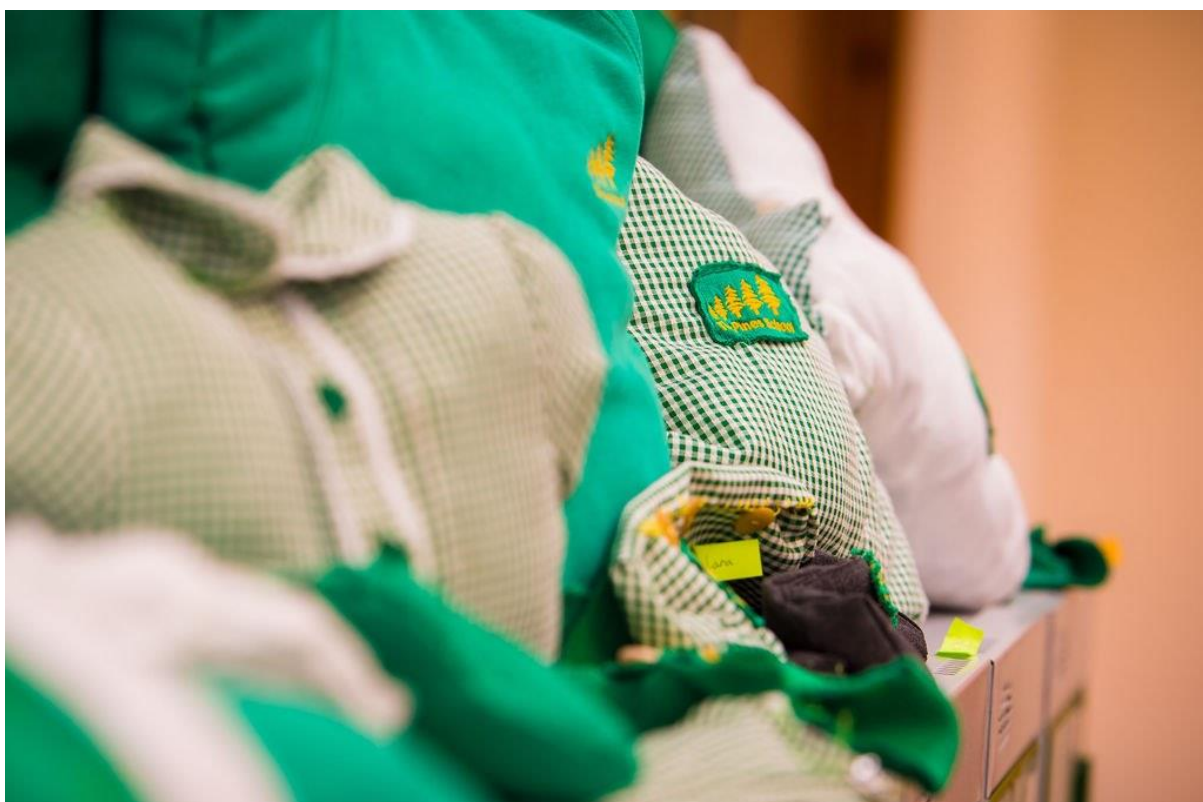




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 05.06.26 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



This edition will contain: -

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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

What a wonderful week at The Pines. The children have come back to school with such amazing attitudes to learning! We have all been really impressed with Year 1! Their listening and learning has been brilliant and they have really been enjoying their phonics.

Another huge well done goes to Year 4 who have been doing their Multiplication Times Tables Check this week. They have been amazing with their learning and we have all been impressed with their dedication to their times tables.

Residential

Year 6 had a wonderful week at Mill on the Brue before half term, we have shared some photos in assembly today and all of the children loved seeing the activities they took part in. We will be getting residential information out to Year 5 parents asap.

Attendance

*Attendance has been a bit poor this week. There have been several children who were off straight after the half term. This year so far, we have had 107 pupils absent before or after a school holiday. On Monday the percentage was 88% - National is 96%. **It is really important that children are in school every day.** Please do not take your children on holiday in term time. I do not authorise any holiday. We really appreciate your support with this.*

Senco

We are delighted that Mrs Smith is now here on a Monday and Tuesday, she has already met lots of parents and I have really appreciated the positive feedback. Please see below for details on the "meet the senco" afternoon tea session.

Summer Fayre

We are really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible tomorrow. Mrs Salmon, Mrs Evans, Mrs Freeman, PTA and many others have all been working hard on the organisation of the colour run and stalls. It will be great to see you all there.

Mrs Davies

Head Teacher Awards



Be Your BEST

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

Elm - Lockie

Maple - Mabel

Sycamore - Frankie B

Willow - Jennifer

Oak - Whole Class

Cedar - Whole Class

Rowan - Noah

Juniper - Leo

The Orchard - Casey and Kian R

*Congratulations to **Alonzo** in **Juniper 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.

