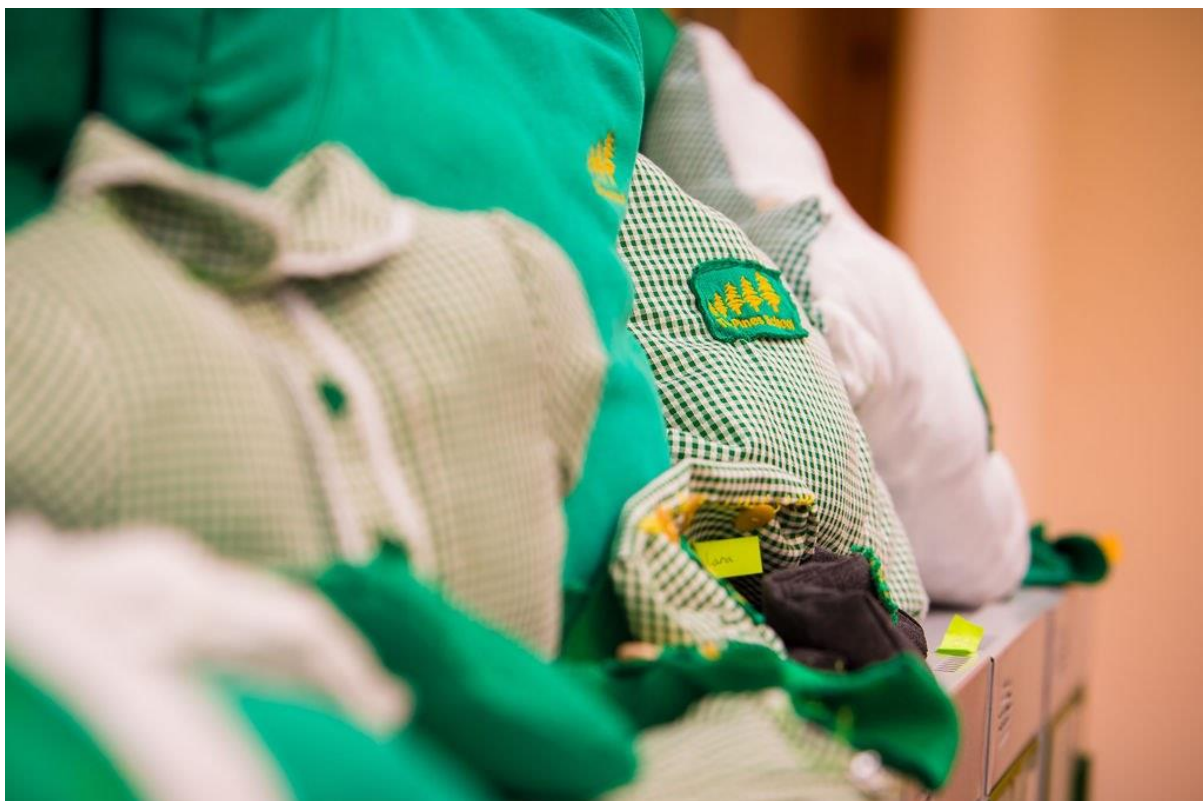




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 08.05.26 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH!

What a wonderful day we have all had celebrating this wonderful human. The children have been learning lots of facts about Sir David Attenborough - such as:

- He was alive before antibiotics were created*
 - He has been alive to see Pluto as a planet and not as a planet*
 - His children were alive to see the first moon landing*
 - He was alive before sliced bread*
 - He didn't have nachos until he was an adult because they were not invented!*
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I have seen some beautiful art work, children in Year 1 investigating insects, Reception class doing still life drawings of flowers and Year 6 doing lots of outdoor learning.

Deputy Head Update

We have been inundated with people coming for school tours. Harry and Harrison in Year 6 have been taking all the potential applicants around the school and the feedback I have had about them and our school has been brilliant. I have been told that the boys have been so knowledgeable, informative and polite. They have talked passionately about the school values, learning and OPAL. The feedback about the school has been overwhelmingly positive about our pupils and the learning that is taking place. Lots of happy and safe pupils. The interviews will take place on 20th May. I will keep you informed of the outcome.

