Beaulieu

Travelling Books for a Book Fair will be in the school hall after school from **26th November 2024** to **2nd December 2024**, bringing you an unbeatable range of the latest and best children's books.

Anti-bullying week – Odd Socks Day – Tuesday 12th November

We will be marking anti bullying week next week. The children will be learning what bullying is, how to prevent it and what to do if they feel they are being bullied. We will also be celebrating all the differences between us all. We will be celebrating how unique we all are by wearing odd socks on **Tuesday 12th November**. The children must wear usual school uniform but can wear odd socks under their uniform ! We can't wait to see all the jazzy socks the children will wear !

Children in Need

We will be supporting the Children in Need charity on Friday 15th November by wearing anything yellow, spotty or Pudsey themed. We would ask for a donation of £1 for the charity. We will also be learning about this year's theme- lightening the load for children and finding out all about Pudsey and the charity.

Reminders

Parking

A friendly reminder to please refrain from parking on double yellow lines or zig zag markings. Doing so poses a danger to our children as they enter and leave the school premises. Additionally, we kindly ask that disabled badge holders avoid parking in these restricted areas. If you hold a disabled badge and require proximity to the school for accessibility reasons, please reach out to our office. We're here to support you in finding suitable parking arrangements.

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 4th November 2024 Meal prices changed to £2.57- Please see new menu attached. Please note there are no jacket potatoes on Tuesday 's and Thursday's- it will be pasta in tomato sauce

Other information

Letter from Kendrick School

Dear Parent/carer

KENDRICK SCHOOL – WIDENING HORIZONS

We are writing to you as a parent/carer of a girl in school Years 3, 4 or 5, who is in receipt of pupil premium (free school meals or who has received free school meals in the last six years), service premium or is in care or has previously been in care, and who lives within our designated area.

We would like to invite you to our **Information Evening on Tuesday 26th November 2024 from 4.15pm – 5.30pm to explain what Widening Horizons at Kendrick School is, and for you to find out how we can help to support your child on their academic journey, and the opportunities that are available to them at Kendrick School during School Years 3,4 & 5, completely free of charge.**

These opportunities are to enrich the academic lives and learning of any girls who fall within this category, and not just for those who are considering Kendrick as a secondary school, (although these students would be accepted with a lower score and be provided with free practice papers, an online learning programme and a test familiarisation day in the summer holidays, should they decide in due course to sit our Admissions Test.)

We are also delighted to inform you that Kendrick School has been awarded the Sutton Trust Fair School Admissions Award at **Gold** level. The top **Gold** level is awarded to schools who have made significant changes to their admissions policies to ensure that there is fair access to all pupils regardless of socio-economic background. Kendrick was recognised for the multiple systems we have in place to support access for children eligible for pupil premium funding within our Widening Horizons project.

The programme for the **Information Evening on Tuesday 26th November** is as follows:

- 4.15pm Registration
- 4.30-4.45pm Welcome and introduction from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher
- 4.45-5.30pm Activities for children, Tour of the School and Q & A/refreshments for parents

If you would like to attend this event, then please email Mrs Nicholson at GNicholson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk who will register you for the event and answer any questions you may have.

We do hope you will come along to find out what a friendly and welcoming school we are and how we can support you and your child on their learning journey.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards

Ms Christine Kattirtzi
Headteacher



Parent safe- keeping your children safe: online & beyond

It's never easy to know how to keep our children safe when they aren't with us, and sometimes even when are, if we don't know what's happening in their lives or on their devices! Who are they talking to, what are they doing, are they okay? Don't despair though...scroll through this page for help or click a button to go straight to a particular topics.

[Home \(lgfl.net\)](http://lgfl.net)

Being a parent has never been easy. There are no manuals for it, and previous generations may not be able to provide the insight you're looking for. The family unit is more dispersed than ever, with some families existing hundreds of miles from what may be called a 'core unit'. The rapid pace of societal change in the UK rapidly outstrips the knowledge of the immediate past. The result is that many parents may find themselves lost in a maelstrom of contradictory advice. For adults, time has never been more compacted. Family Lives has produced a series of online parenting courses, to make this challenge a little easier. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

Family Lives offers a confidential and free* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). They can be contacted on 0808 800 2222 for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice.
(Free from landlines and most mobiles)*

From Reading FC

2nd Schools and Grassroots fixture of 2024-25 Season!

We'd like to sincerely thank you for your support at our 1st School and Grassroots fixture of the season when we welcomed over 3,000 of you from our local schools and grassroots clubs to cheer us on to a 4-1 win over Crawley Town!

We're thrilled to welcome all our local schools and grassroots clubs! Your support truly enhances the atmosphere, and the players genuinely appreciate it. So, let's do it all over again!

