

THE PALMER ACADEMY WEEKLY ROUND-UP

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of the academic year draws near, our Year 6 students have been engaged in transition activities to help them smoothly move into their secondary school journey. These transitions are an important milestone for our students, and we have been working closely with them to ensure a seamless transition process.

Throughout the year, our Year 6 students have developed essential skills, knowledge, and confidence to thrive in their new educational environment. We are incredibly proud of their achievements, and we are confident that they will continue to excel as they embark on this exciting new chapter in their lives.

The Sports Days are fast approaching, and our school grounds are buzzing with energy and excitement! We have been diligently preparing for these highly anticipated events, and we cannot wait to see our students showcase their athletic abilities. Sports Days provide a fantastic opportunity for our children to engage in healthy competition, foster team spirit, and demonstrate good sportsmanship.

The events are scheduled for next week, and we invite all parents and guardians to join us in cheering on our young athletes. Your presence and support will undoubtedly motivate and inspire our children to give their best performances.

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Miss A Higginbotham

Headteacher



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A request for Parents

Recently we had one of our pupils who was quite poorly staying at Great Ormond Hospital who took excellent care of her- Her mother has set up a GoFundMe page for the hospital – she is asking for any small donation that would be much appreciated – Please follow link <https://gofund.me/91ac713b>.

Summer Reading Challenge



The graphic is split into two main sections. The left section has a blue background with white text. The right section features a colorful illustration of six diverse children standing on a green field under a bright sun. The text 'Ready, Set, Read!' is prominently displayed in large, playful letters. Below the illustration, logos for the Youth Sport Trust, Inspiring Active Readers, and The Reading Agency are shown.

JOIN TODAY!

The Summer Reading Challenge is ON.

Ready, Set, Read! is the name of the game and this year, you guessed it, our theme is sports and games.

Take part in your local library or online, right here. Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile. When you reach your goal you will unlock some digital goodies.

Join today!

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.
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Get reading this summer and join at your local library or <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Healthy packed lunch competition winner

A special congratulations to the winner of the healthy schools packed lunch competition! This Year 3 pupil designed a well-balanced packed lunch and included a nutritious range of foods from different food groups! The lunch includes:

- An egg sandwich on wholemeal bread
- A fruit salad including grapes, apple slices, strawberries and banana
- Vegetable sticks
- A probiotic yogurt
- A home-made, reduced sugar sweet treat
- A breaktime snack of raisins
- Water as a drink

We hope you enjoy your Smiggle Voucher when it arrives! Thank you to everyone who entered! Stay tuned for more information, tips and tricks about healthy eating.



What Have Nursery Been Learning About This Week?

It has been another fantastic week in Nursery! We finished off last week's learning about firefighters with a visit from Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service to the school! The children absolutely loved getting to see the fire engine and learning about the roles of a firefighter and their equipment. Everybody had the chance to sit in the fire engine and have a go at using the hose! This week in topic we have been learning all about dentists and how they help us. We have also been learning why it is important to keep our teeth clean and how we can brush them correctly. In maths we have been learning all about 3D shapes and have been practising describing the shapes cube, cuboid, cylinder and cone by looking at real life objects. The children have also been loving exploring the outside water play in the lovely warm weather we have had this week. Keep up the good work Nursery!



What Have Year 1 Been Learning About This Week?

It has been an exciting week for year 1! This week we completed our own innovated stories on the Tortoise and the Hare. Some of us wrote about The Cat and the Worm or the Hedgehog and the Slug. In Science, we learned about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We learned how to tell the difference between them and even completed a quiz! The highlight of our week was the long-awaited beach trip to Bournemouth. We had fun playing in the sand and listening to the lifeguards about beach safety. Next week, we are looking forward to our sports day and are sure it will be a fun day!



What Have Year 3 Been Learning About This Week?

We have had a lovely couple of weeks in year 3. we've continued our horse riding adventures, with it being Benjamin's class turn. We have been incredibly impressed with them over coming fears and trying new things. Last week was assessment week, and we are really really proud of all of your children – there has been some fantastic progress this year!

In science we investigated translucent, opaque and transparent materials to find the best for a curtain. In history we looked at Ancient Egyptian burial process, which we were very fascinated with mummification.

Keep practicing your spellings and times tables, enjoy your weekend.

What Have Year 5 Been Learning About This Week?

The children completed their last exciting STEM science workshop – Wonderful Water. We thank the tutors greatly and truly enjoyed making substances go bubble, pop and splash whilst also creating objects that moved through the air. Some of the children from each class represented the school, competing in various events, including 100m, 800m, shot put and relays over different distances, at the recent Palmer Olympics gaining a respectful bronze position. A huge well done to you all. Please look out on twitter for photos, as they will be posted very soon.

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%	96.7%	59.3%	85.8%	94.8%	88.9%	90.1%	89.9%
Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Benjamin	King-Smith	Binch	Pullman	Hughes	Morpurgo	Horowitz	Lewis
85.1%	88.9%	86.6%	92.4%	90.9%	89.6%	92.2%	86.9%

Attendance for The Whole School Year Is Currently 91.7%

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:
Nursery PM & Pullman
Classes

**A special well done to
Johnson House who
won the most HERO
(Here, Every Day,
Ready on Time) tokens**