



# Palfrey Infant School Newsletter

Summer Term 1 – 09.05.2025

## A message from Mrs Walsh:



### **Please help us build your child's reading fluency.**

Over the next term we will be doing end of year assessments with the children to look at their ongoing progress. Please continue to read regularly with your child to ensure their best progress in reading.

The children are assessed in reading fluency and should be aiming for 60 words per minute by the end of Year 1 and 100 words per minute at the end of Year 2. We often find children know their Set 1, 2 and 3 phonic sounds but are not reading fluently to move onto the next stage of books... lets get great progress this term!

## VE Day

**This week we celebrated the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe day on  
Thursday 8th May.**

The children have enjoyed various activities such as colouring and making bunting. We also had a special assembly on Friday to learn more about VE day.



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# Best Attendance Pizza Party



The winners of this terms pizza party are...



Well done to Class 8 for having the best attendance last term! To celebrate Class 8 attended a pizza party held by our kitchen staff. Not only did they make their very own pizza, they also designed their own pizza box!

## ROAD SAFETY Walks



Last week our reception classes took part in road safety walks. During the walks they learnt about the importance of road safety and how to safely cross roads. Please remind your child how to keep safe near roads, including holding an adults hand.

# SPORTS DAY

We are excited to announce sports day will be on **Tuesday 15th July!**

More details to follow.



## Teddy-Bears' Picnic



### Sandwiches:

Egg, Tuna, Jam or Cheese

### Snacks:

Crisps, Carrot Sticks or Cucumber sticks



### Treat:

Cupcake



Celebrate with us on **Thursday 15th May!**

## PE DAYS—Changes for this term

This years PE days are:

**Monday:** Year 1

**Tuesday:** Year 2

**Wednesday:** Year 1 and Year 2

**Thursday:** Nursery and Reception



**Please can they come to school in their PE kits**

***After School Clubs—Please come in PE Kits on their selected day***

## Free School Meals 2024/5

Could your child be entitled to a  
**FREE school meal?**



We would like all parents to sign up for the Free School Meals within school. Your child may be entitled to the pupil premium funding. This is a grant given by the government to schools in England to decrease the attainment gap for the most disadvantaged children, whether by income or by family upheaval.

Please access the link and complete the online form here: [Free school meals | Walsall Council](#)



## Reception Stay and Play Sessions

Reception will be inviting parents to work with their child in class, focusing on Reading, Writing and Maths.



**All Sessions will be from 2pm—3pm.**

Please add the following dates to your diaries:

- Wednesday 14th May 2025
- Tuesday 1st July 2025

## Nursery Parent Stay and play Sessions

Nursery will be inviting parents to work with their child in class, focusing on Reading, Writing and Maths.



**All sessions will be from 10am—11am and 2pm—3pm**

Please add the following dates to your diaries:

- Tuesday 13th May 2025
- Tuesday 1st July 2025—Graduation Picnic

# New School Times

## SCHOOL TIMES from SEPTEMBER 2024

### NURSERY SCHOOL TIMES: September 2024

NURSERY	AM GROUP	PM GROUP
Kingfisher, Robin, Owl	8.30am-11.30am	12.30pm-3.30pm

### RECEPTION SCHOOL TIMES: September 2024

	Classes 1, 2 & 3		
	Start Time	C2 & 3 End Time	C1 End Time
Monday- Friday	8.45am	3.15pm Main Gate	3.15pm Nursery Gate

### YEAR 1 SCHOOL TIMES: September 2024

Classes 4, 5 & 6	Start Time	End Time
Monday- Friday	8.45am	3.15pm

### YEAR 2 SCHOOL TIMES: September 2024

Classes 7, 8 & 9	Start Time	End Time
Monday- Friday	8.45am	3.15pm

Please be mindful we have a 10 minutes period for safe entry to school, there is no need to push and overcrowd the gate, this causes the children to be frightened and is unnecessary. After the initial rush there is plenty of time to enter calmly. Once children have gone through the gate, please clear the gateway for other children to enter, do not linger.

If you wish to get a message to the class teacher please speak with the school adults who are on the gate: Mrs Walsh, Mrs Adams.

Whitehall Road Entrance will be closed at 8.55am.

Try not to be late as this creates issues.

Any late pupils need to enter via the Bescot street entrance (entrance opposite Palfrey Garage)



## Dates for your Diary:

12th May— Parent Meeting for New Reception parents 2pm in the main hall

13th May—Current Nursery parents meeting for new Reception 9.15am and 1.15pm. In the main hall.

15th May—Special Teddy Bears Picnic school Lunch

21st May—New Nursery Parent meeting 2pm in the Main Hall

23rd May—School closed to children for Half Term

**26th May—30th May - Half Term**

2nd June— School opens for Children - Normal times

16th and 17th June—Reception trip to Ash End Farm

2nd July—School Move up Day

4th July—Year 1 trip to Walsall Football Club

11th July—Year 1 trip to Walsall Football Club

15th July—School Sports Day

21st July—School closes for the Summer Term Holiday

# ATTENDANCE

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

**ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**  
Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

**89% & Below**  
 Drastic effect on academic achievement

**95%-90%**  
 Cause for concern

**100%-96%**  
 Excellent

