

THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Edition 113

Friday 29th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another fantastic week at Palmer.

This week, our Year 2 students had a wonderful trip to the Beaulieu Museum, where they explored fascinating exhibits and learned lots of new things. Meanwhile, Year 5 participated in Bikeability, developing essential cycling skills and road safety awareness. Well done to all the children for their enthusiasm and effort!

We are now busy preparing for the festive season and all the exciting events planned in the coming weeks. A huge thank you for your generous chocolate donations for the raffle – your support is greatly appreciated. The chocolate raffle will be one of the stalls at our **Christmas Fair on Thursday, 19th December**. We hope to see many of you there.

We would like to thank you all for the fantastic £205.42 raised for the vwet worthy Poppy Appeal

We hope you can join us in giving a warm welcome to Mrs Lay who will starting at The Palmer Academy, as Office Co-Ordinator, on Monday 2nd December working alongside Miss Bond.

Wishing you all a restful and happy weekend.

Kind Regards
Miss A Higginbotham

Headteacher




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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
YEAR 6	MONDAY and FRIDAY

Important dates

26th November 2024 to 2nd December 2024, [Travelling Books for a Book Fair](#) will be in the hall afterschool; bringing you an unbeatable range of the latest and best children's books

9th December- Xmas carol service @ New Christchurch church for Years 3-6

After school clubs will finish Week beginning 9th December

16th December – Reception Xmas Carol concert in school

17th December Year 1 and 2 Xmas Carol concert

19th December School Xmas lunch

19th December Xmas Jumper DAY

19th December Xmas Fayre

Reminders

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.

Please note there are no jacket potatoes on Tuesday 's and Thursday's- it will be pasta in tomato sauce.

Please remember we are a nut free school (this includes no chocolate spread as this contains nuts) – Please provide your child with healthy snacks for break times.

Menu changes and parents to re-order

Thursday 19/12/2024 has been changed to the Christmas lunch menu
Wednesday 18/12 /2024 have been switched with Thursday 19/12 original option- so
Parents will need to re-Order for both days as applicable

We just wanted to make sure that you and your school community were aware of this brilliant opportunity for families this November and December.


LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS

There's still time to make a lantern for the parade!

Each lantern workshop will be supported by professional artists who will show you how to make your lantern and provide information on where to come on the day of the parade.

Suitable for all. So far we've had families, first dates, groups of friends and solo makers. All welcome.

Lantern making workshop dates

 Saturday 30 November

 Various time slots from 9am - 3pm

 Jelly Studios


More info and **BOOK HERE**


These workshops are free with a £2 booking fee.

THE PARADE

Reading Lantern Parade - GLOW (Lantern light up)

 Hosier Street Back of Broad St Mall by Blue Collar

 Saturday 7 December

 If you are joining us with a Lantern - meet us at 4pm (no later than 4.15pm) so we can prepare your lantern for the parade.

Walk together in candlelight and follow the drummers to Reading Town Hall

Please share this link with your school communities and don't miss your opportunity to GLOW UP.

We would love you to share your lanterns with us on all social media channels using the hashtag #readytoGLOW we can't wait to see your lanterns!

SEND Short Breaks Christmas Holiday - Sessions 2024



Chance to Dance

[Reading Directory | SEND Short Breaks -Chance to Dance Stars CIC - Dance and Multi Activity Program \(includes half terms & holidays\)](#)

Reading Play

[Reading Directory | SEND Short Breaks - Reading Play - Christmas Holiday](#)

Make Sense Theatre

[Reading Directory | SEND Short Breaks Christmas Holiday Club 2024 - with Make/Sense Theatre - MLD/SLD](#)

Make Sense Theatre

[Reading Directory | SEND Short Breaks - Christmas SEND Holiday Clubs 2025 - Make/Sense Theatre](#)

Make Sense Theatre - February Half Term 2025

[Reading Directory | SEND Short Breaks - February Half Term 2025 - Make Sense Theatre](#)

2nd Schools and Grassroots fixture of 2024-25 Season!

This is a reminder that we have just under 3 weeks to go until our 2nd Schools and Grassroots fixture of the season v Blackpool on Saturday 14th December 3pm Kick off.

We're thrilled to welcome all our local schools and grassroots clubs! Your support truly enhances the atmosphere, and the players genuinely appreciate it. So, let's do it all over again!

