

THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great week back after half term.

On Monday we had INSET day. We use these days for staff training covering safeguarding, supporting medical needs and teaching and learning. This week we focused on adapting our teaching further to support all needs in the classroom and recapping assessment strategies.

Next week our year 5s will be performing in the Hexagon with many other schools in Reading. They are part of a large choir with hundreds of other pupils in our town. On Tuesday morning the year 5s attended Ridgeway to practice their songs and our children behaved beautifully and represented the school well both in terms of voices and conduct. Well done Year 5!

This weekend some of our families may be attending bonfires and fireworks. Please see this link to remind you and your children how to stay safe during these celebrations.

<https://www.thamehub.co.uk/thames-valley-police-top-tips-stay-safe-bonfire-night/>

Car Park Safety

Please do not use the carpark gate before and after school without prior arrangement. Families on foot, bikes and scooters should all use the pedestrian gate. This is to make sure all children are kept safe when cars are entering and leaving the school site.

Kind Regards



Miss A Higginbotham



Important Dates

6th November: School photographer

7th November : Diwali lunch menu-Please remember to book your child's meal the night before.

10th November : School Flu mop up day

10th November: Armistice day

13th November: Odd Socks Day – Children to wear odd socks to school to mark the beginning of anti-bullying week.

School Photographer

All children in Nursery through to Year 6 will have their photo taken in school on Monday 6th November.

As these photos are for parental use only, we will assume all children have consent to have their photo taken. If you DO NOT wish for your child's photo to be taken, please call the office to let us know.

Please ensure your child comes to school in full school uniform on this day (including school jumper/cardigan) so that they will be ready for their photograph.

Children will be given a sheet to bring home on the day with instructions on how to register. Please check your child's bag as these are unique to your child and cannot be reproduced if lost. Once registered, you will receive an email direct from SBS Digital (the photography company) with further instructions on how to view and order photos. Anyone who does not register will receive a proof sheet as normal.

Please note that sibling photographs WILL NOT be taken in school.

Widening Horizon- Letter from Kendrick school

We are writing to you as a parent/carer of a girl in School Years 3, 4 or 5, who is in receipt of pupil premium (free school meals or who has received free school meals in the last six years), service premium or is in care or has previously been in care, and who lives within our designated area. We would like to invite you to our Information Evening on Tuesday 14th November 2023 from 4.45pm – 6.15pm to explain what Widening Horizons at Kendrick School is, and for you to find out how we can help to support your child on their academic journey, and the opportunities that are available to them at Kendrick School during School Years 3,4 & 5, completely free of charge. These opportunities

are to enrich the academic lives and learning of any girls who fall within this category, and not just for those who are considering Kendrick as a secondary school, (although these students would be accepted with a lower score should they decide to sit our Admissions Test in Year 6.)

The programme for the Information Evening on Tuesday 14th November is as follows:

4.45pm Registration

5.00-5.15pm Welcome and introduction from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

5.15-6.15pm Activities for children, Tour of the School and Q & A/refreshments for parents

If you would like to attend this event then please email Mrs Nicholson at:

GNicholson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk

who will register you for the event and answer any questions you may have. We do hope you will come along to find out what a friendly and welcoming school we are and how we can support you and your child on their learning journey.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With regards

Dr Karen Perry

Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Amanda Emberson-Powney

Admissions Officer

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
95.1%	96.6%	94.2%	93.1%	91.0%	99.1%	90.8%	95.1%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
95.7%	88.6%	94.4%	87.2%	100%	95.2%	91.1%	97.2%

Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 93.3%

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:
Donaldson & Hughes
Classes**