

THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Edition 107

Friday 27th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a fantastic week, despite the wet weather!

Today is National Teaching Assistant Day. We want to take a moment to celebrate and thank our incredible teaching assistants for the vital role they play in supporting our students and school. Their hard work and dedication are truly appreciated.

A big thank you also goes to our volunteers who have been helping with uniforms. If there are any other parents, carers, or adult family members interested in volunteering at the school, please speak to the office—we would love your support!

We are excited to announce that we have started visits to Cedar Court. As part of our commitment to community learning, a different group of children will be visiting the home each month with Miss Druce. This initiative helps strengthen our connection to the community and provides valuable learning experiences for our students.

We are looking to recruit new governors to join our governing body. The governing body plays a key role in the leadership and management of the school, helping to set strategic direction, monitor performance, and ensure the school provides the best possible education for our students. If you or anyone you know might be interested in this important role, please contact us for more informatio

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards



Miss A Higginbotham

Headteacher

In This Issue

- Attendance
- Important
- Informatio

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

Other important dates

Flu vaccination on Thursday 3rd October- Please remember to complete the consent form- resent today.

Open Events for secondary schools for Year 5 and 6

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 – 9th October- booking is required

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

JMA- Open Evening Thursday 3rd October 4.30-7.30pm – booking is required- see flyer attached for details

MER- Open morning 3rd and 10th October 9.15-10.15- see attached flyer- booking required (Year 6)

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- Please see new menu attached – commencing 4th November.

Beat the street

Beat the street is a real life free, fun game running across Reading South & East from 25th September to 6th November where you can earn points get active and win awards and prizes for you and your school- Details how to join was sent home with pupils this week- Also you can

visit: beatthestreet.me/readingse.



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 \(lgfl.net\)](https://www.lgfl.net)



MAIDEN ERLEGH
SCHOOL IN READING

Year 6 OPEN MORNINGS


Ofsted
Good
Provider

09:15AM OR 10:15AM

Thursday 03 October

Thursday 10 October



BOOKING REQUIRED

If you are interested in reserving a place, please **scan the QR code** or visit our website to complete the registration form.




For parents and primary school pupils (current Year 6) moving to secondary school in September 2025.

OPEN MORNINGS

These events will be an exciting opportunity for you visit the school, talk to students and senior leaders.

The headteacher will give a short presentation before our students take visitors on a tour of the school to see the school “in action”.

Children are encouraged to attend!



www.maidenerleghschoolreading.co.uk



0118 966 8065



meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org

SPOTLIGHT
RAY OF HOPE



DISCOUNTED
FAMILY PASSES

BEALE PARK, PANGBOURNE



BEALE
WILDLIFE PARK

VARIOUS DATES AVAILABLE

Spotlight UK are offering discounted days out to Beale Park for all families weekdays and weekends available throughout October including half term

£5 PER PERSON ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS

THIS IS AN EXCLUSIVE BOOKING FOR SPOTLIGHT UK
Please send booking enquiries to jessicariley@spotlightuk.org
www.spotlightuk.org Reg Charity 1129258

