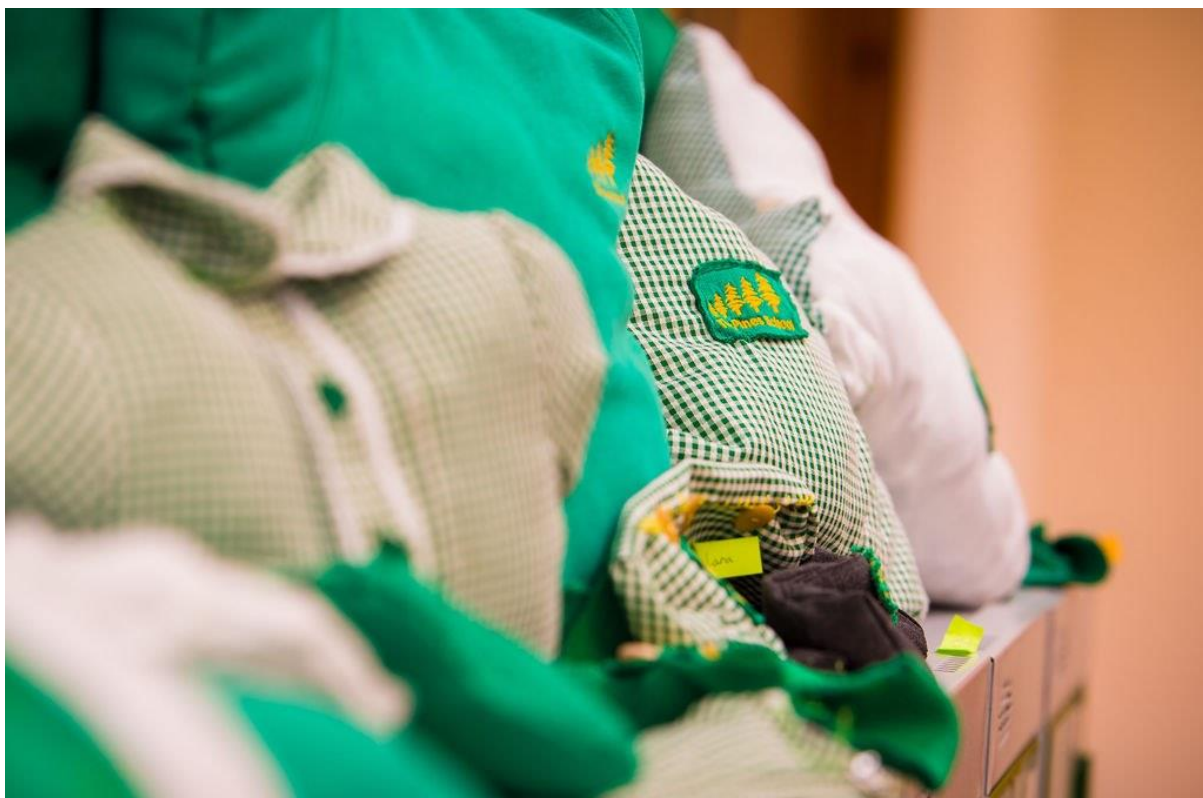




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 01.05.26 (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 been loving OPAL and the sunshine. We have got some very exciting new additions to the loose parts, that will be introduced next week.

Children in Year 6 have been working really hard with their learning. Mr Davies and Mrs Worn are really proud of the children and how they are applying themselves.

Friday 8th May

*We are so excited as this is **Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday**. We are really looking forward to celebrating it, especially as he is one of our house leaders. The children are invited to wear green and blue on Friday and they are going to be spending the day doing lots of fun activities learning about the environment. Children in Year 4 will need to wear school uniform for their trip.*

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.

Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend.

