



The Palmer Academy Newsletter

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A term of wonder and excitement! – Mr Wyld, Mrs Ducker & Mr Prendergast

The wonder, excitement and enquiry flourished and grew throughout the term – fabulous memories were created! Well done to all the pupils for your hard work, teamwork and good humour throughout the term. To our parents and carers – we thank you for your support this term. We hope to continue to work with you to build positive relationships and provide great opportunities for your children. Finally, to all the staff at TPA – a big thank you for your commitment, creativity and incredible hard work. It is an absolute pleasure to work with all our pupils, parents/carers and staff!

Christmas at TPA – Mr Prendergast



The schools have been full of festive cheer these past few weeks. We have had performances, visits and integrated learning all linked to this very special time of the year.

Years 1 – 3 produced a magnificent Nativity called ‘Superstar’ – the singing, dancing and acting would have wowed audiences in the West End of London! Thank you to the parents and carers for your support in putting this production on!

Nursery and Reception performed some festive songs to the school and their parents. Dressed in their Christmas costumes and singing adorably they

melted the hearts of everyone who watched!



The Palmer PTA put on their first Christmas fair – thank you for your incredible support! Raising money to provide further opportunities for our children! Pupils cooked and created treats and decorations for you to try and buy.

We had an exciting visit from some of Santa’s reindeer in later November, just before their busiest time of the year! We also had a visit from some animals featured in the Christmas story, including two donkeys.



Years 3 and 4 took some Christmas spirit to our local care homes and performed Christmas songs and carols for the residents there. We had great feedback from the residents and nurses, who enjoyed the opportunity to listen and talk to our children.

All the children shared a Christmas lunch together with a festive menu of turkey, roast vegetables, stuffing, Christmas pudding and much more!

We also raised money for ‘Save the Children’ with our Christmas dress up day on Friday. The school was filled with festive jumpers, hats and costumes!



The whole school and many parents came together to celebrate and sing at Christ Church yesterday. It was a wonderful event – the children spoke and sang beautifully! Thank you for such a great turnout and support.

Today we have had a visit from a travelling theatre company to show us a production of the Pantomime Aladdin. A BIG thank you to you, our parents and carers, for your support and encouragement! Many of you have helped your child learn lines, with a costume, sing or song or just listening to their enthusiasm and excitement when they came home!

A visit from Mr Leeper, our Chair of Governors – Mr Prendergast

On Friday we had a visit from Mr Leeper, our Chair of Governors. Mr Leeper shared with the children his experience of helping schools in Uganda in Africa. We watched a video diary of two sisters who go to school in Uganda and identified some of the key differences between our lives and theirs.



Stay and read success! – Miss Druce, Miss S Davies, Miss Hand & Miss Caldwell



Thank you if you've stayed and read with your child these last few weeks! We appreciate your support and we hope you value the opportunity to share books and read with your child in the school setting.

Year 4's playlist concert – Miss S Davies & Miss Young



Year 4 presented their end of topic 'Playlist Concert' to the parents on Monday evening. We are so proud of all the children for their hard work and commitment. They sang sweetly and spoke with confidence. It was great to see every child perform. Thank you to the parents for such tremendous support!



EYFS Willow Workshop – Miss Harriss

Children in Reception and Nursery created another willow sculpture in the EYFS garden, adding to the willow shelter already growing and expanding! They planted their own willow shoots and shaped the sculpture so that it grows into a magnificent outdoor shelter!

Year 5 recreate the Solar System – Miss Majer & Miss Patrick

We had some great models of the Solar System produced! They are now on display in the Year 5 area. Thank you for supporting your child in understanding and helping them create these spectacular models!



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Times
22nd December – 3rd January – Christmas Break		
4 th January	Start of Spring 1	8:40am
5 th January	Story Workshop for Reception classes	School day
12 th January	Fireman visit for Year 3	School day
18 th January	Year 5 INSIDE OUT day – selected children	School day
19 th January	'Pirates and Princesses day' including a special lunch!	School day
20 th January	Special visitor in school	School day
	O2 Young Voices performance – selected children	11am – midnight
26 th January	Y2 Ahlberg Class Assembly	9:15am
	Year 4 trip to Harry Potter World	School day
1 st February	Y2 Ahlberg to Princess Diana Memorial Garden and Playground	School day
3 rd February	Y2 Butterworth to Princess Diana Memorial Garden and Playground	School day
9 th February	Y6 Forensic Workshop	School day
13th – 17th February – Half-Term		
2 nd March	World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character!	School day
6 th March	Y3 to Rover and Rowing Museum in Henley	School day
8 th March	Year 5 INSIDE OUT day – selected children	School day
9 th March	Reception Forest School	School day
13 th – 17 th March	British Science Week	
	Y3 Benjamin Class Assembly	9:15am
16 th March	Reception Forest School	School day
	Parents Evening	3:30pm – 6pm
22 nd March	Reception Forest School	School day
	Parents Evening	3:30pm – 7pm
24 th March	Red Nose Day	School day
	Y2 trip to Legoland Windsor	School day
27 th March	Rock Steady Workshops (Reception – Y6)	School day
30 th March	Reception Forest School	School day
6 th April	End of Spring Term	3:15pm