

THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had super week in Palmer. Year 6 attended a trip to the Victorian School. They learned what education was like in Victorian times and were taught a lesson there.

Our nursery children have been learning about celebrations this term. As part of this learning, they made delicious cakes which they enjoyed and shared with some lucky staff! The cake baking linked well with their understanding of the world. They were exploring how materials can change such as a liquid cake batter turning into a solid cake.

Years 1 and 2 have been practicing for their nativity performance. Letters are going out to parents in those year groups to book a ticket.

We have lots of exciting activities going on in school in December, please make sure you check out the important dates for your calendars.

Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards



Miss A Higginbotham

Headteacher



Important Dates

30th November - Year 2 Trip to Beaulieu

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

We would like to thank you for your contributions to the Poppy Appeal, we raised £254!

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.

DECEMBER 2023

For Parents/Carers

Understanding Autism & Anxiety Workshop – 6/12/23 9.30 - 12.00pm. Free online session via MS Teams. For parents/carers of Reading pupils ages 6 -16.

*A 2.5 hour workshop targeted towards parents/carers of children with a diagnosis of autism or those who may be awaiting a diagnosis. It looks at common drivers for anxiety in those with autism, especially in relation to coping with uncertainty and not knowing what might happen. The workshop gives parents a chance to share their experiences and to learn strategies and approaches to manage anxious feelings. **To book or for more information email Wilma.Williams@brighterfuturesforchildren.org***

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
98.9%	99.4%	91.3%	86.8%	91.9%	93.7%	93.7%	89.3%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
97.0%	87.4%	82.9%	90.8%	94.7%	90.7%	93.7%	92.6%

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!