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 - **Roman***

*Maple - **Emilie***

*Sycamore - **Eric***

*Willow - **Tristan***

*Oak - **Carson***

*Cedar - **K-Cee***

*Ash - **Harry A***

*Juniper - **Oliver H***

Rowan - **Bobby**

*The Orchard - **Frankie and Mason***

Congratulations to **Harry** in **The Orchard** 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

We have had a few visitors to our school recently who have had some really positive things to say. Our school advisor visited and Mrs Taylor and Mrs Whitehouse spoke to her about all things teaching and learning. She joined them at the start of the day and was really impressed with how calmly and quietly everyone arrived into school and could really see what a community we are, with parents sharing information with teachers to help the children have a great day. She visited most classrooms and could see how hard the children and adults were working to ensure that everyone can be their BEST.

At the end of last week, Mrs Taylor welcomed an advisor from Herts for Learning who worked with staff and children in reading lessons. This work forms part of a bigger project at The Pines all about teaching reading. She was pleased to see so many children and teachers enjoying their reading lessons. She noticed the hard work we have already done on making sure everyone gets lots of opportunities to read and she spent time working with teachers to plan really interesting discussions about different texts.

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Whitehouse

Class with the Highest Attendance of the week



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*The classes with the highest attendance this week are **Cedar and Sycamore** with **100%**.*

Well done to both Classes!

Best House Attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance this week is **Emma Watson** with **96.43%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Parent Workshops



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Please be reminded of our parent workshops we will be having this half term: -

- **Wednesday 6th May at 6:00pm** - Nursery and Reception 5 to Thrive Session
 - **Friday 8th May at 9:00am** - Nursery Messy Writing Workshop
 - **Tuesday 19th May at 9:00am** - Understanding Behaviour Workshop
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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

The Lexicon Remake Project

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



Important Dates



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- **04.05.26** - May Bank Holiday
 - **05.05.26** - Children return to school at 8.40am
 - **06.05.26** - Nursery and Reception 5 to Thrive Session at 6.00pm
 - **08.05.26** - Year 4 Trip to Marwell Zoo (children will need to wear their school uniform / Nursery Messy Writing Workshop at 9.00am / Sir David Attenborough 100th Birthday (Children are invited to wear green and blue)

- **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 (more information to follow)
 - **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
 - **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*
 - *Y6 Camp Stayback - May 26*
 - *The Orchard Individual Support Plans*
 - *Reminder Y3 Workshop*
 - *Nursery Messy Writing Workshop 08.05.26*
 - *Y4 Maths Workshop 29th April Cancelled*
 - *Y2 Beale Park Trip (15.05.26) - Reminder*
 - *SATs Booster Sessions*
 - *Willow Class Dot Reminder*

- *Understanding Behaviour Workshops*
 - *Year 6 Transition Session 04.06.26*
 - *Residential Medical Forms - Reminder*
 - *Ice Pop Friday - 01/05/26*
 - *Y4 Marwell Trip (08/05/26) - Final reminder*
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Flyers

*Please find below details for the second term of the Youth Theatre that is running at **South Hill Park Arts Centre**. While the programme is advertised as being for “11 years and over,” we are delighted to confirm that **Year 6 pupils are welcome to join**, even if they are not yet 11, as long as they are in the school year.*

The brand new term kicks off next Wednesday 22nd April with a final performance on Wednesday 8th July in a professional theatre.

This is a fantastic chance for young people to:

- *Develop confidence and creativity*
 - *Learn performance and stagecraft skills*
 - *Work with experienced theatre professionals*
 - *Make new friends in a supportive, artistic environment*
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If you have any pupils or parents who may be interested, we'd be very grateful if you could pass this information on. For further details or to express interest, please visit <https://www.southhillpark.org.uk/shp-events/wilde-sparks-youth-theatre/>

Thank you for supporting the arts and encouraging young talent.



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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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Children who attend a Bracknell Forest school and whose parents or carers receive certain benefits, may be eligible to claim free school meals.

Free school meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and you can save yourself time and money.

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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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