Full details of how to get involved can be found below so please share with all your children, friends, family and staff and let me know if you require any further information.

You have been invited to Reading Football Club's 2nd Schools and Grassroots Fixture of 2024-25!

When?

Reading vs Blackpool
Saturday 14th December, 3pm kick off

Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium

How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

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 which will be discounted to the below prices:

13 and Under: £1

17 and Under: £4

18 to 24: £7

65 and over: £7

Adult: £10

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 or call 0118 968 1313.

Come on URRRZZ!!

Yours Sincerely

Paul Collins
Head of Ticketing
Reading Football Club



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 \(lgfl.net\)](#)

Being a parent has never been easy. There are no manuals for it, and previous generations may not be able to provide the insight you're looking for. The family unit is more dispersed than ever, with some families existing hundreds of miles from what may be called a 'core unit'. The rapid pace of societal change in the UK rapidly outstrips the knowledge of the immediate past. The result is that many parents may find themselves lost in a maelstrom of contradictory advice. For adults, time has never been more compacted. Family Lives has produced a series of online parenting courses, to make this challenge a little easier. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

Family Lives offers a confidential and free* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). They can be contacted on 0808 800 2222 for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice.

(* Free from landlines and most mobiles)

Teen Writing Group

AT WOKINGHAM LIBRARY

JOIN IGNITING WRITING,
WOKINGHAM LIBRARY'S TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

FACE TO FACE SESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY
(EXCEPT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

SESSION FOR YEAR 6-8 9.45AM TO 11.15AM

SESSION FOR YEAR 9-13 11.45AM TO 1.15PM

THE SESSIONS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL
YEAR 6 TO YEAR 13 STUDENTS

SESSIONS WILL INCLUDE:

- FUN WRITING ACTIVITIES
 - USEFUL WRITING TIPS
 - GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON STORY IDEAS
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ALL SESSIONS NEED TO BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE
TO SIGN UP FOR SESSIONS, VISIT THE EVENTS PAGE ON OUR
WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.WOKINGHAM.GOV.UK/LIBRARIES](https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries)



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BOROUGH COUNCIL

HEXHAM COMPUTER AND COFFEE CLUB

Hexham Community Centre

**Suitable for all
abilities, including
beginners**

FREE!

**Last Thursday of
the month 11am -
1pm**



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



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

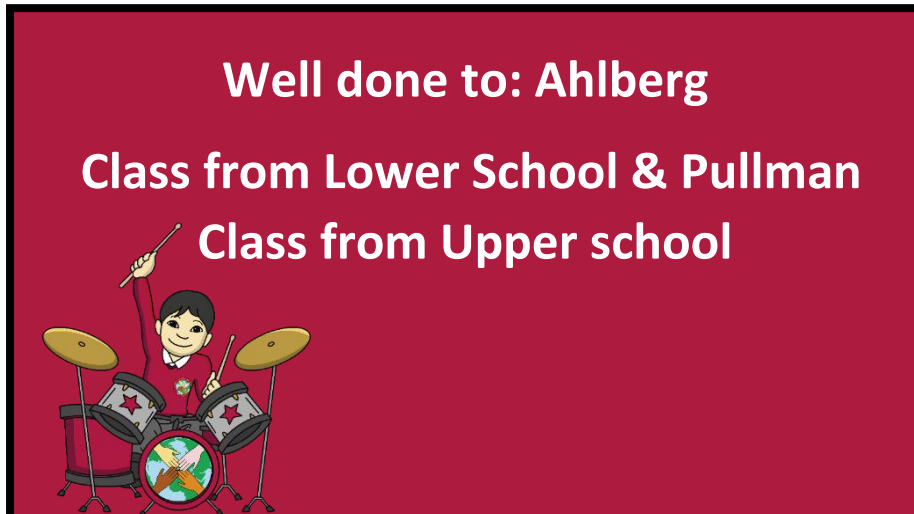


Nursery		Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
am	pm	Kerr	Rosen	Cole	Donaldson	Ahlberg	Butterworth
84.6 %	89.1%	86.0 %	96.0%	91.2 %	97.3%	97.3%	97.7%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
94.3%	96.7 %	92.6%	99.2%	92.2%	89.7%	95.4%	99.6%

Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 93.8%

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!



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