Year 6 SATS

Our lovely year 6 children will be taking their SATs next week. We know they are ready, have worked really hard and will do their very best.

Miss Richardson

Sadly, Miss Richardson will be leaving us this half term, her last day will be on Friday 15th May we would like to thank her for all of her support she has given to our children in Elm class this year and to wish her good luck in her new venture.

Have a lovely weekend and Year 6's get lots of sleep and rest!

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 - Teo

Maple - Amelia

*Sycamore - **Romie-Rae***

*Willow - **Zsolt***

*Oak - **Harry S***

*Cedar - **Hayley B***

*Ash - **Isla***

*Juniper - **Kamile***

*Rowan - **Harry L***

*The Orchard - **Logan***

*Congratulations to **Tyler** in **Willow Class** and **Oliver H** 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.

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Spotlight on Learning

This week in the Orchard we have been learning about Sir David Attenborough. We looked at his early life and his career, discussed what he is famous for and wrote fact files about him.

We were fascinated to learn that he was in the navy in his younger years and think it is great that he is so passionate about wildlife and protecting the future of our planet.'

Mrs Wade

OPAL Spotlight

It has been a very exciting week on the playground! As mentioned in the last spotlight, loose parts are back in action and better than ever. The children have absolutely loved exploring them with the addition of canoes, particularly enjoying creating their own imaginative slides and structures.

It has been fantastic to see our school values in action, with children sharing resources, taking turns, and working collaboratively to bring their ideas to life. They have shown great respect for one another's creations and demonstrated real responsibility in how they use and look after the equipment.

Our Opal Play Team has spent lots of time with the children on loose parts, have especially enjoyed watching the growing independence, creativity and—most importantly—lots of laughter across the playground. It has been wonderful to see children problem-solving together and taking pride in what they build.

Donation Request

To help develop our OPAL provision even further, we would really appreciate any of the following donations:

- *Tarpaulin or large waterproof sheets*
 - *Old sheets, blankets or curtains for den building*
 - *Pegs*
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Mr Edwards



Class with the Highest Attendance of the week



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*The classes with the highest attendance this week is **Cedar Class** with **100%**.*

Well done Cedar Class!

