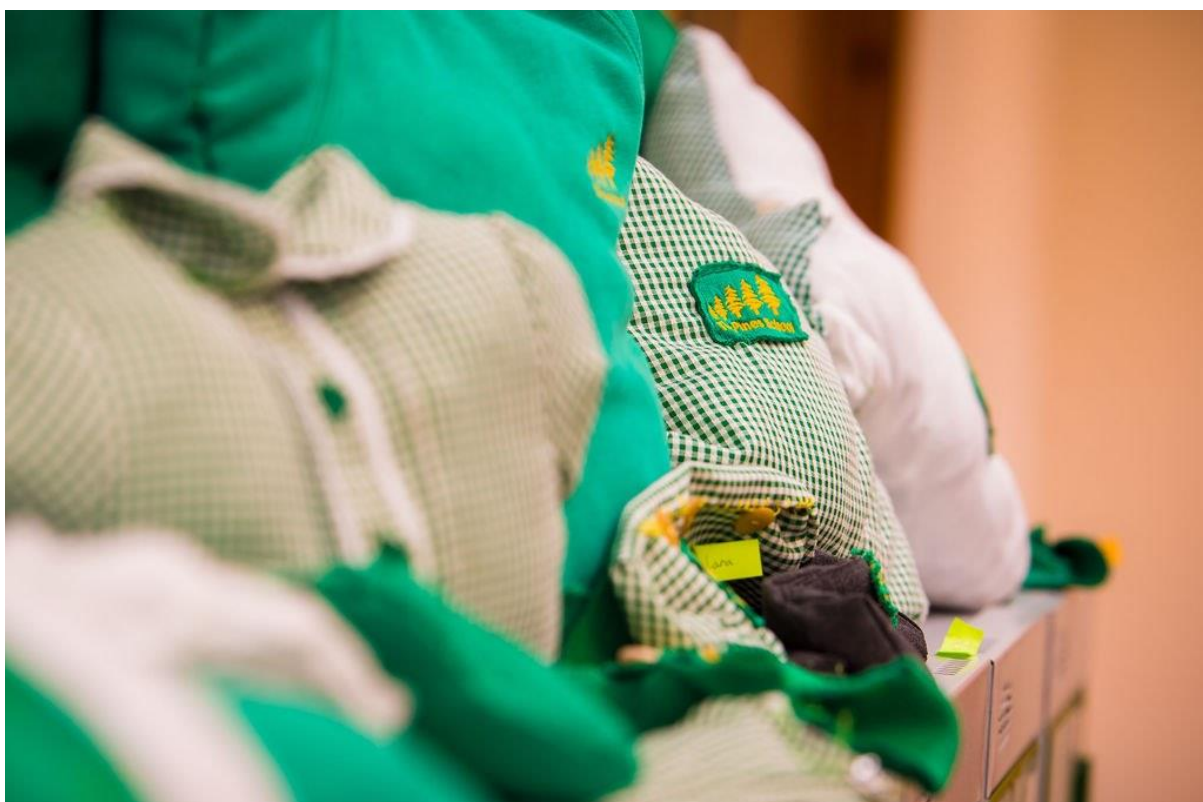




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 24.04.26 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



This edition will contain: -

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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

It is lovely to have some more sunshine this week and see all of our children enjoying all of our wonderful space. Don't forget that as the temperature heats up, please ensure your children have water bottles and hats (that are named).

We have had lots of visitors in the school who have all said how wonderful our school is. they have walked around and seen amazing relationships between the staff and children.

School Parking

There appears to have been an increase in cars in our carpark. Please be considerate of others when parking and also don't forget that you can walk, cycle or scoot to school or park in the coop carpark. Thank you

Individual Support Plans (NOT FOR ALL CHILDREN)

As mentioned in the parent survey feedback - Individual learning plans will now be called individual support plans. These will be for learning, behaviour or attendance. The teachers have now updated them and Mrs Chandler usually checks them before they go out. This is now my job, so I will be doing that over the weekend and early next week, meaning they will be sent out by Wednesday. Please add parent comments where appropriate. If for any reason you haven't received one by Wednesday afternoon and you are expecting one, please email admin@thepinesschool.org.uk

Mobile Phones

I am sure you have probably seen in the news that the government are looking at guidance for complete bans on mobile phones in school. We are already a mobile free site, asking parents to put phones away as they come through the gate.

Only children in Year 5 and Year 6 are allowed to bring phones to school BUT only if they walk to school. They must hand phones into class teacher and they are returned at end of the day. They must not use phones until they are outside school grounds.

We have just purchased a school phone which we will be using to take photos of learning and for school trips.

