



Weekly Newsletter

Week End 09.10.26 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you all so much for the harvest donations - there were so many and we are so very grateful to you all.

Hopefully you will have seen the information we issued about changes to the school day from Monday 2nd November, immediately after the half-term break.

New School Day Timings

Morning Arrival

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- Gates will open at **8:40am**.
 - Gates will close at **8:50am**.
 - All children are expected to be in school by **8:50am** and ready to begin learning.
 - Any children arriving after the gates have closed will need to enter through the **school office** and will be recorded as late.
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End of the School Day

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- School will finish at **3:15pm** (previously 3:10pm)
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We appreciate your support in ensuring that children arrive promptly each morning so that they are ready to learn from the start of the school day.

Adding to this staff on gates WILL close gates at 8:50 am - this will be challenging for all of us as we love to help and say yes but on this occasion the expectation will be that you go through the office if you are late.

There has been a significant increase in the school office of parents and children forgetting things and asking our wonderful office staff to take things to classes, sort out lunch orders, take different things to different places. Whilst we are happy to help this puts a lot of pressure on an already busy office. Please try to sort these things before school starts - Thank you as always for working with us.

DATA

This week in school I have met with all teachers to look at data in their year groups. All of the meetings have been extremely positive with the teachers reporting that children have

settled well into class, they are focussed on learning and they really are challenging themselves. We have already got loads of great writing up around the school.

Help at Home

Don't forget you can help your children at home with learning phonics and spellings, counting objects, number recognition and times tables. For children in Reception and Nursery it is really good to ensure you are working on toilet training and using a knife and a fork. If you need support with any of this, there are excellent resources on My Happy Mind and we can always point you in the right direction to other resources too.

Mrs Davies

Head Teacher Awards



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Congratulations to the following children who were awarded with our Head Teacher Award this week: -

Elm - Izabelle

*Maple - **India***

*Sycamore - **Ellie-Mae***

*Willow - **Henry***

*Oak - **Charlie B***

*Cedar - **Isla***

*Hazel - **Harley***

*Rowan - **Albie***

*The Orchard - **Oscar***

*Congratulations to **Isla and Neive** in **Rowan Class** for being awarded with the golden welly
this week.*

*Well done to all of the children who have received an award and are demonstrating our
school values on a daily basis.*

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Spotlight on Learning



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Dear Parent/Carers,

We are extremely excited to invite you to our first learning showcase event: A Journey Through Time.

Over the Autumn term, children will be busy creating amazing pieces of work linked to their learning in history. This will culminate in a showcase of learning where work will be exhibited in the style of a gallery. Visitors are invited to drop in for some or all of the time, view the exhibits, purchase refreshments from the PTA and even join in with some interactive displays.

When: Tuesday 1st December

Time: 3:30-5:00

Where: The lower hall

Please feel free to invite grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbours or anyone else who would love to see the fantastic work by the children at The Pines.

We can't wait to see you there!

Mrs Taylor



Class with the highest attendance of the week



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*The class with the highest attendance this week is **Maple** with **99.5%**.*

*Well done **Maple class!***

Best House attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance this week is **Sir David Attenborough** with **96.5%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Parent Workshop

On Wednesday Year 5/6 had a STEM workshop, the children tried many experiments including making boats from foil and seeing how many pennies they could put in until the boat sank.

*Please be reminded we will be having a Childhood Anxiety Parent Workshop on **Wednesday 4th November**.*

If you would like to attend please do let Mrs Williams know via email - fsa@thepinesschool.org.uk



Childhood Anxiety Parent Workshop

Wednesday 4th November, 09:00 – 11:00
at The Pines

with CAMHS Mental Health Support Team

Does your child experience...

- Frequent worries about something bad happening?
- Frequent worries about a range of things?
- Difficulty spending time in separate rooms to you/another caregiver?
- Difficulty sleeping in own room / alone? Difficulty parting with you/another caregiver?
 - This impacts attending clubs, going to friends' or relatives' houses, school?

Join us to learn more about childhood anxiety and tips on how to help your child cope.



School Admissions

Applications for Secondary (Y7) September 2027

*The application process to transfer to secondary school (Year 7) from September 2027 is now open. The closing date for applications is national and will close on **31st October 2026**.*

Please click on the following link giving further information about the application process: -

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforsecondary

Applications for Primary (Reception) September 2027 *The application process for admission to primary school for children born between 01/09/2022 – 31/08/2023 for Reception in September 2027 opens on **5th November 2026**. The closing date for applications is national and will close on **15th January 2027**.*

Please click on the following link giving information about the application process: -

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/starting-primary-school>



Bracknell Forest Council



Year 6
To
Year 7

It's time to apply for a secondary school place

Read the guide → Apply online → Receive your offer

The admission process to apply for Year 7, September 2027 is now open.

