



# Palfrey Junior School Newsletter

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School closes early for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 18th December

Y5 & 6 = 1:15pm

Y 3 & 4 = 1:30pm

## Golden Certificates

Well done to the following children who have been awarded a Golden Certificate this week for fantastic work, behaviour and attitude to learning:

Cl 2 Hannah M  
Cl 2 Fariha B  
Cl 3 Marwa A  
Cl 4 Abobaker H  
Cl 4 Amaya A  
Cl 6 Hikar A  
Cl 7 Amaya B  
Cl 9 Sarrina A  
Cl 10 Sarah M  
Cl 11 Hanifa H

Cl 4 Medina M



## This Week In School



**Year 3** - have been performing poems in guided reading, they have been learning about Sister Dora and how she helped the people of Walsall in topic and in art, they have painted still life fruit bowls.

**Year 4** - have started to read scales and measuring equipment in maths, they have continued their story writing about Rollo, a very brave page, who saved King William in literacy and in science, they made some fantastic musical instruments out of junk.



**Year 5** - have been learning to divide numbers using the written method of long division in maths, they have completed their character descriptions of Zeus in literacy and in art, they created some fingerprint art work.

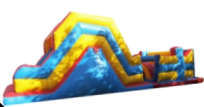
**Year 6** - Have been carving Maya glyphs into soap to represent a Maya jade pendant in topic, they have been learning about the keys components of blood in science and in PE, they took part in some special Body Boost activity sessions.



## Monday 15th December - End of

### Term Big BOUNCE £1 cash

All children must wear socks  
NO jewellery- NO earrings, chains, watches, bracelets, badges etc..)



## Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Parties pm

On Tuesday children can bring to school some party food e.g cakes, crisps, sweets to share with their classmates during the parties. **Please no food that contain nuts**



If your child has any food allergies please provide them with a party plate for them that is clearly labelled with their full name and class. Thank you



Take a look at our parents information poster on p2 all about toy scalping, fakes and scams?



## Thursday 18th December - Toy Day

Children can bring to school toys to play with for example, board/card games, cars, figures, dolls, lego, crafts etc... but no phones, tablets, electrical items or things that need to be charged. Children will be responsible for looking after their own toys. Thank you



Monday 15th December - Christmas Around the World Day

Monday 15th December - Big Bounce £1

Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Parties pm

**CHANGE OF DATE - Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Jumper Day - no charge**

Wednesday 17th December- Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th December -Toy Day & Break up for Christmas Holiday

Friday 19th December -School Closed Staff Training Day

Monday 5th January - Back to School

## Dates for the Diary



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TOY SCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS

Online scalping is when individuals or groups use automated software (bots) to bulk-buy high-demand items – such as gaming consoles, concert tickets, limited-edition trainers, or exclusive merchandise – with the intention of reselling them at vastly inflated prices. It's a fast-moving online trend that can frustrate young consumers and expose them to misleading practices or financial harm. As this unethical tactic grows, it's important to help children and young people understand how scalping works and how to navigate it responsibly.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION

Scalpers create artificial scarcity by buying up large quantities of stock before the public has a fair chance to purchase. This drives up demand and pushes prices to extreme levels. Young people may feel intense pressure to spend more than they can afford for fear of missing out entirely.

### EXPLOITATION OF FANDOMS

Scalping often targets popular releases with strong fan bases, knowing that loyal followers are emotionally invested. Children and young people may place huge value on owning certain items linked to their favourite artists, sports teams or games, making them more likely to accept unfair prices or questionable sellers.

### ACCESSING UNSAFE WEBSITES

In the rush to secure rare items, young people might click through to unverified sellers, online marketplaces with little consumer protection, or even sites designed specifically to harvest personal and financial data. This can expose them to fraud, malware, and identity theft.

### NORMALISING UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

Some influencers and online communities present scalping as a clever money-making scheme rather than an exploitative one. This can normalise dishonest behaviour and blur the line between legitimate business and opportunistic profiteering for younger audiences.

### RISK OF SCAMS OR COUNTERFEIT GOODS

Not every high-priced resale is legitimate. Fraudulent sellers may take payment for goods they never send, or ship counterfeit versions of branded items. In some cases, the product may look authentic in photos but turn out to be of poor quality or completely different from what was advertised.