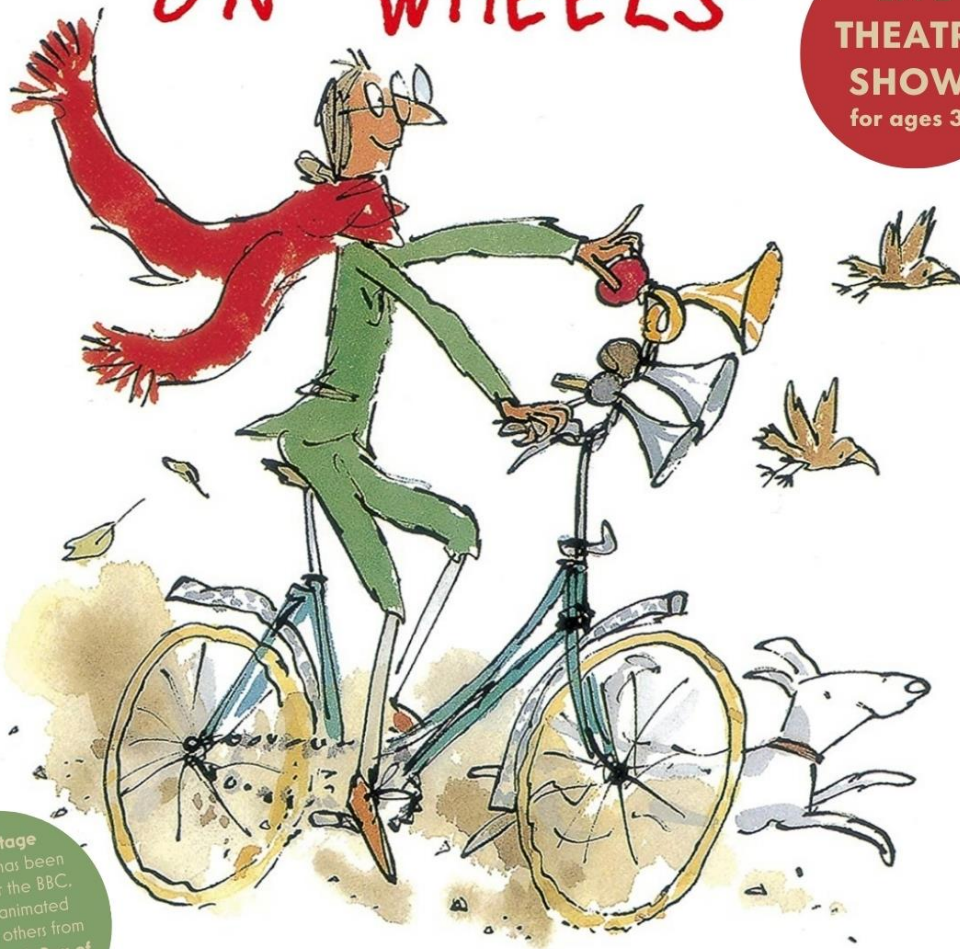
SCOOT
THEATRE

farnham **maltings**

Scoot Theatre and Farnham Maltings present

Quentin Blake MRS ARMITAGE ON WHEELS

LIVE
THEATRE
SHOW!
for ages 3+



Mrs Armitage on Wheels has been adapted for the BBC, watch the animated special and others from 'Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures' on BBC iPlayer

An interactive, energetic family show, celebrating the joy of getting outside!

★★★★ The Telegraph*

*on previous Scoot Theatre production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream!'

ARTS
PARTNERSHIP
SURREY

ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND

Supported using public funding by
**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**



Reading Families' Forum

Registered charity no 1166585

A voice for families of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities



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

CONTACT

 07516 185380

 WWW.READINGFAMILIESFORUM.CO.UK

 FRAN@READINGFAMILIESFORUM.CO.UK

**STUDY
SMART**

Free Online Courses



ncfe. | cache



Education & Skills
Funding Agency

Fully Funded School Support Course

www.studysmartuk.online

**Next Start date
30th September**

CACHE Certificate in Understanding
Safeguarding & Prevent
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



HEXHAM COMPUTER AND COFFEE CLUB

Hexham Community Centre

Suitable for all
abilities, including
beginners

FREE!

Last Thursday of
the month 11am -
1pm



Why choose a Caterlink School Meal

Sign-up today!

Please speak to reception.

We have won a number of awards for using **honest, local produce** and pride ourselves on making **fresh and nutritionally balanced** meals.



Per meal, we provide:

- 1 portion of protein
- 1 portion of carbohydrates
- 2 portions of vegetables
- A choice of salad available daily
- Freshly baked bread
- One homemade dessert



Behind **every meal** is a team of dedicated **chefs and nutritionists**.
Did you know? Most of our meals are made completely from scratch in-house!



Our **desserts** are **handmade** in house.

On average, our meals contain **37% less free sugars** than the government recommendations for school meals.



We **don't** add any salt to any of our meals!

Our **pizzas** are **homemade** and made using **50/50 wholemeal flour** for extra added fibre! And our **meat products** are **freshly** delivered from our **local butchers**.



We often have **Meat Free Mondays** to support **sustainable eating**. We also have recipes with **Added Plant Power** identified by this logo



Many of our desserts contain hidden **wholegrains** and are **sweetened with fruit** so they count toward **one of your child's 5-a-day!**



We ensure the menu adheres to the **School Food Standards**. That means your child is getting a **well balanced and nutritious** meal through out their school day.



caterlink
feeding the imagination

My Caterlink School Lunch



Water is served with all our meals

All our meals contain a portion of carbohydrates and a portion of protein. All meals are portioned in line with the School Food Standards regulations.

