

A MESSAGE FROM MRS WALSH

We have very important dates coming up, with children's performances, we hope to see you there.

The children enjoyed the Black Country Museum and got a first hand understanding of what hardship was like in the olden days, and the school elves have been hard at work in school putting up festive decorations, bringing seasonal joy to dark days.

Please see our school website for updates in the event of bad weather.



A Message from Miss Stackhouse

Dear Children and Parents,

I have some news that I would like to share with you, and I have made a very tough decision to leave Palfrey Infant School at the end of this term in December.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you that I have had the pleasure of teaching over the last 16 years. It has been a privilege getting to know you and your family whilst putting your trust in me to do the very best for your children. I have loved being part of the Palfrey family.

I hold a special place in my heart for each and every one of you and I wish you all the very best for the future.

I hope to still bump into you from time to time, please say hello!

But for now, let's work as hard as always but also enjoy the last few weeks we have left together.

Love

Miss Stackhouse.



PE DAYS

This years PE days are:

Monday: Year 2

Tuesday: Year 1

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 thier selected day

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SCHOOLS.**



1. Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app. Opt into the cash pot for schools campaign and select primary school or select 'schools in Need'
2. Shop in store across Asda and George or online at Asda.com Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.
3. Asda does the rest. The money raised will be donated through parent kind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own cash pot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app

Year 1 and 2 Phonics

Year 1 and 2 are inviting parents to a phonics/ reading session to see how the teachers teach phonic speed sounds and to hear a story read to the class.

The following dates are:

Monday 9th December 2024 at 2.40pm—**Year 1**

Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 2.40pm—**Year 2**

All Parents welcome. Please make sure you are on time.



Christmas Jumper Day

This years Christmas Jumper Day is on **Friday 13th December 2024**. Children can wear a festive jumper or their own clothes.



Please donate £1.00 to Save the Children Fund through School Gateway.

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:

- Monday 16th December 2024 9.15am—10.15am Christmas Performance
- Tuesday 4th February 2025
- Wednesday 2nd April 2025
- Wednesday 14th May 2025
- Wednesday 2nd 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:

- Thursday 19th December 2024—Nursery songs in the Hall—10.30am and 2.30pm
- Monday 3rd February 2025
- Tuesday 1st April 2025
- Tuesday 13th May 2025
- Tuesday 1st July 2025—Graduation Picnic

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	Weeks	Lessons
	Absent	Absent	Miscel
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



**BEING IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO YOUR CHILDS
LEARNING**

Getting your child to school on time really matters

If in a school year your child is late everyday	Your child would have lost approximately	Or they would have missed approximately
5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost



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Dear Parent,

North Star Inclusion Advisory Team are offering free training for families who might be awaiting / suspect a diagnosis of Autism for a child.

Family Sessions Early Years (0-5 +/-2years) Making Sense of Autism

16th September 2024 09:30 – 11:00
11th November 204 13:00 – 14:30
14th January 2025 09:30 – 11:00
06th March 2025 09:30 – 11:00
01st May 2025 13:00 – 14:30
02nd July 2025 13:00 – 14:30

Family Sessions Schools (5-16+ years) Making Sense of Autism

16th September 2024 13:00 – 14:30
12th November 204 09:30 – 11:00
13th January 2025 13:00 – 14:30
07th March 2025 9:30 – 11:00
02nd May 2025 13:00 – 14:30
02nd July 2025 09:30 – 11:00

Venue: Rushall Primary School, Pelsall lane, Walsall, WS4 1NG

Booking: Please book via www.bookwhen.com/niat

Enquiries: Contact Samantha Harrison at North Star Inclusion Advisory Team on 01922 682300 Opt 3 or email Samantha.harrison@northstarfederation.org.uk

Parking: Please be aware if your session **starts at 09:15 do not arrive on site before 09:00am.** T

he carparks will not be available to you before 09:00am.

Due to construction work please use the first carpark on THE left of the drive (opposite the fields)

Free School Meals 2024.

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](#)



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:

- 9th December—Year 1 Phonics/ Reading Session 2.40pm
- 10th December—Year 2 Phonics/ Reading Session 2.40pm
- 13th December—Christmas Jumper Day
- 13th December—Christmas Lunch
- 16th December—Reception play to parents 9.30am
- 18th December— Year 2 Songs—9.30am in the Hall
- 19th December—Nursery Songs to parents—10.30am and 2.30pm
- 19th December—Christmas Parties and a visit from Santa. ***Please only bring shop brought food for the parties. NO NUTS.***
- 20th December—School Breaks up for the Christmas Holiday at **1pm**
- 6th January 2025—Children return to school—Normal time

Weather Watch.

With winter approaching and the prospect of cold/ snowy weather we do everything we can to keep our school open. Our website banner will be the first to be updated with open and closure information should the weather turn for the worst.



We are committed to keeping our school open through out the winter months, please take care and give yourself plenty of time to get to school.