Best House Attendance of the week

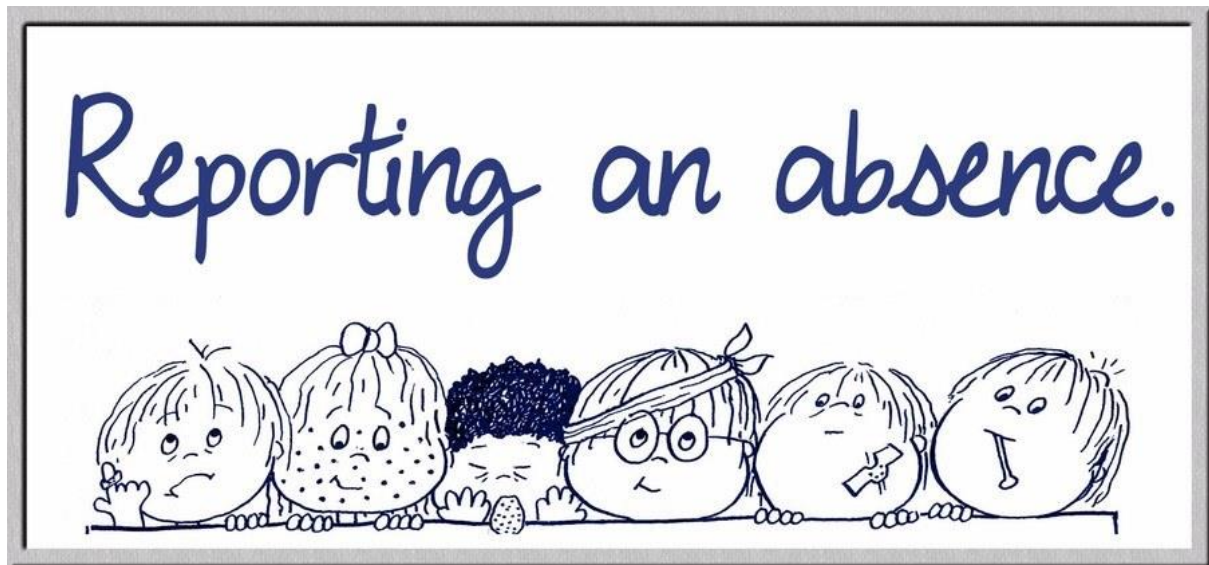


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*The best house attendance this week is **Emma Watson** with **94.71%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Reporting Absences



*If your child is absent from school due to illness or an appointment they may have, please notify us by **9.30am**, either by leaving a message on the school absence line, Tel no. **01344 426413 option 1** or by emailing **Mrs Williams** on fsa@thepinesschool.org.uk including your child's full name, class and reason for absence.*

Parent Workshop



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*Our next parent workshop will be on **Tuesday 19th May at 9:00am** - Understanding Behaviour Workshop. If you would like to attend please let Mrs Williams know - fsa@thepinesschool.org.uk*

Coffee Mornings



*We will be having coffee mornings on **Wednesday 20th May** and the **Wednesday 3rd June** after morning drop off in the upper hall to do some preparation for our Summer Fayre. It would be great if people could come along and help please!*

Many thanks

Mrs Williams

Census Day - Thursday 21st May 2026

On Thursday 21st May 2026 it is our census day and you may be aware that a lot of our funding is based on the number of children that have a meal from the kitchen on this day. The main meal choices are chicken goujons with skinny fries, vegetable nuggets with skinny fries, jacket potato or a tuna mayonnaise sandwich with either chocolate brownie, yoghurt or a fresh fruit platter for pudding.

It would be fabulous if every child could eat with us, however if you are worried that your child might not eat the hot meal, rest assured they will not go hungry. Their teachers will be with the children in the hall and they will check the children's plate before they are allowed to leave the table. There will also be the salad bar items such as plain pasta, freshly baked bread, cucumber and tomatoes to fill up on if need be.

If you have pre-ordered a lunch for your child on this day, unfortunately this has now been cleared and you will need to re-order. If you do have any questions please contact the school office.

Breakfast and After School Club



Don't forget that we have a daily breakfast and after school club available to all families that attend The Pines School. You are able to book a place for your child via the school gateway app up to 10pm the day before the club. The club is run by our school staff and they offer lots of activities for the children to do inside and outside or there is a cosy corner if is needed for quite time.

Children are provided with toast and/or cereals in the morning and have a light snack in the afternoon. Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am and after school club runs to 6pm.

The club also accepts Tax Free Childcare payments, please email Mrs Evans to arrange this: sbm@thepinesschool.org.uk

The Lexicon Remake Project

<https://www.thelexiconbracknell.com/news/A-new-community-recycling-campaign>



Important Dates



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- 11.05.26 to 14.05.26 - Year 6 SATs Week

- **15.05.26** - Year 2 Trip to Beale Park /Non Uniform Day in exchange of items for our Summer Fayre
 - **18.05.26 to 22.05.26** - Year 6 Residential Trip to Mill on the Brue
 - **19.05.26** - Understanding Behaviour Workshop at 9.00am
 - **20.05.26** - Coffee Morning
 - **21.05.26** - Census Day
 - **25.05.26 to 29.05.26** - May Half Term (25.05.26 - May Bank Holiday)
 - **01.06.26** - Children return to school at 8.40am
 - **03.06.26** - Coffee Morning
 - **04.06.26** - Reception Zoolab Visit /Y6 Transition Session at 9.00am
 - **05.06.26** - Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre / Understanding Behaviour Workshop at 9.00am
 - **06.06.26** - The Pines Summer Fayre 12:00 - 3:00pm
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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*
 - *Census Day - Thursday 21st May 2026*
 - *5 to Thrive session 06.05.26*
 - *Nursery Messy Writing Workshop 08.05.26*
 - *5 to Thrive session 06.05.26 - Cancelled*
 - *Year 2 Beale Park Trip - Final Reminder*
 - *SATs Reminder*
 - *Junior Music Festival - Area Rehearsal (21.05.26) and Ticket Information*
 - *Understanding Behaviour Workshops 19/5 and 05/6*