This may well become law in future so it is important to practice these rules now.

NO OTHER CHILDREN CAN BRING PHONES INTO SCHOOL

Children's Birthdays

Please be reminded children get to wear their own clothes on their birthday as a treat and families should not be giving out cakes or sweets to the classes.

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 - **Oliver S***

*Maple - **Demi-Leigh***

*Sycamore - **Morgan***

*Willow - **Isla***

*Oak - **Annabelle***

*Cedar - **Theo***

*Ash - **Dexter***

*Juniper - **Isla and Libby***

*Rowan - **Annabelle***

*The Orchard - **Charlie***

*Congratulations to **Rex** 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.

Believe-Excellence-Safe-Team

Spotlight on Learning

So far this term, Year 3 have really enjoyed exploring The Iron Man story. They have loved creating their own space characters to write about when creating their own ending to The Iron Man and have wowed Mrs Mossom with their amazing vocabulary, especially their knowledge of 'telekenesis'.

Year 4, have put in an amazing effort for their persuasive writing pieces. Using rule of three, direct address and other persuasive language techniques, the children have produced some brilliant letters to Mrs Davies to encourage our school to support the environment in order to decrease our contribution to climate change. This topic has tied in nicely with World Earth Day, where the children showcased their knowledge of renewable energy even further. We are so proud of their writing and the quality of work they are producing!

In year 5, the children have blasted off into space, starting the Our World and Beyond topic. They have had fun trying to model our solar system and have looked at the art work of Peter Thorpe, who uses space as inspiration. The class have been impressing Mrs Whitehouse with their maths skills - recalling and making links to previous learning when learning new concepts.

In year 6, they have been doing lots of revision in preparation for their SATs in a few weeks - it's really impressive to see the progress they have made and their motivation to do well. They have also learnt about their carbon footprints this week which has had a real

impact on them - it generated lots of discussion around vegetarianism and veganism for climate change benefits.

At the start of the week, we had a really positive visit from our school advisor. She was really impressed with how calmly and quietly everyone arrived into school. She was also really impressed with what she saw in class - children working hard, being able to access their learning and achieving well, thanks to their hard work and the hard work of all the staff. We are all really proud.

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Whitehouse

OPAL Spotlight!

Hello everyone,

I'd like to start by sharing some fantastic feedback from last Friday. We were visited by three OPAL Advisors who came to observe our lunchtime play, and they were absolutely blown away by how confidently and creatively our children were accessing the playground and resources available to them. They also commented on how proactive, supportive and engaged our whole play team were, noting the calm presence, positive relationships and clear teamwork that helps make OPAL lunch play so successful. A huge well done and thank you to everyone involved.

This week, with the sunshine making an appearance, the children have been incredibly engaged across all of our zones and activities. I've had some brilliant conversations with children at lunchtime, where they've happily shared what they love most about playtime and suggested ideas for what they'd like to see more of. It's been lovely to hear such thoughtful reflections and enthusiasm for our OPAL provision.

On Monday, Miss Philpotts and I delivered an OPAL assembly, with the relaunch of our loose parts zone next week. The zone will look a little different than before as we have some exciting new additions in terms of resources! We discussed various benefits such as climbing, balancing and building! Some children gave ideas about exciting worlds that could be built and the importance of using their imagination. We also discussed the risks that can be encountered when using loose parts and how the children can manage and mitigate these risks, alongside our play team. For example, checking surroundings before rolling a tyre or checking a box is stable before standing on it. We also spoke about the inspections that take

place of the equipment and the playground. The children had so many sensible and insightful ideas to contribute throughout!

OPAL Wishlist:

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- Sun hats
 - Small vehicles (cars, diggers, etc.)
 - Tarpaulin / tent materials
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Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping our playtimes thrive,

Mr Edwards



Class with the Highest Attendance of the week



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

*Well done **Elm and Cedar**!*

Best House Attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance this week is **Emma Watson** with **96.23%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Parent Workshops



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Next week we will be having the following parent workshops: -

- ***Monday 27th April at 9:00am*** - Nursery and Reception 5 to Thrive Session
 - ***Tuesday 28th April at 9:00am*** - Year 3 Maths Workshop at 9.000am
 - ***Tuesday 28th April at 6:15pm*** - Brain and Behaviour Workshop
 - ***Wednesday 29th April at 9:00am*** - Year 3 Maths Workshop at 9.000am
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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

