

# THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

**Edition 101**

**Friday 28th June 2024**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you have enjoyed the warmer weather this week.

Our Year 1 children visited Bournemouth and had a wonderful day on the beach as part of our 11 before 11 promises. I'd like to thank our parent volunteers who supported the trip. They engaged with all the children, ensuring a fun and safe day for everyone. This support was very much appreciated by the staff. Also thank you to the parents who brought additional items to increase the shade on the beach.

Some of our children attended the WEC Olympics this week. They competed in a variety of athletic events with children from other schools within the Whitley community. We were delighted with their performance, and they represented the school well.

On Wednesday, 3rd July, we are having our transition morning in school. This is when children will go into their new classes and spend time with the staff who will be teaching them next year. We will be communicating more information about this to parents and carers on Monday, 1st July.

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)**

24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Week 11</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Reading Girls Transition Day Year 3 Horse riding
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Trip to Bournemouth
27 <sup>th</sup> June	WEC Olympics
28 <sup>th</sup> June	
29 <sup>th</sup> June	
30 <sup>th</sup> June	
1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Week 12</b> Year 4 Viking Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	King's Academy Transition Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	King's Academy Transition Day Palmer transition Morning
4 <sup>th</sup> July	School closed for Polling Day
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Sleep over- 5pm
6 <sup>th</sup> July	
7 <sup>th</sup> July	
8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Week 13</b> EYFS Sports Day Morning
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Lower School Sports Day Afternoon 1:45
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Upper School Sports Day Afternoon 1:45
11 <sup>th</sup> July	
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual reports sent home (inc SATs results)
13 <sup>th</sup> July	
14 <sup>th</sup> July	
15 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Week 14</b> Rocksteady Concert pm
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production afternoon performance -2 pm Year 6 Production evening performance 5.30pm Year 6 Open Classes pm for parents
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Open Classes for parents am. Year 6 trip to Wicked
18 <sup>th</sup> July	
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Palmer's got Talent 1:45pm Lower School; 2:30pm Upper School
20 <sup>th</sup> July	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Week 15</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers Assembly
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Children break from school

Dear Friends,

Forgive this group e-mail, but I thought I'd drop a quick line to some of the amazing teachers and librarians I've visited in the last year or two at Reading (or sort-of-near Reading) schools.

As you may know, a book of mine, *The Imaginary* (winner of the UKLA Book Award 2016), by me and Emily Gravett, has been made into an animated Japanese movie (by Studio Ponoc), and will be showing, worldwide(!), on **Netflix from Friday July 5<sup>th</sup>**, which is very exciting. (Read about it and watch the trailer here: [www.ponoc.jp/Rudger/en/](http://www.ponoc.jp/Rudger/en/))

In order for the film to be eligible for certain awards Netflix have to show it in a minimum number of cinemas, and as soon as I heard this I put Netflix and the Reading Biscuit Factory in touch with one another and said, 'Do this here, in Reading!'

And so the film (which is suitable for families – it's a bit spooky, a bit moving, a bit funny, and wholly beautiful to look at) will be showing at the **Reading Biscuit Factory** from this **Friday, June the 28<sup>th</sup>**. (Here are the times: [www.readingbiscuitfactory.co.uk/movie/the-imaginary](http://www.readingbiscuitfactory.co.uk/movie/the-imaginary))

And on **Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup>** we're doing a special screening followed by a **Q&A** with me (in conversation with What's On Reading's Damien Passmore), in case you want to ask me questions and hear my answers! ([www.readingbiscuitfactory.co.uk/movie/the-imaginary-qa/](http://www.readingbiscuitfactory.co.uk/movie/the-imaginary-qa/)) (If this sells out (it's not a big cinema, so this is possible!) we'll do a second Q&A screening later in the week.)

If you feel like sharing any of this with your pupils or parents, please feel free!

Many thanks for the support and kindness, and all the best with the summer, in school and out,

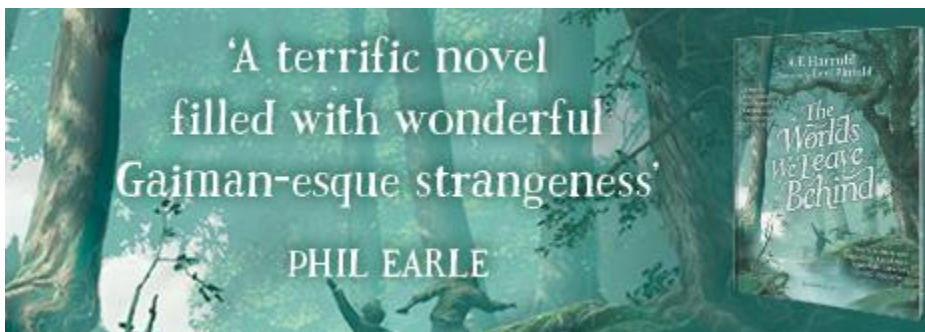
A.F. Harrold.

Latest book: [The Worlds We Leave Behind](#), illustrated by Levi Pinfold

Latest poetry book: [Welcome to Wild Town](#), with Dom Conlon, illustrated by Korky Paul

Watch the trailer for [The Imaginary](#) movie, out on Netflix July 5th...

Visit [www.afharroldkids.com](http://www.afharroldkids.com) for book details, poetry videos and not much, much more.



**FREE!**



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## YOUTH CLUB



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

FOR AGES 7 - 11



Whitley Wood Community Centre  
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Reading, RG2 8UG



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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
91.3%	90.8%	92.6%	82.5%	95.2 %	92.0%	93.9%	89.7%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
96.8%	89.3 %	96.7%	92.6%	93.2%	90.2%	95.0%	89.3%

**Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 92.1%**

### 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 & Benjamin Class from Upper school**



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