The application process is open from 12 September 2026 – 31 October 2026

Bracknell Forest residents only

Open for admissions
2027



For more info
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforsecondary

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Primary School Admissions 2027-28:

Children of the below age range can apply for a primary school place to join Reception in September 2027 from the 5th November 2026.
01/09/2022 – 31/08/2023

Please visit <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/starting-primary-school> for further information on how to apply.

The admissions process closes 15 January 2027. Please ensure you apply on-time.

Open Mornings

We are holding open mornings for September 2027 Reception starters. Please do share with your family and friends who you think may be interested in attending. These will be on: -

Friday 16th October 26 at 10:00am
Thursday 5th November 26 at 10:00am
Saturday 14th November 26 at 10.00am
Tuesday 1st December 26 at 10:00am
Tuesday 12th January 27 at 10.00am

Please contact the office via email on admin@thepineschool.org.uk or phone on 01344 426413 to arrange a visit.

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Highway Update



Please be aware that we have been informed by Ringways that the roadworks due for Hanworth Road next week will be during the school day and will not impact drop off and collection.

Information sent out this week



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- *What we are learning in Nursery this week*
 - *What we are learning in Reception this week*
 - *Changes to the school day from Monday 2nd November*
 - *Year 5/6 STEM Workshop*
 - *Coffee Morning - 09.10.26*
 - *Possible future plans & highway update*
 - *School Photo (Reminder)*
 - *Notice of Election of Parent Governor (reminder)*
 - *Nasal Flu Vaccination Reception to Y6 (reminder)*
 - *Hazel Class Dot Reward*

- *Sweet Treat Friday*
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Important Dates



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- **13.10.26 3:30pm till 7:00pm** - Parents Evening (Top Hall)
 - **14.10.26** - Y6 National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) Height and weight check
 - **15.10.26 3:30pm till 5:30pm** - Parents Evening (Top Hall) / Y5 and 6 Tag Rugby Festival
 - **16.10.26 at 10:00am** - Open Morning for Reception Sept 2027
 - **20.10.26** - Eton Outreach Workshops for Year 1, 2 and 3
 - **21.10.26** - Nasul Flu Vaccination (Reception to Year 6)
 - **22.10.26** - Inset Day
 - **23.10.26** - Inset Day
 - **26.10.26 to 30.10.26** - October Half term
 - **31.10.26** - Closing Date for a secondary school place (Year 7) September 2027 closes
 - **02.11.26** - Term starts for Children (8.40am)

- **04.11.26** - Childhood Anxiety Parent Workshop
 - **05.11.26** - Opening Day for a primary school place (Reception) September 2027 /
Open Morning for Reception Sept 2027 at 10:00am
 - **06.11.26** - Parent Workshop Reception Busy Bags
 - **01.12.26 (Save the date)** - 3:30pm - 5:00pm Learning Showcase Event
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Reading FC's Schools & Grassroots fixture against Bromley on Saturday 21st November!

The Pines Primary School has been invited to Reading FC's Schools & Grassroots fixture against Bromley on Saturday 21st November!

 **Get 40% OFF tickets**

*Use code **#ThePines** when booking. The code is available on tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Codes are valid until midnight on Friday 20th November.*

To redeem your discount, visit tickets.readingfc.co.uk, log in, select your tickets and enter your unique code in the basket. Your 40% discount will then be applied.

Flyers



Remember to place your portrait photograph order by
Saturday 10/10/2026
for FREE delivery to
The Pines Primary School
Every order generates funds for your school too

www.schoolphotographs.co.uk

 School
Photography
Company

Live in Bracknell Forest?

Is your child aged 2 or 3?

Help protect them from flu this winter

Children aged 2 or 3 on 31 August 2026 are eligible for a free NHS flu vaccination (born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2024).

Quick • Painless • Free on the NHS
Most children are offered the nasal spray vaccine. A porcine free vaccine is also available.

Choose where to get your child vaccinated

GP surgery

Contact your child's GP surgery to book.

You do not need to wait to be invited.

Available from 1 September 2026.

Community pharmacy

Book at a participating NHS pharmacy.

[Click here to book at a community pharmacy.](#)

Appointments from 1 October 2026.

Bracknell Forest community clinic

The School Age Immunisation Service is also offering flu vaccination to eligible 2 and 3 year olds at community clinics.

[Click here to complete a consent form using school code BK88882.](#)

Available from 1 September 2026.

i Find out more about the children's flu vaccine at nhs.uk
Flu can make young children very unwell. The flu vaccine helps protect your child and also helps stop flu spreading to family and others.

Protect your child.
Help protect vulnerable family members.

