



Palfrey Junior School Newsletter

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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 4 Sufiyan M
- Cl 4 Hamza P
- Cl 6 Ava S
- Cl 7 Bilaal R
- Cl 7 Zakwan C
- Cl 8 Nafisa M
- Cl 9 Umair P
- Cl 9 Nickolas B
- Cl 10 Shaheer J
- Cl11 Kausar P
- Cl 11 Lorenzo S
- Cl 12 Maryam M
- Cl 12 Ibraheem K



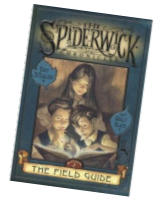
- Cl 4 Rijja P
- Cl 6 Aysha J
- Cl 7 Safaa A
- Cl 7 Sahil O
- Cl9 Safaa A
- Cl 0 Aouf K

This Week In School



Year 3 - have been learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes in maths, they have been writing sentences to describe Roy the Zebra in literacy and in topic, they have discovered how Early Britons communicated and attempted to communicate as they did.

Year 4 - have been recapping the different method they learnt to solve different calculations in maths in Year3 , they have started work on the Spiderwick Chronicles - a story about an imaginary world in literacy and in science, they have started to look at electricity and which appliances need electricity to work.



Year 5 - have been revising strategies for additional and subtraction in maths, they have been using drama to explore characters feelings in literacy and in science, they carried out research on the reproductive parts of a flowering plant.

Year 6 - have used 'Colour My Grammar' to build powerful sentences in literacy, they have revised how to use the reading dogs to work out what type of comprehension question they are being asked in guided reading and in science, they have been learning how to read classification keys.



Please come and join us in The Hub on Wednesday 24th September 9:30am for our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning.



Thursday 25th September - Children can come to school in non uniform and have popcorn and cake for £2 (payable on Arbor app) as part of our fundraising.

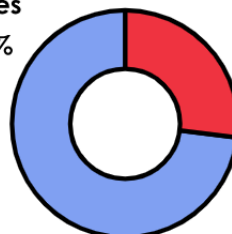
Votes for Schools

Through weekly discussions and voting, not only are the children learning about the world around them, but they are also becoming active citizens and participating in democratic processes.

Every week children take part in Votes for School, a weekly voting platform designed to engage children & young people in current affairs and social issues.

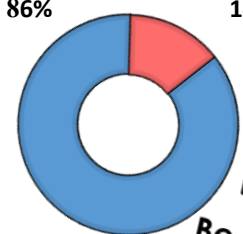
National Results

● Yes 72.8%
 ● No 27.2%



Palfrey Results

● Yes 86%
 ● No 14%



Do you feel proud to be yourself at school ?



Be heard.



Our Digital Leaders say...Snapchat is a very popular messaging app among children and young people, but how safe is it? Have a look at p3 for info about the app and ways to can make sure your children are using it safely.



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.



Trade a Tin Day 2025

We want to say a really big thank you for all of your donations to the Black Country Foodbank. We thank you for your continued generosity, kindness and support. The Black Country Foodbank were very grateful for the fantastic donations and said they will be able to help lots of adults, children and families in the area.



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	PE Days
Class 1 & 2	Friday
Class 3	Wednesday -swimming
Y4	Tuesday
Class 6	Tuesday - Swimming
Y5	Monday
Class 10	Friday
Class 11 & 12	Thursday

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.



Expected attendance is 96 %

The Class with the best attendance was

Class 2,8,10,11 & 12 with 98%

Overall our attendance was **95.7%**

The attendance for each Class:

- Class 1 – 92%
- Class 2 – 98%
- Class 3 – 96%
- Class 4 – 96%
- Class 5 – 95%
- Class 6 – 90%
- Class 7 - 94%
- Class 8 - 98%
- Class 9 - 95%
- Class 10 - 98%
- Class 11 - 98%
- Class 12 – 98%



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.



Dates for the Diary

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- Wednesday 1st October - Year 5 STEM Robotics Workshops
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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

SNAP STREAK

97

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.



SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🔥 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.



SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.



SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.



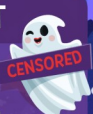
ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.



Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.



ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.



BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.



USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.



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.



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

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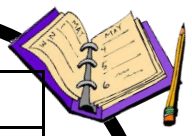
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Friday 12th September	Roald Dahl Day -children to dress up as favourite character
18th September	UK Day
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Monday 3rd November	Back to school & M&M Theatre Show Robin Hood
Monday 10th November	Year 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 and pop corn for £2
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
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day £1
Monday 15th December	Christmas Around the World Day
Tuesday 16th December	School Choir Christmas Concert
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 may change and more events and extra details will be added to the newsletter throughout the year.