### REINFORCING INEQUALITY

Scalping makes already expensive items even less accessible, particularly for lower-income families. Children may feel excluded from trends or shared experiences with friends if their family cannot meet the inflated prices, which can lead to feelings of isolation and disappointment.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### TALK ABOUT ONLINE FAIRNESS

Use scalping as an opportunity to discuss fairness, consumer ethics, and how some people exploit markets for profit. Encouraging children to think critically about whether they truly need an item – and at what cost – can help them make more considered decisions.

### SUPPORT INFORMED PURCHASING

Show children how to check seller credentials, read independent reviews, and verify whether a site is secure before making any payment. Knowing how to spot red flags, such as unrealistic promises or missing contact details, can prevent costly mistakes.

### ENCOURAGE PATIENCE OVER IMPULSE

Teach young people to wait for official restocks or future releases instead of paying over the odds. Many products come back into circulation, and patience can save significant amounts of money while reducing the likelihood of falling victim to scams.

### SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Establish clear rules for online spending, including limits on prepaid cards, gaming gift cards, and online wallets. Discuss the real-world value of money spent on digital or collector's items so children understand the long-term impact of their purchases.

### Meet Our Expert

Home to the world's largest CPD library for educators, The National College has transformed the way education establishments go about developing their workforces and managing compliance. Our three memberships help all phases and types of setting raise standards, save time, reduce risk, and build a culture of improvement.

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## ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY YOUR BILLS?

NEED SOMEONE TO HELP YOU MAKE SENSE OF IT?  
NEED SOME ENERGY SAVING ADVICE?

**Book an appointment with our ECAO today!!**

**01922 644006**

Note that Aaina Community Hub is a women's centre, and its services are primarily for women, including this one. Thank you for your understanding.

	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Monday</b>	Advice & Support - 10:00am - 12:00pm Women's Health and Well-being - 10:00am - 12:00pm (£1.00 per session)	Advice & Support - 12:30pm - 2:00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Advice & Support - 10:00am - 12:00pm Sewing - 10:00am - 12:00pm (£1.00 per session)	Advice & Support - 12:30pm - 2:00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Advice & Support - 10:00am - 12:00pm Palfrey Park Cycling Session - 10:00am - 12:00pm	Advice & Support - 12:30pm - 2:00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Advice & Support - 10:00am - 12:00pm	Advice & Support - 12:30pm - 2:00pm Employability Search - 12:30pm - 2:30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Ladies Bingo - 10am-11am Women's Well-being Clinic - 10.00am-12.00pm Strength and Balance Class - 11.00am-12.00pm (£1.50 per session)	Women's Well-being Clinic - 12:00pm-3:00pm



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## Free Advice & Support



**Monday - Friday**  
9:30 am - 5:00 pm

- Financial & Housing Support
- Homelessness
- Safe Spaces
- Energy advice and support (WEAP)
- Multilingual assistance: Romanian, Slovakian, Polish, Russian, Ukrainian, Latvian Lithuanian, Bulgarian, Urdu, Panjabi, Gujarati

**NASHDOM - 01922 616444**



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Contact us to book an appointment  
info@nashdomcic.org  
01922616444



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Sun St, Walsall  
WS1 4AL



## Making Connections Walsall

Get Connected, Stay Connected



Making Connections Walsall is a friendly service for residents of all ages in Walsall that aims to address loneliness, social isolation and to empower residents to take responsibility for their own health and well-being

**0121 380 6690**


## DADS GROUPS

**We know Dads play a vital role in their children's lives.**

We have lots on offer for you at Walsall Family Hubs;

- Dads Stay and plays (weekdays and weekends)
- Dads 4 Dads Peer Support Groups
- One to One support
- Parenting Workshops - Henry
- DadsPad App
- and much more .....

No booking, just turn up

For more information contact Ed  
07584 521955 or email  
EarlyHelpParentingTeam@walsall.gov.uk

Quote from a Dad  
"Stay and play gave me confidence to be myself without fear of feeling judged"

**SCAN HERE TO TAKE A LOOK AT OUR FREE AND EXCITING ACTIVITIES.**



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UK Government

### For parents' questions, BIG & small.

Why is my baby crying?