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



-
- **27.04.26** - Nursery and Reception 5 to Thrive Session at 9.00am / Maple Class Dot Reward
 - **W.C 27.04.26** - Extra Curricular Clubs commence
 - **28.04.26** - Year 3 Maths Workshop at 9.00am / Brain and Behaviour Workshop 6.15pm
 - **29.04.26**- Year 4 Maths Workshop at 9.00am /Willow Class Dot Reward

- **04.05.26** - May Bank Holiday
 - **06.05.26** - Nursery and Reception 5 to Thrive Session at 9.00am
 - **08.05.26** - Year 4 Trip to Marwell Zoo / Nursery Messy Writing Workshop at 9.00am
 - **11.05.26 to 14.05.26** - Year 6 SATs Week
 - **15.05.26** - Year 2 Trip to Beale Park
 - **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
 - **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
 - **04.06.26** - Reception Zoolab Visit
 - **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*
 - *Year 3 Maths Workshop - 28.04.26*
 - *Year 4 Maths Workshop - 29.04.26*
 - *5 to Thrive Sessions (Nursery and Reception)*
 - *Brain and Behaviour Workshop - 28.04.26 at 6.15pm*
 - *Nursery and Messy Writing Workshop - 08.05.26*
 - *Y4 Marwell Zoo Trip (08.05.26) - Reminder*
 - *Y1 Supporting your child's learning at home*
 - *Coffee Morning - 22.04.26*

- *Extra curricular clubs Term 5 2026 (Final Reminder)*
 - *St Georges Day - Thursday 23rd April*
 - *Reception Zoolab Visit (04.06.26)*
 - *Maple Class Dot Reward - Monday 27th April*
 - *Willow Class Dot Reward - Wednesday 29th April*
 - *Year 4 Maths Workshop - 29.04.26*
 - *Mixed Football / Multi Sports Club - Term 5*
 - *Chess Club - Term 5*
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Flyers





**WORLD CUP WARM UP
FOOTBALL CAMPS**

**FOR BOYS & GIRLS
AGED 4-11**

MYTCHETT PRIMARY SCHOOL,
CAMBERLEY
CORDWALLS JUNIOR SCHOOL,
CAMBERLEY
THE PINES PRIMARY SCHOOL,
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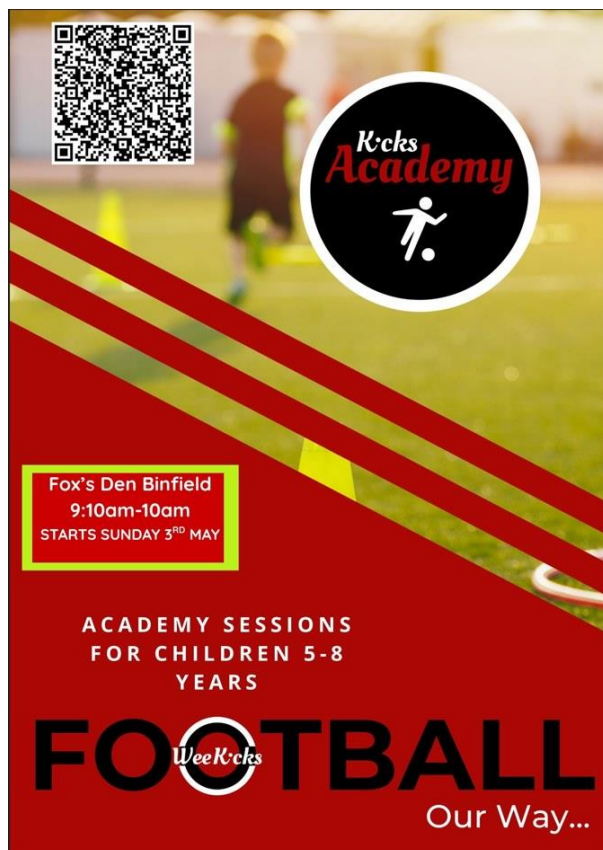
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MAY**

9AM-3PM

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
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(VALID TILL 13TH MAY)

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**Fox's Den Binfield
9:10am-10am
STARTS SUNDAY 3RD MAY**

ACADEMY SESSIONS
FOR CHILDREN 5-8
YEARS

FOOTBALL
Wee Kicks

Our Way...

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

Raise funds for us for FREE

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Join as our supporter today at:
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause
Just search for:

FRIENDS OF THE PINES PTA

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



Start at the
easyfundraising
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Click out
to where you'd
like to shop



Checkout:
prices are exactly
the same!



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it on to us
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Plus, you'll get...



Exclusive retailer offers



Competitions



A warm feeling inside!

Over
£60m
raised for UK good causes

£0
extra cost to anyone

Is your child entitled to free school meals?





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



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



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