A Healthy Packed Lunch

It has come to our attention that some children are not being given an appropriate or healthy packed lunch. A packed lunch should contain a variety of food including sandwiches, fruit, snack and a drink. Here are some ideas that should be included in your child's lunch box everyday.

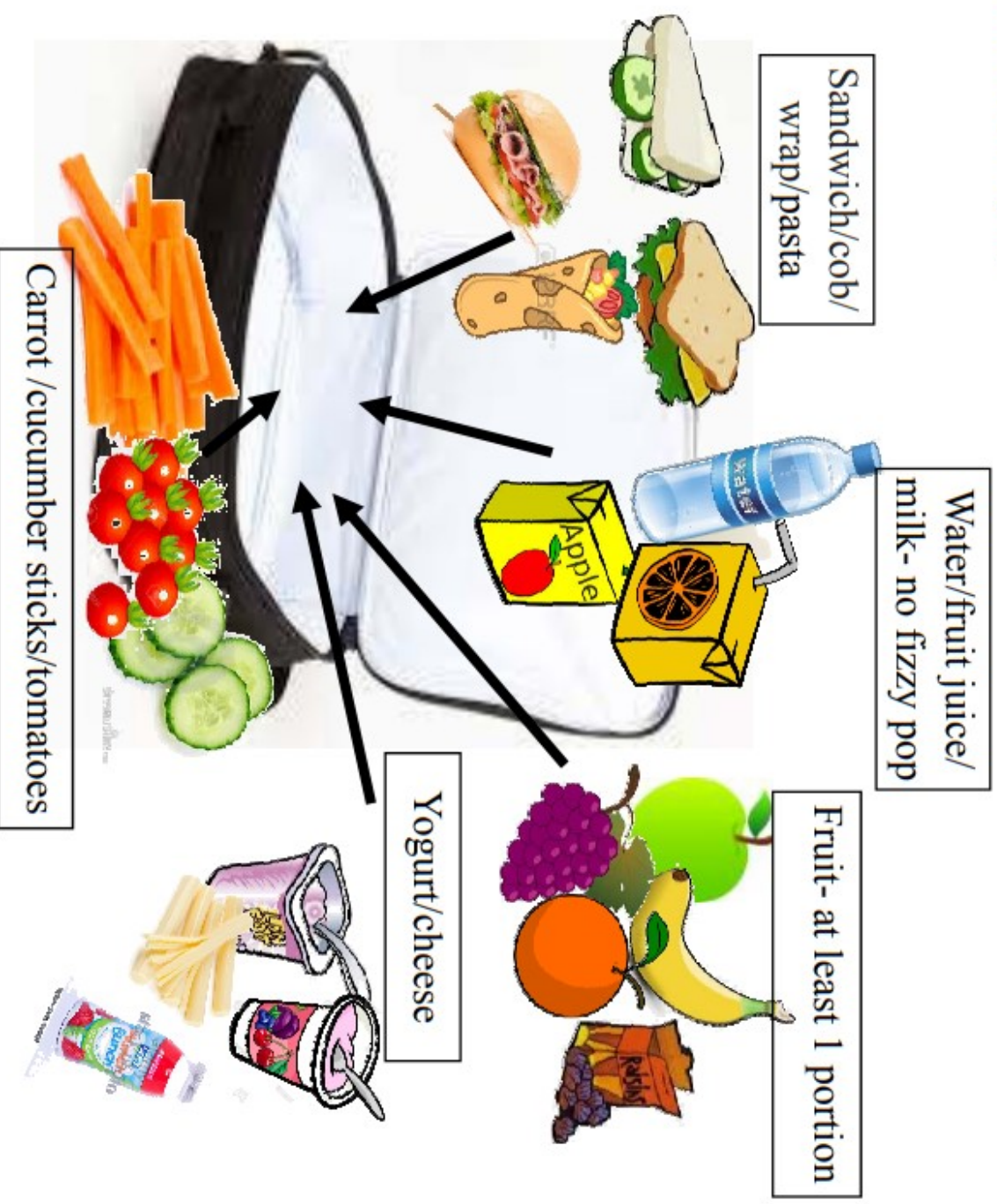
According to [NHS choices](#) a balanced lunchbox should contain:

- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt
- Vegetables or salad
- A portion of fruit

For more ideas visit-

www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration

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CRIME STOPPERS
0800 555 111
Call anonymously with information about crime

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

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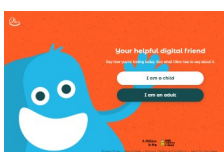
If you are finding it difficult to feed you family during these difficult time we are now partnered with Black Country Food Bank and can issue Food Vouchers that can be re-deem locally. Please call us or email support@palfrey-j.walsall.sch.uk and we will get back to you. This is strictly confidential.

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](#)