



# Palfrey Junior School Newsletter

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As we come to the end of another term, we would like to thank all of the children for their continued hard work, effort and super behaviour. We wish you all a lovely Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 13th April.

Due to the bad weather the Sponsored Walk has been postponed until Wednesday 15th April.



## 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 Sienna B  
Cl 2 Azaan A  
Cl 3 Marianne N  
Cl 4 Inaaya U  
Cl 5 Tahseen M  
Cl 6 Yahya H  
Cl 7 Fatimah J  
Cl 8 Samad K  
Cl 8 Muzammil I  
Cl 10 Sara A  
Cl 11 Ropafadzo M  
Cl 12 Daneen K



Cl 1 Yaqub U  
Cl 3 Umar R  
Al of Class 4  
Cl 6 Ahmad A  
Cl 10 Maryam R



Cl 1 Halima B  
Cl 6 Aryan F  
Cl 7 Amaya B  
Cl 10 Fatema J

## This Week In School



**Year 3** - have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10 or 100 in maths, they have been writing a narrative in the style of Stone Age Boy in literacy and in computing they have been fixing bugs in branching databases.

**Year 4** - have been identifying different properties and lines of symmetry in 2D shapes in maths, they have been learning about the importance of Shrewsbury on the River Severn in topic and in science they created some posters about all they have learnt this half term about the water cycle.



**Year 5** - have been looking at the properties of circles and angles on a straight line in maths, they have been thinking about different characters viewpoints in the story 'This is Not a Fairytale' in literacy and in topic, they have made posters and fact files about different US states and tried out some American sports like basketball, baseball and American football.

**Year 6** - have been revising how to do short and long division in maths, they have been writing an information text about the own desert island in literacy and in guided reading, they have been researching the author 'Charles Dickens'.



## Outdoor Learning



Class 11 and 12 made some apple bird feeders in outdoor learning this week. They used Apples and sunflower seeds to make delicious food for the local birds and wildlife.





There are still places available for the local Eggsplorer Adventure Camp taking place with ISSA Football Club @ LMRCA Railway Club ( Just off the little island where Bescot Crescent joins the Wednesbury Road) more detail on p4



If you haven't signed your children up for the HAF Easter Programme - there might still be time . Info on p3 & 4

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

on time



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

Children and young people use the internet everyday to learn, play and connect, but the online world is not always safe. It can be hard keeping up with the risk, including harmful content, cyberbullying and scams, so as we go into the Easter holiday have a look at the Essential Online Safety poster on p5 for practical tips for parents and carers. Lots of parents guides and info can also be found on our website and on [The National College website](#)



**Expected attendance is 96 %**

The Class with the best attendance was

**Class 11 with 98%**

Overall our attendance was **94.81%**

- Class 1 – 93%
- Class 2 – 94%
- Class 3 – 95%
- Class 4 – 95%
- Class 5 – 93%
- Class 6 – 97%
- Class 7 - 94%
- Class 8 - 93%
- Class 9 - 90%
- Class 10 - 97%
- Class 11 - 98%**
- Class 12 – 97%



**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

Tuesday 28th April -Year 3 - Volcanoes



Thursday 18th June - Father's Day Afternoon



Monday 29th June - Year 5 Egyptian Mummies

Wednesday 8th July - Year 4 Romans



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.**



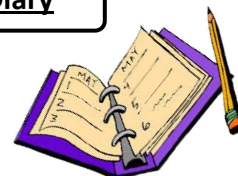
	PE Days
Class 2 & 3	Wednesday
Class 1	Wednesday swimming
Class 5	Tuesday-Swimming
Class 4 & 6	Tuesday
Y4 & Y5	Thursday—Chance to
Class 10	Friday
Class 11 & 12	Thursday

**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!**

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

- 27th April –1st May - Well Being Week
- Tuesday 28th April - Y3 Inspire workshop - Volcanoes 1:40-2:45pm
- Monday 4th May - School Closed - May Bank Holiday
- Friday 15th May - Year 3 visit to St Matthew's Church
- Friday 22nd May - Break up for Half Term
- Monday 1st June - Eid Parties

**Dates for the Diary**





## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/holiday-activities-programme-haf)



## Holiday Activities Programme (HAF)

Walsall's Holiday Activities and Food programme funded by the Department of Education (DFE)



<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people>

# EGGSELENT ADVENTURES

## CAMP

Easter Holiday Activity Camp



**MARCH 30 - APRIL 2**

**Ages 4 11**

# RAVEN

SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT

There are still places available for the Eggsplorer Adventure Camp taking place with ISSA Football Club @ LMRCA Railway Club ( Just off the little island where Bescot Crescent joins the Wednesbury Road ) Lots of different activities have been organised for the week including egg hunt, multi sports, arts and crafts, music production and more!

To sign your child up, use the link at the top of the page to register them for the HAF Easter programme.  
Lunch provided daily.