Our fish is sustainably sourced MSC fish

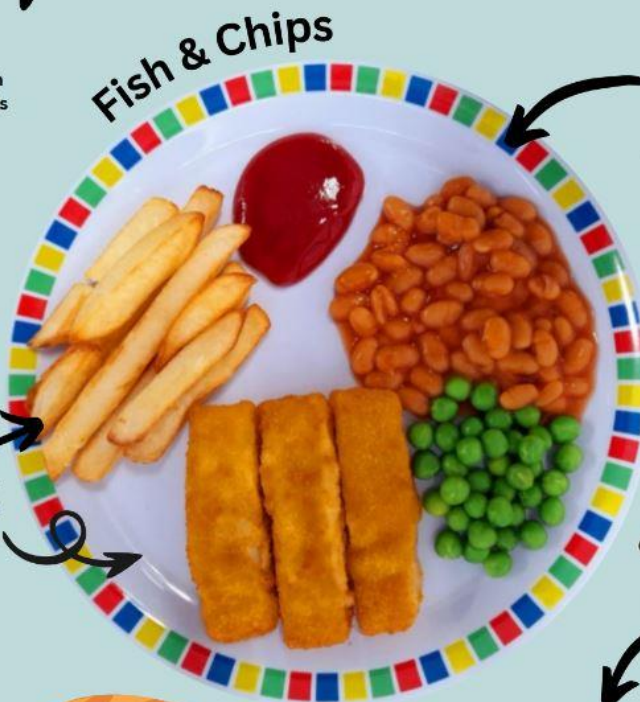
Scan the QR code to explore the School Food Standards we adhere to.



caterlink
feeding the imagination



50/50 wholemeal bread is freshly baked everyday in our kitchens and served alongside our meals for children to enjoy.



Fish & Chips

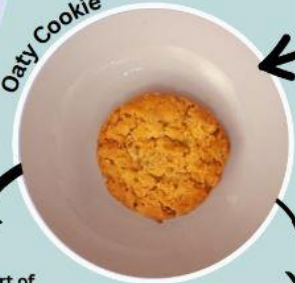
Two different vegetables are offered with all our meals. Totalling at 50g.



Salad is available each day, with five different vegetables on offer!

We provide homemade desserts, lots of which are made with 50% fruit to count toward the 5-a-day guidelines.

Oaty Cookie



A dessert of fruit & yoghurt is also offered daily.

I contain hidden wholegrains for fibre!



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

🚫 to stigma and inequality!

What are your thoughts on these ?

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

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



Thanks
for being
amazing



"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

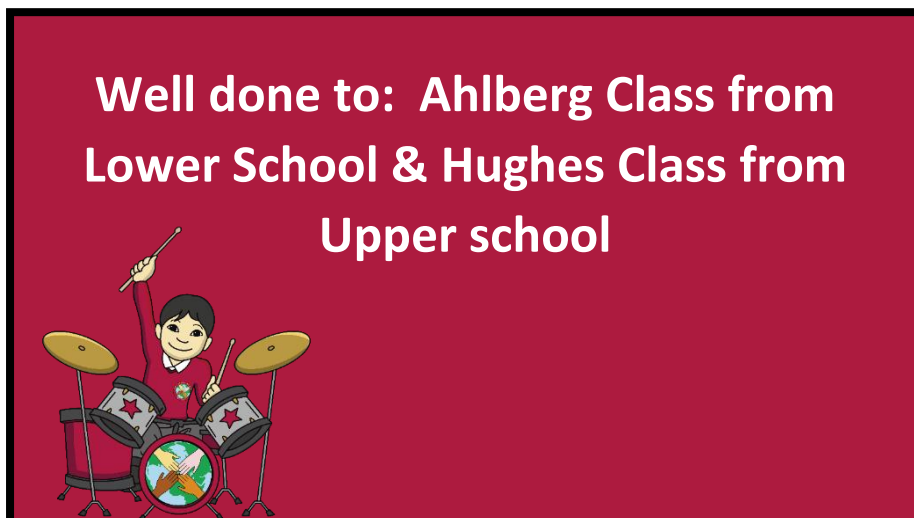


Nursery		Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
am	pm	Kerr	Rosen	Cole	Donaldson	Ahlberg	Butterworth
96.3 %	89.9%	97.4 %	88.4%	97.2 %	94.2%	98.9%	89.3%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
93.8%	92.1 %	85.4%	95.6%	97.1%	88.9%	93.2%	96.6%

Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 92.7 %

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.**