



Palfrey Infant School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 – 03.10.2025

A message from Mrs Walsh:

This week Year 2 visited the Black Country Living Museum. They had a lovely time and asked lots of interesting questions.

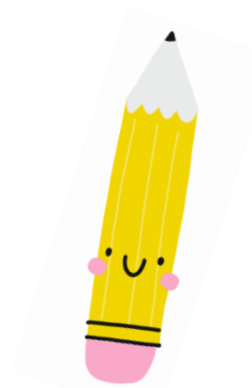
I am excited to announce our school has achieved gold standard for the A Stars walking programme. The Mayor will be visiting Palfrey next week to award us with our certificate. Well done to all.

Today Mr Ludlow visited school at the very start of the day to welcome everyone. He was very impressed with all of the phonics work.

Importantly, please continue to read at home with the children regularly in order to help continue their progress.



Headteacher



Year 2 Trip

THE BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM



On Tuesday and Wednesday Year 2 visited the Black Country Living Museum where they continued their school learning about toys past and present. They had a wonderful time and took part in various activities during their tour of the museum.



Speech & Language

DROP-IN ADVICE SESSIONS



- Do you have questions about your child's speech or language development?
- Are you worried that your child is not talking or does not understand you?
- Would you like some advice on general strategies to help?

If you're worried about your child's communication skills, please come to a drop in session for advice and support.



Wednesday 15th October



Nursery parents: Anytime between 9am and 12pm

Reception parents: Anytime between 12:30pm and 3:30pm

To attend a session please come to the main school office. If you need an interpreter for another language please let your child's teacher know before 8th October.



Speech & Language Staff: Libby Parkes and Alea Bagum. We speak English and Bengali.

Circus



Fun Festival

On Thursday 3rd October we hosted a special circus fun festival themed lunch! The canteen was decorated with balloons and our staff dressed up as clowns. A big thank you to our kitchen staff!



CIRCUS FUN FESTIVAL!

Main 1
"Big Top" Mini Hot Dogs

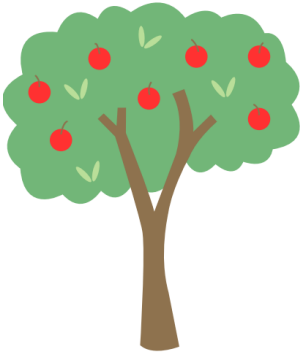
Main 2
Lion's Mac & Cheese

Sides
Juggler's potato wedges
Circus Coleslaw Confetti

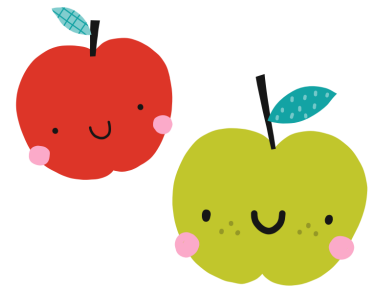
Dessert
Clown Cupcakes



APPLE PICKING



Reception spent time collecting cooking apples from our lovely forest school. Well done to reception for collecting so many apples!



PE DAYS

Tuesday: Reception

Wednesday: Year 2 (class 7 & class 9)

Thursday: Year 1 (class 4 & class 6)

Friday: Y2 class 8 & Y1 class 5



Please can students come to school in their PE kits

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

Free School Meals 2025



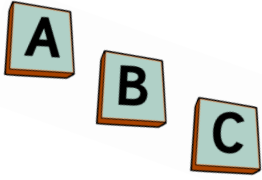
We would like all parents to sign up for the Free School Meals within school. Your child may be entitled to the pupil premium funding. This is a grant given by the government to schools in England to decrease the attainment gap for the most disadvantaged children, whether by income or by family upheaval.

Please access the link and complete the online form here:

[Free school meals | Walsall Council](#)



PHONICS



For Year 1 parents

Please scan the below QR code to learn more about the Phonics screening assessment that will take place next year!



IMPORTANT!



SCHOOL TIMES from SEPTEMBER 2025

Nursery School Times

Nursery

Kingfisher, Robin & Owl

Times

8:45am-11:45am

Reception School Times

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

Classes 4, 5 & 6

Monday-Friday

Start time

8:45am

End time

3:15pm

Year 2 School Times

Classes 7, 8 & 9

Monday-Friday

Start time

8:45am

End time

3:15pm

Please be mindful we have a 10 minute period for safe entry to school, there is no need to push and overcrowd the gate, this causes 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 and 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 (opposite Palfrey Garage).



Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2025

October

20th-24th October– Parents evening. Specific date and times to be confirmed.

Monday 27th— Friday 31st October– Half Term holiday (school closed)

November

Monday 3rd November– Inset day (school closed)

Monday 10th November—Odd Socks Day—Anti Bullying Week

Friday 14th November—Children in Need—Non School Uniform

December

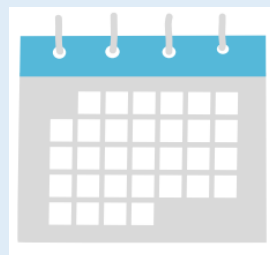
Thursday 11th December– Christmas Jumper Day and special dinner.

Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th December– Reception Christmas play

Wednesday 17th December– Y2 Christmas concert

Thursday 18th December– Class Christmas parties

Friday 19th December– Last day of term



Dates for your diary



Spring Term 2026

January

Monday 5th January – Inset day

Tuesday 6th January- School reopens (start of new term)

February

Monday 16th– Friday 20th February– Half term holiday (school closed)

March

Tuesday 24th March– Reception parent afternoon workshop

Friday 27th March– Last day of term

Summer Term 2026

April

Monday 13th April– School reopens (start of new term)

May

Monday 25th– Friday 29th May– Half term holiday (school closed)

July

Wednesday 15th July– Sports day

Monday 20th July– Inset day (school closed)



COURSES

We are offering a range of courses for parents. The courses will be led by school nurses and hosted at school (please go to the main school office). All the courses will last approximately an hour. Please see the table for all available courses.

Course	Date	Start Time
Getting to know your school nurse	9th October 2025	9:00am
Sleep workshop	8th December 2025	1pm
Behaviour workshop	12th January 2026	1pm
School Readiness	17th March 2026	9am

