



Palfrey Junior School Newsletter

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Eid Mubarak to all our wonderful children, families and colleagues!



To everyone who celebrated, we hope this special occasion brings joy, peace, and happiness to your homes and that your weekend was filled with laughter, kindness and celebrations.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Eid!

On Friday 27th March we will be breaking up for early for the Easter holidays

Years 5& 6 @1.15pm

Years 3& 4 @1.30pm

Any child that has permission to walk home by themselves will be dismissed as normal unless you inform us otherwise.

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 Zaina N
- Cl 1 Usman R
- Cl 2 Hannah M
- Cl 3 Mohammad N K
- Cl 4 Jia K
- Cl 5 Mohammad Y
- Cl 6 Taqdees F
- Cl 6 Rijja P
- Cl 7 Aleena N
- Cl 8 Sahabi S
- Cl 8 Lily M
- Cl 9 Maryam S
- Cl 10 Zakia Z
- Cl 11 Asana H
- Cl 12 Hema A



- Cl 1 Zain A
- Cl 3 Zayd H
- Cl 4 Khubaib R
- Cl 6 Aryan F
- Cl 9 Umar A
- Cl 10 Haris K
- Cl 10 Sarah M



- Cl 1 Muaj A
- Cl 3 Hareem K
- Cl 9 Ayaan A
- Cl 10 Courtney V
- Cl 11 Nooriya R

This Week In School



Year 3 - have been placing 3 digit numbers on a number line in maths, they have been learning to use inverted commas to show speech in their writing in literacy and in art, they have painted some fantastic Picasso style portraits on canvas.

Year 4 - have been learning about parallel and perpendicular lines in maths, they had a great time sharing what is special and unique about themselves as part of 'Marvellous Me' Oracy day and in art/DT, they have completed their river models.



Year 5 - have been using a protractor to measure angles and calculating missing angles in maths, they have been learning to use expanded noun phrases in their writing in literacy and in science, they have been investigating how levers work and how they are used in the world today.

Year 6 - have been revising how to use short and long multiplication in maths, they have rewritten an informal piece of writing into formal in literacy and in science, they have designed and made periscopes linked to their Science topic 'How Can You Light Up Your Life'.



Oracy Day

Oracy is the ability to express yourself clearly and communicate effectively through spoken language, including speaking and listening skills. On Monday, we had a special oracy day and the topic was 'Marvellous Me'. The children spent time planning and writing speeches/ talks about why they are unique and special, then took turns to present to their class.



I had fun because it got to learn new things about my friends and the class.
Haris



I enjoyed making a slide show about me and it is a way to get to know someone better.
Courtney



HAF Easter Portal is now open for you to register (if you haven't already) and sign your children up for some exciting and fun activities during the Easter holidays. Info poster on p3 & 4

We are aware that some of our older children are using the 'Justalk kids' app, which is starting to cause some issues with group chats and gossiping. Whilst this app is designed for children under 13 it is still important to use the free parental control features and settings. Using these lets you monitor and review what your child is doing online.



JusTalk offers a free basic parent-child account linkage, allowing parents to monitor and control their child's JusTalk Kids app. Parents can manage friend requests, set passcodes, and control settings.

Free Parental Control Features

Link Accounts: Connect your regular JusTalk account to your child's JusTalk Kids app.

Manage Friends: Approve or reject new friend requests.

Safety Settings: Set a passcode for your child to prevent them from changing security settings.

Control Interaction: Disable read receipts and manage notifications.

Steps to Create/Link a Free Parent Account

- Download the JusTalk Kids app (for the child) & the standard JusTalk app (for the parent).
- In the Kids app, navigate to settings and find the option to add a parent.
- Use the parent's app to scan the QR code displayed in the child's app to bind the accounts

Info poster about JusTalk Kids on p4



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

Mon 23rd March - Y5 –Teepee making

Tuesday 28th April -Year 3 - Volcanoes



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.**



	PE Days
Class 1 & 3	Wednesday
Class 2	Wednesday swimming
Class 4	Tuesday-Swimming
Class 5 & 6	Tuesday
Y5	Friday—Joy of Movement
Class 10	Friday
Class 11 & 12	Thursday

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.



Expected attendance is 96 %

The Class with the best attendance was

Class 3 & 12 with 98%

Overall our attendance was

95.11%

Class 1 – 93%

Class 2 – 96%



Class 3 – 98%

Class 4 – 95%

Class 5 – 92%

Class 6 – 97%

Class 7 - 97%

Class 8 - 94%

Class 9 - 90%

Class 10 - 95%

Class 11 - 97%



Class 12 – 98%

Another good week for attendance - well done!