Believe-Excellence-Safe-Team

Meet the SENCO

*Please be reminded Mrs Williams will be hosting an afternoon tea session on **Tuesday 9th June at 2:30pm** for parent/carers to meet Mrs Smith who has recently joined The Pines as our new SENCO. If you would like to attend, please let Mrs Williams know - fsa@thepinesschool.org.uk*

Spotlight on Learning

It has been an exciting week in Reception! The children have enjoyed a visit from ZooLab who brought a snake, a giant land snail, a hissing cockroach and a tarantula into school. Lots of the children were very brave and held or touched the different creatures. The class were also lucky enough to meet the chicks who have been waiting to hatch in reception.

On Tuesday the chicks hatched and have been cheeping happily ever since! Lots of children have been busy building, drawing and writing about chicks. Some other classes have also paid a visit to say hello!

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 **99.13%**.*

*Well done **Maple** Class!*

Best House Attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance this week is **Emma Watson** with **94.73%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Coffee Mornings



Please be reminded of our upcoming coffee mornings: -

Wednesday 10th June after morning drop off in the upper hall - Promise Inclusion

Wednesday 24th June after morning drop off in the upper hall - Best Start In Life

It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible, there will be coffee and biscuits available. Please let me know if you would like to attend fsa@thepinnessschool.org.uk

Many thanks

Mrs Williams

Important Dates



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- **06.06.26** - The Pines Summer Fayre Colour Run 12:00 - 3:00pm
 - **09.06.26** - Meet the SENCO afternoon tea at 2.30pm (please let Mrs Williams know if you would like to attend)
 - **10.06.26** - Bags to School Collection
 - **19.06.26** - Junior Musical Festival at the Hexagon 7pm
 - **22.06.26 to 25.06.26** - Health and Wellbeing Week (more information to follow)
 - **24.06.26** - Reception Sports Day / Y5 Presentation Evening at 5.30pm (Lower Hall)
 - **26.06.26** - Years 1 to 6 Sports Day (more information to follow)
 - **01.07.26 to 02.07.26** - Year 6 Transition Days to secondary school
 - **01.07.26 to 03.07.26** - The Pines Transition Days (current reception children to Year 5)
 - **07.07.26** - The Pines Sports Awards 5.30pm - 6.30pm (Lower Building)
 - **17.07.26** - Nursery Sports Day (more information to follow)
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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*
 - *A special message from The Pines School Council*
 - *Summer Fayre Colour Run - Saturday 6th June 2026 (Reminder)*
 - *Junior Music Festival (19.06.26) / Choir Practice*
 - *Elm Class School Nursing - Health Questionnaire*
 - *ZooLab Visit (04.06.26) - Reminder*
 - *Coffee Morning - 03.06.26*
 - *Understanding Behaviour Workshop*
 - *Wrap Around Care Balances*

- *Y5 Presentation Evening - 24.06.26*
 - *The Communication Board Unveiled*
 - *Understanding Behaviour Workshop - Cancelled*
 - *Year 3 Multi Sport Festival - Cancelled*
 - *Book Fair - Thursday 4th June to Monday 8th June*
 - *After School Gardening Club - Thursday 4th June (Cancelled)*
 - *Y5 Winchester Trip (05.06.26) - Reminder*
 - *Summer Fayre - This Saturday*
 - *School Fayre - Tokens*
 - *Transition Information*
 - *Year 3 Food Tasting - Thursday 22nd June 2026*
 - *Change of Menu - Thursday 11th June 2026*
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Bags to School Collection



*There will be a Bags to school collection on **Wednesday 10th June** if you do have any unwanted textiles please bring your donations to the school office before 9am on the 10th.*

Please click on the following link to [find out more and what you can donate](#)

All money raised goes directly to supporting the children of The Pines School.

Thank you!

Kind Regards

Friends of Pines School (PTA)

Flyers



Celebrate

HARRISON
food with thought

A Festival of Football

The Pines Primary
The Big Kick Off Celebration
Thursday 11th June 2026

'Stadium Sausages'
or 'Champion' Cheese & Leek Parcel

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'Penalty' Jacket Wedges
'Back of the Net' Baked Beans
'Yellow Card' Corn

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'The Dressing Room'
Tomato Ketchup
Mayonnaise

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'In The Box Bread'
Tomato & Basil or
Garlic & Herb Focaccia Style Bread

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'The Squads Selection' Salads

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Line Up! Strawberry Jelly Pot
Served with a 'Final Whistle' Chocolate Shortbread Kit
or 'Golden Goal' Gram Flour Orange Biscuit Ball

If you have a food allergy or intolerance, please speak to a member of the catering team at each service.
Harrison Catering Services uses many of the 14 common food allergens in our busy kitchens and cannot guarantee that any food is free from any specific food allergens.
Visit www.harrisoncatering.co.uk/food-allergies-and-food-intolerances/ for more information.



