



THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

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Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this message finds you well. It's been an exciting week at The Palmer Academy, filled with inspiring moments and valuable learning experiences for our children.

Author and Illustrator Visit

We were delighted to host author and illustrator, Simon Murray, at our school this week. The children were captivated by his creativity and gained valuable insights into the world of writing and illustrating. The character drawings produced by the children were exceptional.

Year 2 Trip to Beaulieu Transport Museum

Our Year 2 students went on an incredible trip to the Beaulieu Transport Museum. They had the opportunity to explore and learn about different vehicles. We're thrilled to see the enthusiasm and curiosity our children bring to their learning experiences.

Open Classrooms Next Week

We're excited to invite you to our Open Classrooms event next week. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to step into the classroom and see the work and learning environment created by your child. We hope to see you there, and please feel free to ask any questions or engage with the teachers during this time.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing these special moments with you.

Have a good weekend.

Kind Regards

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Important Dates

- 4th December Last day of Book Fayre
- 5th- 8th December Open Event days
- 6th December Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court
- 11th December Reception carol service
- 12th December Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Concert
- 14th December Farm visit for Reception and Nursery
- 14th December Christmas Jumper day, Christmas lunch and Christmas Fayre (Please remember to book Christmas school lunch)

14th December – CLUBS ARE CANCELLED TODAY DUE TO CHRISTMAS FAYRE

- 15th December Teacher led school clubs finish today
- 18th to 20th December No clubs this week
- 18th December Christmas carol service at Christchurch Church
- 20th December End of term
- 9th January Pupils return to School.

Information for Parents/Carers

Update from Caterlink

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. Meals should only be ordered by the school office on the rare occasion that you may have forgotten to order. Thank you for your support.

Parent Pay accounts

Please ensure your Parent Pay lunch account is not in debt by Friday 16th December. 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 |
| 94.3% | 93.8% | 96.8% | 90.5% | 94.4% | 93.0% | 92.1% | 89.7% |
| Year 3 | | Year 4 | | Year 5 | | Year 6 | |
| Benjamin | King-Smith | Binch | Pullman | Hughes | Morpurgo | Horowitz | Lewis |
| 92.6% | 87.4% | 83.7% | 93.5% | 93.7% | 96.8% | 93.1% | 93.0% |

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!

