

# THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

**Edition 92**

**Friday 15<sup>h</sup> March 2024**

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Firstly, I want to Thank you for your support during Red Nose Day today. Your contributions have made a meaningful difference in supporting this important cause.

At Palmer, we are committed to nurturing not just the academic growth of our children, but also their personal development.

This past week, our Year 5 students had the opportunity to enhance their cycling proficiency through the Bikeability program. It's wonderful to see them develop important life skills in a practical and enjoyable way.

Looking ahead, next week promises to be equally enriching for our Year 6 students. Following their mock SATs, we have planned an Enrichment Day filled with activities designed to promote physical and emotional well-being. Among the activities scheduled are basketball sessions to encourage teamwork and physical fitness, a workshop on empathy to foster understanding and compassion, art sessions to support mental well-being, and a boxing skills lesson to teach discipline and resilience.

These activities aim not only to broaden our children's skill sets but also to equip them with valuable tools for navigating challenges with confidence and resilience.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Kind Regards**

*A Higginbotham*

**Miss A Higginbotham**

**Headteacher**



## **Information for Parents**

**Enrichment clubs will be finishing next week for this term - last club will be on 22nd March 2024**

**You have been invited to Reading Football Club's 4<sup>th</sup> and final Schools and Grassroots Fixtures of 2023-24!**

### **When?**

Reading vs Cambridge United  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 3pm kick off

### **Where?**

Select Car Leasing Stadium

### **How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?**

We would be delighted if you could join us for our 4<sup>th</sup> and final schools and grassroots fixture of 2023-24. And as part of our special invitation, we would like to offer the below discounted prices:

**12 and Under: £1**

**17 and Under: £3**

**18 to 24: £5**

**65 and over: £5**

**Adult: £10**

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.

### **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](mailto:sales@readingfc.co.uk) or call 0118 968 1313

## **Bikeability Easter Holiday courses**

Learn to ride session for Year 1 and above, £10

(This is open to children who cannot yet independently pedal and steer their cycle.)

**Prospect Park, 3rd April, 9:45-11:00, 3 children**

**Prospect Park, 3rd April, 14:00-15:15, 3 children**

**Prospect Park, 6th April, 9:45-11:00, 3 children**

**Prospect Park, 6th April, 14:00-15:15, 3 children**

**Prospect Park, 11th April, 9:45-11:00, 3 children**

**Prospect Park, 11th April, 14:00-15:15, 3 children**

**Prospect Park, 13th April, 9:45-11:00, 3 children**

**Prospect Park, 13th April, 14:00-15:15, 3 children**

Level 1 Bikeability Training for Year 3 and above, £10

(This is open to children who have mastered the basics of balancing)

**Highdown School, 2nd April, 9:30-12, Level 1 course, 12 children**

**Prospect Park, 8th April, 9:30-12, Level 1 course, 12 children**

Level 1 & 2 Bikeability Training for Year 5 and above, one day course, £10

(This is open to children who are confident cyclists and who are in Years 5, 6 and 7)

**Prospect Park: 2nd April, 9:00-3:30pm, Level 1 & 2 course, 4 children**

**Prospect Park: 4th April, 9:00-3:30pm, Level 1 & 2 course, 8 children**

**Prospect Park: 5th April, 9:00-3:30pm, Level 1 & 2 course, 4 children**

Level 1 & 2 Bikeability Training for Year 5 and above, two day course, £20

(This is open to children who are confident cyclists and who are in Years 5, 6 and 7)

**Highdown School, 2nd & 3rd April, 9:30-3pm, Level 1&2 course, 12 children**

**Prospect Park, 8th & 9th April, 9:30-3pm, Level 1&2 course, 12 children**

**Please book online**

The website is;

[We run great holiday courses. - Cycle training specialists \(avanticycling.co.uk\)](http://avanticycling.co.uk)



# ***READING ROCKETS EASTER PROGRAMME***

**Dinky Ballers (From Walking - 3 years old)**

**Micro Baller Camp (Ages 4-6)**

**Mini Baller Camp (Ages 7-10)**

**Community Camp (Ages 11-15)**

**SEND Session (Age 16+)**



**For information and bookings  
please visit the website  
or scan QR code**

**WWW.READINGROCKETS.CO.UK**

## **Reminder for Parents**

### **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. Please speak to the school office if you need a reminder of how to order through Parent Pay.

### **Parent Pay accounts.**

Please ensure your Parent Pay lunch account is not in debt by **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. The school need to send a debt report to our catering provider after this date for costs to be received. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### **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
89.0%	90.3%	97.4%	65.9%	97.0%	95.6%	92.9%	93.7%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
93.7%	93.1%	96.2%	93.9%	93.1%	97.7%	95.9%	90.9%

**Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 92.6%**

### 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 & Morpurgo  
Classes**

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