



Palfrey Junior School Newsletter

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This Week In School

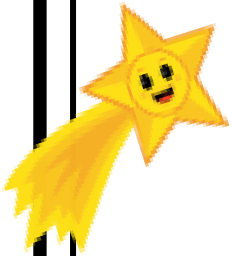
Golden Certificates

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 Anaya N
- Cl 1 Haider M
- Cl 3 Hajra R
- Cl 4 Anshara K
- Cl 5 Mohammed Y
- Cl 5 Kristian K
- Cl 6 Aisha K
- Cl 6 Muadh M
- Cl 7 Fatima A
- Cl 9 Madiha A
- Cl 10 Suhaib R
- Cl 11 Rahma M
- Cl 11 Aliza A
- Cl 12 Adam I

- Cl 3 Abdulahi R
- Cl 4 Medina M
- Cl 5 Arissa H
- Cl 6 Fatima F
- Cl 6 Falaq N
- Cl 7 Safaa A
- Cl 9 Khadija B
- Cl 10 Auof K

- Cl 3 Sudais S
- Cl 7 Abdullah S
- Cl 10 Matilda G-T



Year 3 - have been adding 2 and 3 digit numbers mentally in maths, they have been planning their own discussion texts about whether break times should be longer in literacy and in science, they have been learning all about seed dispersal.



Year 4 - have been finding factors of numbers in maths, they have been doing character studies about the character in the story Bogey Men and Trolls Next Door and in science, they have investigating how dinosaurs became extinct.

Year 5 - have been using the frog method to subtract or converting mixed fractions in maths, they have been using fronted adverbials in their writing to describe settings and adding tension in literacy and in topic, they have comparing the temperatures in rainforests and the UK.



Year 6 - have been finding and correcting mistakes in a completed arithmetic paper in maths, they have been researching about the 'Underground Railroad' linked to the story 'A Road to Freedom' in guided reading and in literacy, they have drawn their interpretation of what Kensuke might have looked like using inference and deduction.

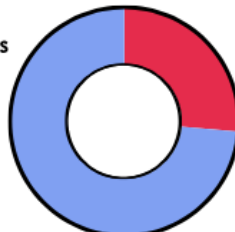


Votes for Schools

Would you like to see wildlife on UK banknotes?

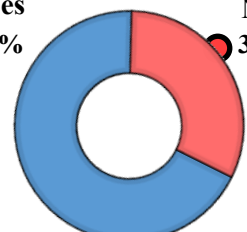
National Results

Yes 74.1% No 25.9%



Palfrey Results

Yes 68% No 32%



Be heard.



Everyone knows about You Tube, it is one of the most popular sites on the internet – but not everything posted on there is suitable for younger people. Find out about You Tube on p3 and advice and guidance on how to keep you children safe online.

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 12 with 100%

Overall our attendance was **96.14%**

Class 1 – 97%

Class 2 – 96%

Class 3 – 98%

Class 4 – 94%

Class 5 – 94%

Class 6 – 97%

Class 7 - 99%

Class 8 - 90%

Class 9 - 92%

Class 10 - 95%

Class 11 - 99%

Class 12 – 100%



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 Shine cricket
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!

Dates for the Diary

- 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**
- Tuesday 5th May - Online Safety Workshop for parents 9:00am**
- 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
- Monday 1st June - School Re-opens—On time please! & Eid Parties
- Friday 5th June - Y5 & 6 Sports day



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows about YouTube. The Google-owned platform allows users to upload and share videos globally, making it a readily accessible resource with free content on almost any topic. However, with over 20 million videos uploaded each day, not all material is suitable for younger audiences.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



YouTube is free and can be accessed across multiple device types, even without an account. While some videos are marked as 'age restricted', this relies on uploader honesty and automated moderation, meaning children and young people may still encounter unsuitable content if these measures aren't taken.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES



Popular trends and challenges can be entertaining and widely shared. While many are harmless, some can be risky or harmful if copied. For example, the 'salt and ice challenge' has caused injuries when imitated.

EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT



The platform's algorithm often promotes content that attracts high engagement, which can sometimes include videos containing extreme viewpoints, misinformation, or risky behaviour. As children and young people watch more of this content, similar videos are likely to be recommended by YouTube's algorithm, therefore reinforcing the exposure.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS



YouTube includes social features such as comments and direct messaging. This means young users can interact with people they don't know, potentially exposing them to inappropriate language, cyberbullying, or unwanted contact. Young content creators may be especially vulnerable.

SUGGESTED CONTENT



YouTube recommends videos based on what a user has previously watched. While this can enhance the experience, it may also encourage binge-watching and excessive screen time, particularly when Autoplay is enabled. Without an account, users are shown trending videos, which are not always age appropriate.

SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT



YouTube Shorts – short, fast-paced videos – are designed for continuous viewing. This style of content can be highly engaging but may also contribute to increased screen time and difficulties with maintaining focus over longer periods.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS



YouTube Kids can help reduce young users' exposure to unsuitable content by filtering videos into age groups, such as preschool, younger, and older children. However, as moderation is automated, it should be used alongside active supervision.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS



If a child in your care uploads content, consider setting videos to Private or Unlisted so they are only shared with trusted viewers. Disabling comments can also help reduce unwanted interaction from strangers.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS



Google Family Link allows adults to filter content, monitor usage, and manage younger users' screen time. Supervised Accounts offer a gradual step up from YouTube Kids, enabling children to explore the platform with appropriate safeguards.

WATCH TOGETHER



Spending time watching YouTube with the children and young people in your care can help you understand what they enjoy and guide your conversations about content. Tools like Downtime in Family Link can also help limit unsupervised viewing.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for publications including Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.



See full reference list on our [website](https://nationalcollege.com)



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**

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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
Friday 12th June	School closed for Staff Training Day
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 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](#)