Flu. A healthier winter for a brighter tomorrow.

OCTOBER HALF TERM

THE PINES SCHOOL, BRACKNELL, RG12 7WX

WEEK 1 - 22ND - 23RD OCT
WEEK 2 - 26TH - 30TH OCT

25% OFF CODE MFB310

9AM-3PM - £30 PER DAY
OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS REC - YEAR 6
QUALIFIED COACHES
FRIDAY SPECIAL ACTIVITY

TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT
[HTTPS://PRO-PLAYER-CENTRES.CLASS4KIDS.CO.UK](https://pro-player-centres.class4kids.co.uk)

Friends of The Pines

HELPING HANDS

Want to help the children of your school join our WhatsApp group to be notified of any events coming up that the PTA need help with for more info speak to any member of the PTA






WHY JOIN?



8 REASONS TO JOIN OUR PTA

1. YOUR CHILD BENEFITS

The PTA is an important part of the school and helps to enrich your child's school experience. We support the school by helping to provide new playground/sports equipment, IT equipment, fun activities for the children and much more!

5. BECAUSE IT'S FUN

Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Debrief over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most hair-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.

2. TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As well as fundraising, the PTA organises events which add so much to our children's school experience. Our PTA organises the School Disco, Christmas Market and the Summer Fair, along with many more fun events. This creates a real sense of community and benefits our children.

6. BE BETTER CONNECTED

Create closer links with the head teacher, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the PTA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community.

3. FEEL INVOLVED

As a parent or carer in our school you are already a member of the Parent Teachers Association (PTA). Every parent is welcome to our meetings and we love to see new faces. Please consider coming along to our meetings, or volunteer an hour of your time at an event.

7. IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS

Everyone is welcome, grandparents, aunts or uncles and it's especially important to have dads and male carers represented, as male role models are crucial in children's upbringing. Dads can bring different skills; they can bring a different perspective, and they can bring other dads.

4. ITS TOTALLY FLEXIBLE

Whether you're a full-time parent or working nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs like putting up a poster, helping sort uniform or running a stall keeps everything running smoothly.

8. KEEP THE PTA GOING

As parents move on from the school, there is a real danger that there will no longer be a PTA. Please do consider helping, maybe teaming up as a group of parents, to keep the PTA going, year after year.

Email : pta@thepinesschool.org.uk



Did you know we have a school lottery?

What is it?

Your School Lottery is an exciting weekly online lottery for parents/carers who want to get involved and support the school's fundraising efforts.

There is at least **one guaranteed cash winner for our school each week** plus the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot.

The best bit is that 40p from every ticket goes directly back to the school.

How to get involved?

Tickets cost £1 per week.

They offer flexible payment options: pay by direct debit, monthly or one-off ticket bundles, or just for the Super Draw!

Sign up to our page on Your School Lottery today to have a chance of winning a share of great prizes! Each ticket you purchase makes a huge impact.

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-pines-school?utm_campaign=cause-page-social-share&utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_content=Hyperlink

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Just search for:

FRIENDS OF THE PINES PTA

8,000+ retailers will donate to us whenever you shop with them



Start at the
easyfundraising
website or app



Click out
to where you'd
like to shop



Checkout:
prices are exactly
the same!



The retailer sends
a % of your spend
to easyfundraising



They pass
it on to us
:)

Plus, you'll get...



Exclusive retailer offers



Competitions



A warm feeling inside!

Over
£60m
raised for UK good causes

£0
extra cost to anyone



THE PINES
SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

Autumn term 2026

INSET DAY: Tuesday 1st September 2026

Term starts on: Wednesday 2nd September 2026

INSET DAY: Thursday October 22nd

INSET DAY: Friday October 23rd

Term ends on: Friday 23rd October 2026

October half term holiday: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026

Term starts on: Monday 2nd November 2026

Term ends on: Friday 18th December 2026

Christmas holiday: Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Spring term 2027

INSET DAY: Monday 4th January

Term starts on: Tuesday 5th January 2027

Term ends on: Friday 12th February 2027

February half term holiday: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027

Term starts on: Monday 22nd February 2027

Term ends on: Thursday 25th March 2027

Spring holiday: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027

Bank Holidays: Good Friday: 26th March 2027, Easter Monday: 29th March 2027

Summer term 2027

Term starts on: Monday 12th April 2027

Term ends on: Friday 28th May 2027

May half term holiday: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

Bank Holidays: Monday 3rd May 2027, Monday 31st May 2027

Term ends on: Tuesday 20th July (End of term assembly on Monday 19th July and Year 6 Leavers assembly on Tuesday 20th July)

INSET DAY WEDNESDAY 21st JULY

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Our Vision and Values

