

THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Edition 105

Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming our youngest learners into school. Our nursery children are settling in wonderfully, getting used to their routines, making new friends, and engaging in lots of learning and play.

As always, we prioritise not just academic achievement but also personal development. To support this, Year 4 had a visit from Worry Warriors, who delivered a workshop focused on managing and addressing worries. The children enjoyed the session, and we have two more workshops planned.

In Year 5, swimming sessions commenced this week. Swimming is a crucial life skill, and we are pleased to see our students participating enthusiastically. These sessions will continue throughout the term.

We need your help! We are looking for volunteers to assist with our second-hand uniform program. If you're able to support us with any of the following tasks, we'd greatly appreciate it:

- Washing and drying uniform
- Sorting uniforms by size
- Helping staff run the second-hand uniform stall

If you're interested in volunteering, please let us know at the office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards



A Higginbotham

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 3 and 6 on the following date and times- (If you are unable to attend and you require any information please inform the school)

Tuesday 17th September Meet the teacher meeting Year 6 @ 3:30pm

Thursday 19th September Meet the teacher meeting Year 3 @ 3:30 pm

Enrichment After school clubs start 16th September

Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday 20th September, we will mark Jeans for genes day by wearing jeans alongside our normal school uniform jumper and shirt. We ask for a donation of £1 to support the charity Jeans for Genes which raises money to support those living with genetic conditions.

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

Other important dates

Open Events for secondary schools for Year 5 and 6

The Wren Thursday 26th September 5-7pm – Booking required see attached flyer

The River Academy Open evening – 1st October 5.30-7pm for year 5 &6 pupils- no booking required

The River Academy Open mornings for Year 6 – Tuesday 24th , 26th September and 9th October- booking is required

The Bulmershe School- Open evening event for Year 5 and 6 5.30-7.30 28th September- no booking required

The Bulmershe Open mornings for Year 6 – 1st,3rd and 8th October 10-11am – booking required.

Open events

Come and visit The Bulmershe School!

Choosing the right Secondary School is a big decision for every family. We are delighted to share the details of Bulmershe's [Open Day Events](#) that are designed to support you when applying for your child's secondary place.

Our Open Evening is on Thursday 26th September, 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Mrs Woodfin, our Headteacher, will be giving two talks: at 5:45pm and 7:15pm. No pre-booking is required to visit; simply come to the Main Reception behind Bulmershe Leisure Centre, off Woodlands Avenue. The evening will provide you with an opportunity to tour the school, discover interactive subject displays, chat with our wonderful students and dedicated staff, and see why Ofsted reported that "pupil individuality is respected, nurtured and nourished to give students the opportunity to be the best they can be".

Our Year 6 Open Mornings will be held on the 1st, 3rd, 8th and 10th October, 9.00am - 10.00am. Booking is required for these events and will open on Friday 27th September via our [website](#). These mornings feature a guided tour of the school for parents, carers and students, followed by a Q and A session.

For more information about our transition process and The Bulmershe School, please view our dedicated [Year 6 to 7 Transition page](#) which will support and guide your family on your journey.

We look forward to welcoming you to The Bulmershe School. If you would like any further advice or guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the Transition Team at transition@bulmershe.wokingham.sch.uk - we are here to support you every step of the way.

Kind Regards,

The Bulmershe School Transition Team

River Academy Open Event for Year 6

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are well and enjoyed some quality family time over the summer break.

I am writing to advertise our upcoming school open events. Over the next few weeks, we will be hosting a series of open mornings, starting at 9:30 am and concluding by 10:45am. These will be an opportunity for parents and students to hear a presentation from myself, before being taken on a student led tour of the school. Booking is required to attend open mornings which are taking place as follows:

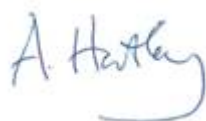
- Tuesday 24th September
- Thursday 26th September
- Wednesday 9th October

To book onto an open morning please click [here](#):

Our main open event is our annual Open Evening which will take place on Wednesday 2nd October. This will be an opportunity for parents and students to visit the school and talk with students, teachers, staff and subject leaders. Headteacher presentations will take place in the main school hall at 5:30pm and 7pm. There is no booking required to attend the Open Evening but for more information please visit our website [here](#).

River Academy opened its doors to students in September 2024 and our first intake of Year 7s are settling into our wonderful brand new building very well indeed. Please do come and have a look at what we have to offer both at our Open Mornings and on our Open Evening when you can meet our wonderful staff and students..

Yours faithfully



Andy Hartley

Headteacher

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 are changing to £2.57



Reading Families' Forum

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INFORMATION AND FUN DAY

LOTS OF INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS AGED 0 - 18 AS WELL AS ENTERTAINMENT FOR CHILDREN

28TH SEPTEMBER 2024
FREE 2:30PM - 5:00PM

YMCA, MARLBOROUGH HOUSE,
34 PARKSIDE ROAD, READING
RG30 2DD

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE,
MOBILOO ON SITE

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
FACE PAINTING, REPTILES
CIRCUS SCENE

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**Next Start date
30th September**

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CACHE Certificate in
Understanding Challenging Behaviours
CACHE Certificate in the
Principles of SEN
Levels 1, 2 & 3

**Six Week
Course**

Mon - Fri

9:30 - 11:30am

12:30 - 2:30pm

4 - 4:30pm

**(last optional session for
reflection and support if needed)**



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

FOUR REASONS
TO GO ON A WALK



MOVING YOUR BODY FEELS NICE



CONNECT WITH NATURE



VITAMIN D



LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOURHOOD



Reading
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
For more information visit the events calendar on our website
www.spotlightuk.org Reg Charity 1129258



FSE



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 ?

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
www.spotlightuk.org Reg Charity 1129258

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

07706 357 801



getberkshireactive.org



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 or call us on 01189373352





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for being
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"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
90.2 %	93.9%	100 %	98.0%	92.2 %	97.1%	97.2%	90.8%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
96.6%	89.3 %	90.4%	96.8%	86.0%	92.4%	89.3%	96.4%

Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 91.8 %

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!

Well done to: Kerr Class from Lower School & Pullman Class from Upper school



Johnson wins House of the week- Congratulations.