

# THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Edition 99

Friday 14th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share some exciting news and achievements from our school community.

## Young Writers Competition

Some of our Year 5 pupils recently participated in the Young Writers Competition. We are thrilled to announce that some of our children's work has been selected for publication. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work and creativity.

## REACH 2 Pupil Parliament

Two of our Year 6 students had the wonderful opportunity to join the REACH 2 Pupil Parliament and recently travelled to London with Miss Druce. There, they collaborated with children from other schools across the Trust and engaged in a stimulating debate on the topic, "What will the world look like in 50 years?" Our students spoke with confidence, demonstrated deep knowledge, and showed great compassion for others during the discussion.

## Phonics Week

This week our year 1 and 2 pupils have been completing their national phonics assessments and we are delighted with their progress in this area. This will provide a strong foundation to develop their future learning in reading and writing. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards



Miss A Higginbotham

Headteacher



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## **Reminders and Information for Parents**

### **Palmer's Got Talent**

We are all very excited about our exciting talent show this Summer - "Palmer's got Talent". The children will be having auditions in their classrooms in the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> June, so any talent your child would like to showcase they need to let their class teacher know. All talents welcome – from magic to singing, to football skills to gymnastics. 2 acts will be selected from each class to represent their classes in the talent show final on 19<sup>th</sup> July. We can't wait to see the talents the Palmer Academy has.

### **Uniform**

Could we please ask Parents/Carers to make sure all uniforms are clearly labelled. Nearly all of 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.

Please could we ask if your child (Excluding Year 6) is leaving The Palmer Academy at the end of the school year (July 2024) -could you email details to:

[admin@thepalmeracademy.com](mailto:admin@thepalmeracademy.com) .

**SUMMER TERM 2024 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY- (further information will be sent nearer the time)**

	<b>Week 10</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Book presentation to year 6 2pm
<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 3 Horse riding
<b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Year 2 trip to Beale Park
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Week 11</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reading Girls Transition Day Year 3 Horse riding
<b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 1 Trip to Bournemouth
<b>27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	WEC Olympics
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Week 12</b> Year 4 Viking Day
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	King's Academy Transition Day
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	King's Academy Transition Day Palmer transition Morning
<b>4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School closed for Polling Day
<b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 5 Sleep over- (To be confirmed)</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Week 13</b> EYFS Sports Day Morning
<b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Lower School Sports Day Afternoon 1:45
<b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Upper School Sports Day Afternoon 1:45
<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Annual reports sent home (inc SATs results)
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Week 14</b> Rocksteady Concert pm
<b>16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Production afternoon performance Year 6 Production evening performance Year 6 Open Classes pm for parents
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Open Classes for parents am. Year 6 trip to Wicked


<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Palmer's got Talent 1:45pm Lower School; 2:30pm Upper School
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Week 15</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Leavers Assembly
<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Children break from school

There are some spaces left at the **Careers Hub at Hexham Community Centre, on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June.**

To book a place, please contact David Wall [David.Wall@reading.gov.uk](mailto:David.Wall@reading.gov.uk)


The sessions are one to one, for 40 minutes, and an opportunity to discuss anything related to applying for work – the session is free and open to everyone, including people currently in work looking for a change.

See poster below



## CAREERS HUB

Visit us on Monday and Fridays 10am - 3pm




A relaxed environment where you can get practical help from our experienced Advisor

Advice on interview techniques, tips to enhance your CV, ways to effectively job search, advice on developing your skills for work

Up to 2 hours free use of computers for job search. Find out about local job opportunities and receive support applying for jobs

**FOR ADVICE CONTACT:**  
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**FREE!**



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## YOUTH CLUB

**FRIDAY EVENINGS 5PM - 6:30PM**

FOR AGES 7 - 11



Whitley Wood Community Centre  
28 - 35 Lexington Grove  
Reading, RG2 8UG



**Starting Friday 7th June 2024**

Arts, Crafts, Pool Table, Board Games, Workshops and  
most importantly **FUN!!!**



Places are limited - To reserve a space please contact  
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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





Nursery		Year R		Year 1		Year 2	
AM	PM	Kerr	Rosen	Cole	Donaldson	Ahlberg	Butterworth
86.7%	82.2%	95.7%	93.2%	96.0 %	88.7%	94.1%	94.0%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
90.0%	85.0 %	95.6%	97.4%	95.0%	91.5%	86.2%	81.7%

**Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 92.2%**

### 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: Cole Class from Lower School & Binch Class from Upper school**



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