- *Messy Writing Workshop Reminder 8th May*
 - *Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday - Friday 8th May 2026 (Reminder)*
 - *Junior Music Festival (19.06.26) Ticket Update*
 - *Year 1 Donations*
 - *Non Uniform Day - Friday 15th May 2026*
 - *Summer Fayre Colour Run - Saturday 6th June 2026*
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Bike Sheds

We have been informed and noticed that our bike shed on the upper playground is starting to get very full with bikes and scooters each day, please can we encourage children to ensure they are being careful when placing their items into the shed to avoid any damages!

There is a bike shed on our lower playground by Gate E that can be used as an overflow and would request that any children whose classes are based in the lower building to please use this bike shed moving forward.

Lost Property

Our lost property box is starting to overflow again, please do come and claim any items that may belong to your child/ren it is located outside the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Flyers

*We are so excited for our Summer Fayre on **Saturday 6th June, 12.00 till 3.00pm!** We have lots to share with you, **please read to the end!***

Colour Run

This is our big event at the Fayre this year, we have designed a fabulous course for the children to run around and we have ordered lots of paint to make sure that the children are covered in bright colours by the end of the race.

*The children will be coming home with sponsor forms next week; we would suggest a minimum sponsorship of £10 to cover the cost of setting up the event we have set up a payment on the school gateway (Summer Fayre Colour Run - Saturday 6th June 2026) or cash can be paid via the school office. On the reverse of the sponsor forms is a Waiver that needs to be returned by the 4th of June – The first Thursday back after half term. **CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE PART WITHOUT A COMPLETED WAIVER FORM.** If we raise enough money, maybe we can encourage the teachers to take a trip around the obstacle course and throw paint at them!*

Fayre

We will have some of our favourites like previous years such as lob a loo roll, teddy tombola, BBQ and some new games for you to try.

Raffle

We have secured some fab prizes for the raffle such as days out at Hobbledown Farm, Tickets for Ascot Races, vouchers along with our amazing Rainbow Raffle Prizes – raffle tickets will be sold on the day.

Help during the Event

We would be really grateful if you could donate an hour of your afternoon to helping run a stall or a game, or maybe even help to supervise/throw paint for the colour run.

*Please complete the following google form [The Pines Summer Fayre - Saturday 6th June 12-3pm – Fill out form](#) by **Wednesday 20th May** to register your help so that we can make arrangements for the day.*



A poster for a May Half Term Camp. The background is a photograph of a young boy in a red football kit running on a green field, with other children and adults in the background. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top left, the title "May Half Term Camp" is written in large white letters. To the right is a circular logo for "FUN FOOTBALL COACHING" featuring a stylized football. Below the title, the dates "Tuesday 26th May-Friday 29th May" and the time "9am-3pm" are listed. The location "Ranelagh School, Bracknell, RG12 9DA" is also provided. The cost is "£16 per day/£64 per week" and it includes "FREE Early Drop Off & Late Pick Up". The website "www.funfootballcoaching.com" is at the bottom. The "FUN FOOTBALL COACHING" logo is a white circle containing a black and white football icon with the words "FUN" and "FOOTBALL COACHING" around it.

May Half Term Camp

FUN FOOTBALL COACHING

Tuesday 26th May-Friday 29th May
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11:30AM-12:30PM
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AGES 9-15

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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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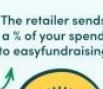
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Plus, if you are eligible to claim free school meals your application will trigger extra government funding for your child's school. This funding is called Pupil Premium, and it will be invested in your child's school to improve educational outcomes.



Don't miss out - apply today!

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals



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THE PINES

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



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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