What should I pack in my hospital bag?

How do I apply for childcare support?

Get advice and support at [BestStartInLife.gov.uk](http://BestStartInLife.gov.uk)



If you have babies or toddlers at home or are expecting a new baby there is a new government website called Best Start In Life which offers lots of support and advice.

[Click on this link to take you to the Best Start In Life website](http://BestStartInLife.gov.uk)

## Dates for the Diary

Monday 3rd November	Back to school & M&M Theatre Show Robin Hood
Monday 10th November	Year TOGO NOGO Pedestrian Safety Training
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Wednesday 12th November	Year 4 -Tamworth Castle Trip
12th & 13th November	Year 6 Bikability
Friday 14th November	Children In Need– non uniform day £1
17th-21st November	Anti- Bullying Week
Wednesday 19th November	Whole School SEND WOW Day
Wednesday 26th November	Year 4 Inspire Workshop—Norman Shields 1:40-2:45pm
Friday 28th November	Artist Day
Tuesday 2nd December	Year 3 Inspire Workshop –Victorians
Thursday 4th December	Winter Fayre
Monday 8th December	Year 5 Inspire Workshop - CSI 1:40-2:45pm
Monday 15th December	Christmas Around the World Day
Tuesday 16th December	School Choir Christmas Concert
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 18th December	Toy Day & Break up for Christmas Holiday
Friday 19th December	School Closed Staff Training Day
Monday 5th January	Back to School
Friday 16th January	Our Walsall Day
Monday 19th January	Y6 Inspire Workshop Class 12
Wednesday 21st January	Y6 Inspire Workshop Class 11
Thursday 22nd January	Y6 Inspire Workshop Class 10
Thursday 22nd January	Battle of the Bands
26th -30th January	Book Fair Week
Tuesday 27th January	Y3 Inspire Workshop - Greek Vases
2nd - 6th February	National Story Telling Week
Tuesday 10th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 11th February	International Women and Girls in Science Day
Friday 13th February	Break up for Half term
Monday 23rd February	Back to school—On time please!
Wednesday 25th February	Y4 Inspire workshop
Thursday 5th March	Our World/ Culture Day



Dates may change and more events and extra details will be added to the newsletter throughout the year.



### Useful numbers

If you need help, support, advice or are concerned or worried these services can help.

**CRIME STOPPERS –0800 555 111 or 101 or in emergencies 999**

**Black County Women's Aid– 0121 553 0090 (Domestic Abuse Support)**

**SAYA multilingual Phone line - 0800 389 6990 (Domestic Abuse Support)**

**Early Help Hub- 0300 555 2866 (option 1)**

**CGL (old Sure Start, South Street) 01922 6423382**



**Family Information Services- 01922 653383**

**Citizens Advice Bureau -0300 3301159**

**www.walsallcab.org.uk**



**NSPCC - 0808 800 5000**

**CHILDLINE -0800 1111**



**Bereavement Services - Child & Family Helpline: 01922 645035 www.wbss.org.uk**



**The Samaritans– 116 123**



If you are finding it difficult to feed your family during these difficult times we are now partnered with Black Country Food Bank and can issue Food Vouchers that can be redeemed locally. Please call us or email [support@palfrey-j.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:support@palfrey-j.walsall.sch.uk) and we will get back to you. This is strictly confidential.

If you need additional support or guidance, you can also contact the Early Help Hub on 01922 6423382, Family Information Services 01922 653383 or Walsall Council on 0300 555 2855 or

[Cost of living support website](#)



[The Hub of Hope](#) is the UK's leading mental health support database. It brings local, national, peer, community, charity, private and NHS mental health support and services together in one place. Simply type your post code into the search bar, then select the area of support you need and it will show you information and contact details of all the local organisations and support available for you to access.



[Ollee](#) is a virtual friend aimed at 8-11 year-olds and their parents, Ollee is a browser-based app that helps children and families explore feelings and emotions, and gives advice to help resolve issues. You can [try it here](#)