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

Missing school is missing out!

Dates for the Diary

23rd - 27th March -Well Being Week

24th & 25th March - Attendance Assemblies

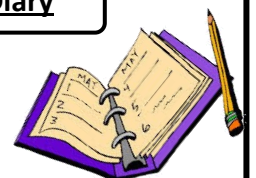
Monday 23rd March -Y5 Inspire Workshop - Tee pee Making

Tuesday 24th March -Y4 Fire Safety Talks

Friday 27th March -Break up for Easter Holidays - Early Finish Y5 & 6 = 1:15pm & Y3&4 = 1:30pm

Monday 13th April - Back to school- on time please!

27th April –1st May - Well Being Week





How to register and book for the 2026 programme?

You will need a code to register if you have not received a code, by post. Please contact us to see if you qualify for the programme via email wr4c@walsall.gov.uk.

To register your child, use any of the following options:

- Scan the QR CODE below
- Visit our website www.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/holiday-activities-programme-haf
- Call us on 01922 653899
- Email us your enquiry on wr4c@walsall.gov.uk

Once you have registered you will be able to book onto activities.

Sign up now!

To find out more visit our website or sign up to our newsletter:

www.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/holiday-activities-programme-haf



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JUSTALK KIDS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

JusTalk Kids is a child's version of the JusTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JusTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JusTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a Kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a call; exclusive stickers; a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber; and exclusive ringtones and themes.

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JusTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JusTalk account). The basis behind this is positive; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JusTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JusTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact: this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username. In theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JusTalk and JusTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted – leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say in person. Combined with the option of group chats, there's a risk that young people might join in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially turning what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 52% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022 – as well as finding that 25% of children used their smartphones in a manner consistent with screen addiction. Introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JusTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what *is* and *isn't* safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JusTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/justalk-kids>



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
Monday	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
Tuesday	Advice & Support - 10:00am - 12:00pm Sewing - 10:00am - 12:00pm (£1.00 per session)	Advice & Support - 12:30pm - 2:00pm
Wednesday	Advice & Support - 10:00am - 12:00pm Palfrey Park Cycling Session - 10:00am - 12:00pm	Advice & Support - 12:30pm - 2:00pm
Thursday	Advice & Support - 10:00am - 12:00pm	Advice & Support - 12:30pm - 2:00pm Employability Search - 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Friday	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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UK Government NHS
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

If you have babies or toddlers at home or are expecting a new baby there is a new government website called

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)

NASHDOM - 01922 616444

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



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

[walsallfamiliesintheknow](https://www.facebook.com/walsallfamiliesintheknow) www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk

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

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



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 Council 

*FREE COMMUNITY COURSES AVAILABLE AT WALSALL COLLEGE

Including Photography & Videography, Healthy Lifestyles, Introduction to Digital Marketing and Introduction to Fashion & Textiles

Contact 01922 657000 or CommunityDevelopment@walsallcollege.ac.uk to register your interest

*subject to eligibility



Your place to **grow**
Your place to **shine**

Dates for the Diary



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	TT Rockstars Battle of the Bands postponed
Thursday 29th January	TT Rockstars Battle of the Bands (dress like a rock star)
26th -30th January	Book Fair Week
Tuesday 27th January	Y3 Inspire Workshop - Greek Vases
2nd - 6th February	National Story Telling Week & Well Being Week
Friday 6th February	Y5 Joy of Movement
Tuesday 10th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 11th February	International Women and Girls in Science Day
Thursday 12th February	The Big Harmony Sing
Friday 13th February	Break up for Half term
Monday 23rd February	Back to school—On time please!
Wednesday 25th February	Y4 Inspire workshop postponed
Wednesday 4th March	Y4 Inspire workshop—the water cycle NEW DATE
Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th March	Y3 – Learn to ride
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Monday 9th March	Y4 Bike fix
Thursday 12th March	Y3 Pedestrian Safety Training
Thursday 12th March	Mother’s Day Celebration Afternoon 1:40 - 2:45pm
Friday 13th March	Y3 Pedestrian Safety Training
Monday 16th March	Marvellous Me - Oracy Day
23rd - 27th March	Well Being Week
Monday 23rd March	Y5 Inspire Workshop - Tee pee Making
Tuesday 24th March	Y4 Fire Safety Talks
Friday 27th March	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 13th April	Back to school- on time please!
27th April –1st May	Well Being Week
Tuesday 28th April	Year 3 Inspire Workshop - Volcanoes
Monday 4th May	School Closed - May Bank Holiday
11th - 14th May	Year 6 SATs week
18th - 22nd May	Science Week



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



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 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](#)