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 2nd Schools and Grassroots Fixture of 2024-25!

When?

Reading vs Blackpool
Saturday 14th December, 3pm 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: £4

18 to 24: £7

65 and over: £7

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 or call 0118 968 1313.

Come on URRRZZ!!

Yours Sincerely

Paul Collins

Head of Ticketing

Reading Football Club

Teen Writing Group

AT WOKINGHAM LIBRARY

JOIN IGNITING WRITING,
WOKINGHAM LIBRARY'S TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

FACE TO FACE SESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY
(EXCEPT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

SESSION FOR YEAR 6-8 9.45AM TO 11.15AM
SESSION FOR YEAR 9-13 11.45AM TO 1.15PM

THE SESSIONS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL
YEAR 6 TO YEAR 13 STUDENTS

SESSIONS WILL INCLUDE:

- FUN WRITING ACTIVITIES
 - USEFUL WRITING TIPS
 - GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON STORY IDEAS
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ALL SESSIONS NEED TO BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE
TO SIGN UP FOR SESSIONS, VISIT THE EVENTS PAGE ON OUR
WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.WOKINGHAM.GOV.UK/LIBRARIES](https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries)



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

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FOUR REASONS
TO GO ON A WALK



HEXHAM COMPUTER AND COFFEE CLUB

Hexham Community Centre

Suitable for all
abilities, including
beginners

FREE!

Last Thursday of
the month 11am -
1pm



DO YOU KNOW
ABOUT...

FREE



UNIVERSAL INFANT
SCHOOL MEALS?



EVERY child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
can have a cooked school lunch

FRESHLY MADE

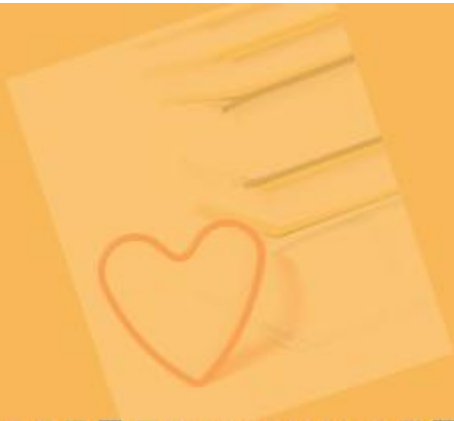
HEALTHY

NUTRITIOUS

at absolutely no cost to you! -
funded by the Government

Please contact your school for more information!

caterlink
feeding the imagination



Thanks
for being
amazon



"A room without books is like a body without a soul."

— Marcus Tullius Cicero

If you would like to purchase books for our new reading spine, scan the code and shop away!

Do I need to keep my child off school?

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

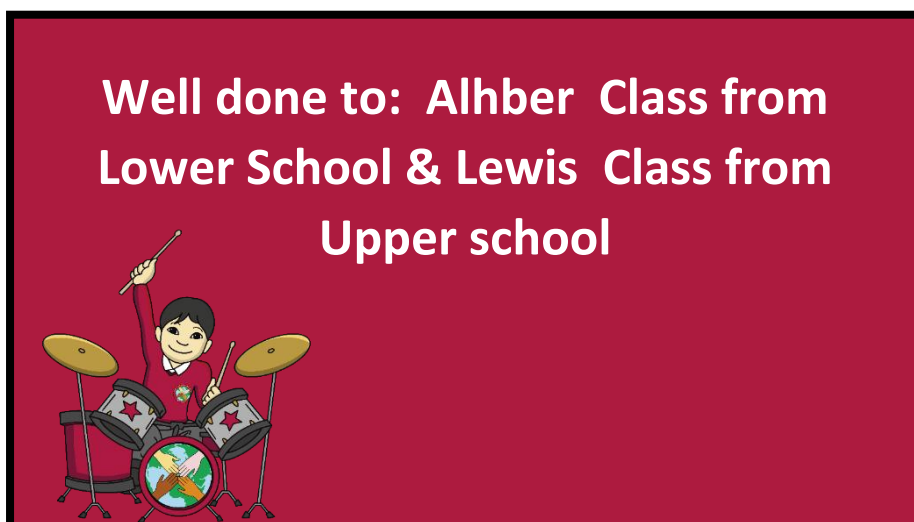


Nursery		Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
am	pm	Kerr	Rosen	Cole	Donaldson	Ahlberg	Butterworth
94.6 %	92.4%	89.7 %	92.0%	93.5 %	96.0%	96.9%	97.0%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
91.9%	95.1 %	88.2%	99.1%	90.5%	87.2%	95.8%	99.2%

Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 92.3 %

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!



Johnson wins House of the week- Congratulations.