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FAO Parents / Carers

Reference Water Safety Advice
Email huttk@rbfrs.co.uk
Date 4th June 2026

We are deeply saddened by reports that 13 young people have tragically lost their lives during the recent holiday period in open water incidents across the UK. These heartbreaking events highlight just how dangerous open water environments can be, even when they may appear safe.

As the weather becomes warmer, we know that many children and young people are naturally drawn to rivers, lakes, canals and other open water areas. While these places can seem calm and inviting, they can also present serious and often hidden dangers.

Most drownings involving young people are preventable, yet 88% occur without adult supervision. The majority take place in everyday inland locations (84%), with risk peaking between May and August (71%). Most concerning, the National Child Mortality Database reports a 67% increase in drowning deaths among 13 to 17 year olds in recent years, highlighting the urgent need to equip young people with the knowledge and awareness to stay safe near water. Figures provided by the Royal Life Saving Society UK.

We kindly ask for your support in speaking with your young person about the risks of swimming or playing in open water without appropriate supervision. Even strong swimmers can get into difficulty due to cold water shock, hidden currents, uneven ground and submerged hazards. It is also important to talk with your child about what to do in an emergency, including how to stay calm, float if they get into difficulty and how to call for help.

To support parents and carers, the Royal Life Saving Society UK provides a wide range of practical, easy-to-use resources designed to help families talk about water safety. These materials are age-appropriate and include guidance, videos and activities to help children and young people understand the risks of open water, build confidence and learn what to do in an emergency.



Please visit: www.rlss.org.uk > Water Safety > Advice For You

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) also offers a range of accessible resources to support families in understanding key water safety messages, including the 'Float to Live' technique and awareness of cold water shock - a major contributing factor in many drowning incidents. Their guidance helps parents and carers explain how floating on your back can control breathing and prevent panic if someone unexpectedly enters the water, while also highlighting the physical effects of cold water immersion. Through videos, campaigns and simple step-by-step advice, the RNLI empowers families to build young people's confidence and resilience around water, ensuring they know how to respond calmly and effectively in an emergency.



Please visit: www.rnli.org > What We Do > Safety

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Lifeboats

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS) also provides advice on how to react and respond in an emergency, alongside practical tips for staying safe in and around water.

Please visit: www.rbfrs.co.uk > Your Safety > Water Safety



Having these conversations at home can make a real difference in helping children and young people make safer choices and reduce the risk of accidents. Starting these conversations early can help young people build awareness and develop safer habits, giving them the confidence to make better choices as they grow older.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

Open water is very different from swimming pools - it may look calm but can be dangerous	Never go into open water alone or without supervision	Choose safer places to swim, such as lifeguarded beaches, pools, or designated swimming areas	Avoid taking risks or diving in to peer pressure	Understand the dangers of cold water shock	Know what to do if you get into trouble e.g. Float to Live	Know what to do if someone else is in trouble e.g. call 999, never enter the water and throw something that floats
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Please remember that drowning is preventable. By working together to support, guide and educate our young people, we can empower them with the skills and awareness they need to make safer choices and stay safe around water.

Thank you for your continued support.

With warm regards,

Kasia J Hutt

Kasia Jaworski Hutt
Safety Education Co-ordinator and School Lead



Chief Fire Officer - Wayne Bowcock

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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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SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026

Autumn term 2025

INSET DAY: Wednesday 3rd September 2025
INSET DAY: Thursday 4th September 2025
INSET DAY: Friday 5th September 2025

Term starts on: Monday 8th September 2025
Term ends on: Thursday 23rd October 2025
INSET DAY: Friday 24th October 2025

October half term holiday: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025

Term starts on: Monday 3rd November 2025
Term ends on: Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring term 2026

INSET DAY: Monday 5th January 2026

Term starts on: Tuesday 6th January 2026
Term ends on: Friday 13th February 2026

February half term holiday: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Term starts on: Monday 23rd February 2026
Term ends on: Friday 27th March 2026

Spring holiday: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026
Bank Holidays: Good Friday: 3rd April 2026, Easter Monday: 6th April 2026

Summer term 2026

Term starts on: Monday 13th April 2026
Term ends on: Friday 22nd May 2026

May half term holiday: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026
Bank Holidays: Monday 4th May 2026, Monday 25th May 2026

Term starts on: Monday 1st June 2026
Term ends on: Wednesday 22nd July 2026



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

