

# THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

**Edition 85**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Palmer Academy. The children have returned with enthusiasm and positivity for the learning ahead.

As we start on the second term of the school year, we want to express our gratitude for your continued support and collaboration. Together, we create a nurturing learning environment that fosters growth, curiosity, and success.

We are continuing to create opportunities to enrich the learning for our children. This week we have had a story telling workshop in Reception and we have a visiting artist working with year 2 next week to create art to be displayed in Reading Train Station. We will share more information about that as the term progresses.

More information about Enrichment clubs for this term will be shared next week. I'd like to thank all of our staff who run clubs, as this is an additional responsibility that they volunteer to do. We know our clubs are valued by our children and it provides an opportunity for them to learn new skills and explore their talents.

We look forward to a productive and successful term. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to us. Your feedback is important, and we are here to support you and your child in every way possible.

Have a good weekend.

Kind Regards

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Headteacher

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## Important Dates

After school Enrichment clubs will restart week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024- Letter with details will be sent out next week

Bikeability level 1 and 2 for year 5 booking deadline 19<sup>th</sup> January

## Information for Parents/Carers

Stevensons (Uniform supplier) (flyer attached)

To celebrate their new Reading store opening in January they will be giving all customers 10% off\* when you shop in store from the **12th to 31st January**.

Stevensons, Chatham Place Reading. RG1 7AR

\*Offer valid until 31st Jan 2024 on instore purchases only, when flyer is presented at till point. Offer excludes web orders, sale items and footwear. Offer is only valid at our Reading BranchH

### Reminder: Caterlink

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. Meals should only be ordered by the school office on the rare occasion that you may have forgotten to order. Thank you for your support.

## 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		Year R		Year 1		Year 2	
AM	PM	Kerr	Rosen	Cole	Donaldson	Ahlberg	Butterworth
93.7%	93.0%	88.1%	82.3%	100%	97.1%	98.0%	89.6%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
96.6%	91.9%	90.3%	88.6%	96.2%	95.8%	90.0%	95.4 %

**Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently: 92.0%**

### 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!**