If you need help signing up call  
01922 653899



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY

Children and young people use the internet every day to learn, play, and connect, but the online world is not always safe. For adults, it can be hard to keep up with the risks, including harmful content, cyberbullying and scams. These 10 tips provide clear and practical advice to support safer and healthier digital habits, helping young people to make informed, secure choices when using technology.

### 1 START EARLY CONVERSATIONS

Begin talking about online behaviour from the moment children start using devices. Use age-appropriate language and revisit topics regularly, making it clear they can speak to you about anything that upsets or confuses them. Keeping these chats open helps build trust, so children are more likely to come to you when needed.

### 2 PROMOTE SAFER SHARING

Children can overshare without understanding the risks. Remind them that photos, locations, or messages can be copied or shared beyond their intended audience. Explain how even private messages or group chats can be saved and/or misused. Talk about what is appropriate to post, message, and who it's safe to share with.

### 3 ENCOURAGE DIGITAL BALANCE

Many apps and games are designed to keep users engaged through rewards, likes, or constant updates. These features can make it hard for children to switch off. Talk openly about how these systems work and help children recognise when it's time to take a break. Building in tech-free routines supports a healthier balance and awareness of their screen time.

### 4 CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR CONCERNS

When children come to you with a concern, respond with interest and care, rather than with alarm. Keeping your reaction measured helps them feel safe and supported. This doesn't mean ignoring serious issues; it means showing that you're there to help. When children trust that they can speak openly, they're more likely to feel supported through unpleasant online experiences, and to ask for help in future.

### 5 STAY INFORMED AND CURRENT

With emerging technologies like AI moving and changing so quickly, it's important to stay updated on how children are using new platforms, apps and games. Ask them to show you what they use and let them take the lead as you explore together. This opens up valuable conversations and helps you stay ahead of emerging risks and trends.

### 6 TEACH CRITICAL THINKING

Talk to children about how to recognise unreliable information or scams online. With AI-generated videos, photos, and stories becoming harder to spot, help children question what they see and encourage them to look for evidence, check sources, and ask questions. These skills will help them avoid risks, make smart choices, and develop healthy habits for the future.

### 7 SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES

Involve children in conversations about device usage so they feel included. Agree on digital rules such as screen-time limits, age-appropriate apps, and no devices in bedrooms overnight. Use parental controls to block or filter harmful content and explain that rules are there to protect and support them, not to spoil their fun.

### 8 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children often copy the behaviour of adults around them. Show them what balanced, respectful, and mindful use of technology looks like, such as avoiding scrolling during family time and speaking kindly in messages. If you expect certain behaviour from them online, make sure your own habits reflect the same standards.

### 9 EXPLORE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Show children how to use privacy tools on apps, games, and websites. Teach them to use strong passwords, block or report others in response to problems, and avoid sharing personal details. Explore settings together so they feel confident and in control, and explain that these features are there to help them stay safe online.

### 10 KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Familiarise yourself with tools and organisations that support online safety. The National College offers online safety guides and webinars which provide tips on staying safe. Websites like Report Harmful Content and CEOP can be used to report when something goes wrong. Show children how to report or block users, and where to go if they feel unsafe. Make sure they know that asking for help is always the right thing to do, and be prepared to support them.

## 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.

See full reference list on our website

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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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**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

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](mailto:EarlyHelpParentingTeam@walsall.gov.uk)

www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk

## 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**

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## \*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](mailto:CommunityDevelopment@walsallcollege.ac.uk) to register your interest

\*subject to eligibility



Your place to grow  
Your place to shine

## Dates for the Diary



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
Friday 15th May	Year 3 visit to St Matthew's church
18th - 22nd May	Science Week
Friday 22nd May	Break up for Half term holiday
Monday 1st June	School Re-opens—On time please!
Monday 1st June	Eid parties & non uniform day
Tuesday 2nd June	French Day
Thursday 4th June	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day am
Friday 5th June	Year 5 & 6 Sports Day am
Monday 8th June	Climate 180 Day
Tuesday 9th June	Year 4 Roman theatre and workshop
Thursday 11th June	Continents Day
<b><u>Friday 12th June</u></b>	<b><u>School closed for Staff Training Day</u></b>
Thursday 18th June	Father's Day Celebration Afternoon
Friday 19th June	Year 5 Trip to Birmingham Museum
Thursday 25th June	Summer Fayre
Friday 26th June	Year 5 Trip to Birmingham Museum
Friday 26th June	D&T Day
Monday 29th June	Year 5 Inspire Workshop - Egyptian Mummies
Tuesday 30th June	Joseph Leckie Transition Day
Tuesday 30th June & Wednesday 1st July	Blue Coat Academy Transition Days
Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd July	Wood Green Transition Days
Tuesday 7th July	Children's University Graduation
Wednesday 8th July	Year 4 Inspire Workshop
Monday 13th July	Culture Day
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 17th July	Break up Summer Holidays Early finish Y5&6—1:15pm & Y3 &4 - 1:30pm



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](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](#)