



# 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 1 Haider M
- Cl 4 Haram Q
- Cl 4 Abdullah F
- Cl 5 Eliza R
- Cl 5 Arissa H
- Cl 5 Saahil R
- Cl 6 Rosen M
- Cl 6 Yusuf A
- Cl 9 Khadeeja J
- Cl 12 Maryam G

Cl 4 Ahram F



## This Week In School



**Year 3** - have been adding, subtracting and making different amounts of money in maths, they have been learning about imagery in poems in guided reading and in science, they have been learning about the different magnetic poles and how they react with each other.

**Year 4** - have been working with fractions and learning how to simplify them in maths, they have started to plan a story based on the Norman Invasion in literacy and in science, they have been investigating pitch and how it can be changed.



**Year 5** - have been using written methods to divide numbers in maths, they have been creating a character description of Zeus in literacy and in art, they have made pictures inspired by the Great Fire of London.

**Year 6** - have been working on long multiplication in maths, they have been studying 'The Highwayman' poem by Alfred Noyes in guided reading and in science, they have been continuing to learn about the human body and how the heart works.

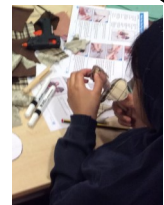


A big **THANK YOU**

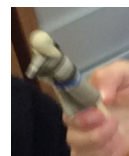
to all the parents/ carers, staff and pupils who donated to, supported and helped at this year's Winter Fayre. It was a great success. The children had lots of fun and we hope you enjoyed it too. We thank you for your continued support and generosity at school events. Also a special thankyou and well done to Mrs Nadat who planned and organised the whole event.



We enjoyed the workshop, great opportunity with working alongside our children .



Year 3 had a great Victorian Inspire Workshop on Tuesday. They made some wonderful peg dolls, Victorian Christmas cards and Christmas tree decorations and practised cursive handwriting on slates.



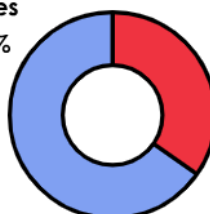
Really enjoyed the afternoon with my daughter. Very well organised and calm environment. Looking forward to the next Inspire Workshop.

## Votes for Schools

Should your school help you get ready to vote at 16?

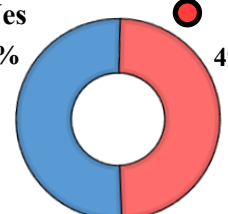
### National Results

Yes 65.1% No 34.9%



### Palfrey Results

Yes 51% No 49%



Be heard.



We talk a lot about online safety but how safe are your actual devices? Check out our Electrical Safety and Devices poster on p3 for ways to ensure your items are safe to use and not a hazard.

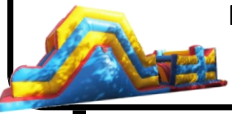
Year	Start Time	Finish Time
Y 3 & Y 4	8:40am	3:10pm
Y5 & Y6	8:30am	3:00pm



Please make sure your child is arriving to school on time everyday.

**Monday 15th December - End of Term Big BOUNCE £1**

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



**Inspire Workshops**

Throughout the year we like to invite parents/carers to come into school to take part in some fun & creative activities with your children. Workshops are between 1:40 and 2:45pm and due to space only 1 adult per child allowed. Thank you

Tue 2nd December - Year 3 –Victorians



Mon 8th December -Year 5 CSI



Y6 Viking Longboats

Mon 19th January - Cl 12

Wed 21st January - Cl 11

Thurs 22nd January - Cl 10



Tues 27th January - Y3 Greek Vases



	PE Days	From week beginning 8th Dec
Class 1 & 2	Friday	Class 2 - will start swimming on Wednesday 10th swimming & Class 3 will have PE on Wednesdays
Class 3	Wednesday -swimming	
Y4	Tuesday	
Class 6	Tuesday - Swimming	Class 6 will have swimming on Tuesday 9th December and Class 4 will now start in January
Y5	Monday	
Class 10	Friday	
Class 11 & 12	Thursday	

**Expected attendance is 96 %**

The Class with the best attendance was

**Class 2,3,& 7 with 96%**

Overall our attendance was **92.67%**

**The attendance for each Class:**

- Class 1 – 95%
- Class 2 – 96%
- Class 3 – 96%
- Class 4 – 87%
- Class 5 – 90%
- Class 6 – 93%
- Class 7 - 96%
- Class 8 - 93%
- Class 9 - 93%
- Class 10 - 82%
- Class 11 - 94%
- Class 12 – 94%



Attendance celebration assemblies will be the last week of every term.

Certificates for 95% and 96% attendance, and certificates and prizes for 97+%. Our special Attendance Raffle for £50 Smyths voucher takes place at the end of the school year in July.



All children need to come to school wearing their **PE kit** on their PE days. **Plain white T-shirt , plain black joggers/leggings/shorts and trainers.**

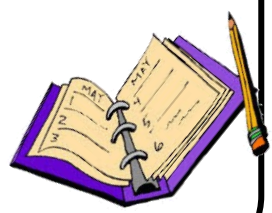
**Important Attendance Info**

**All registers are reviewed weekly.** Emails are then sent out informing parents /carers of concerns over poor or falling attendance. **90% attendance or below is classed as being a persistent absentee (PA) & absences will only be authorised with medical evidence.**

Please make sure you report all absence as unreported absences can not be authorised - call on 01922 721092, text or sent in app message. Any pics of any medical evidence can be sent to support@palfrey-j.walsall.sch.uk **Medical evidence will be required if your child has had multiple days off over different weeks.** Thank you

- Monday 8th December -Year 5 Inspire Workshop - CSI 1:40-2:45pm
- Monday 15th December - Christmas Around the World Day
- 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
- Friday 16th January -Our Walsall Day
- Monday 19th January -Y6 Inspire Workshop Class 12
- Wednesday 21st January - Y6 Inspire Workshop Class 11

**Dates for the Diary**



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

### 1 CHECK FOR OVERHEATING

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.

### 2 INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES

Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.

### 3 AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS

Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.

### 4 POWER BANKS: SAFE USE

Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.

### 5 REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS

Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.

### 6 UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE

Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.

### 7 USE GENUINE CHARGERS

Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.

### 8 WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.

### 9 KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED

Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.

### 10 SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN

Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

## Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.



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The National College

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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



Nash Dom Community Hub,  
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**





**Walsall Family Hubs**  
Supporting families to live happier lives.

## 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.**



walsallfamiliesintheknow www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk



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)

**BEST START IN LIFE**

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](#)

## 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
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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 you family during these difficult time we are now partnered with Black Country Food Bank and can issue Food Vouchers that can be re-deem 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](#)