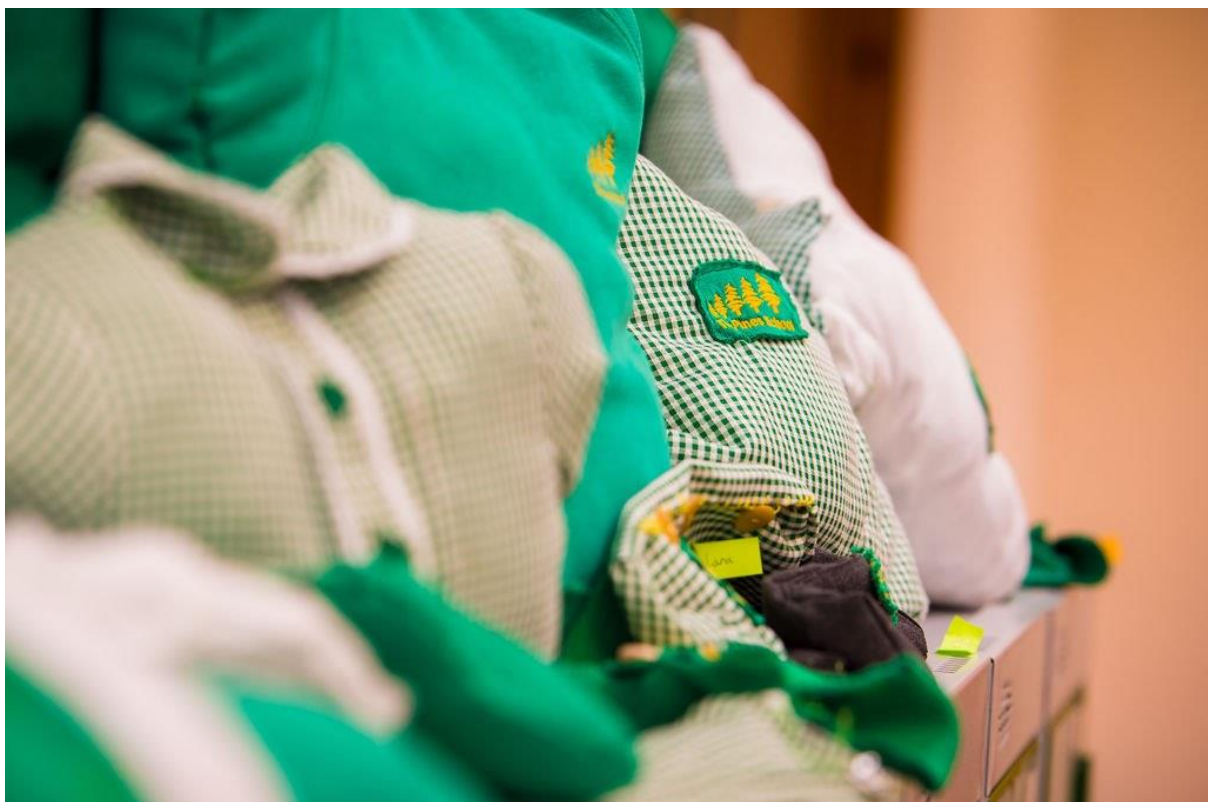




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 27.03.26 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



This edition will contain: -

- *Introduction from Mrs Davies*
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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

What a brilliant last week of term at The Pines.

Maths Olympics

*It started last Friday when some of our year 6 children went to Sandhurst school to represent The Pines at the Maths Olympics competition. We were one of 6 local schools who took part in the event which was very challenging and lots of fun. **I am delighted to announce that The Pines came first!** This is a brilliant achievement for our school and we get to keep the lovely trophy for a whole year. A huge congratulations to Flo, Max J, Max A, Harrison L, Laela, Aria, Platon and Harry L.*

Rock Steady

What a fabulous rock steady concert we had! There were tears, laughter and total joy. We were all blown away by how far the bands have come - amazing singing (Andrea is definitely going to be a rock star!) Jaxson singing was just beautiful and seeing all of the children grow

in confidence and skill was wonderful. A massive thank you to Jack from Rock Steady who really does work magic with our children.

Amazing Learning

This week, I have had more pupil progress meetings with the teachers. It was great to hear about the progress children are making in Nursery and Reception - particularly strong progress has been made with writing and reading in Reception. Reception have enjoyed a trip to South Hill Park today to go on a teddy bear hunt.

In Year 4, Miss Owen and Miss Cole are really proud of the poems that the children have been working on.

In Year 5, Mrs Whitehouse is so proud of all the writing that the children have been doing, especially their persuasive letters. She is constantly impressed by their positive attitudes. The swimming was a particular highlight with the children making exceptional progress. It was also amazing to see children from The Orchard joining in and growing in confidence throughout the sessions.

In The Orchard, I am always blown away by the progress the children make in our provision. The children are calm, settled and the staff are brilliant and knowing just what each child needs.

In Year 6, the children have been working hard on SATs revision as well as orienteering in PE. We are very excited for the residential next term and thank you to all the parents who came to the meeting on Tuesday. The presentation slides have been shared.

In Years 1 and 2, children have been working hard on phonics and their writing. For year 1 pupils, please can parents help by doing lots of counting with their children. At the end of Year 1, children need to be able to write numbers 1-20 as well as say them and know numbers up to 100. This will be counting forwards and backwards. If you want any further advice, please ask the class teachers.

In year 3, the children are always so settled to their learning and so inquisitive. They ask lots of really sensible questions and are very keen to know more.

Goodbye!

It has come to that time where some of our staff are moving on. Miss Rawlinson (SRP TA) has now left us. Miss Day (Year 5) is leaving for a new opportunity in Wokingham as a behaviour mentor and the time has come to say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Chandler.

Mrs Chandler has been the SENCO at The Pines for the last 6 years. She joined during Covid and has transformed the SEND provision of our school. Together, we set up the provision that later became an SRP (Specialist Resource Provision) known as The Orchard. She has supported a huge amount of children and families to get the support they need in an every changing and challenging landscape. Mrs Chandler and I have worked closely on a shared vision to ensure we create an inclusive school. Mrs Chandler has been with me through many highs and some lows, but we have always smiled and found a way through any challenges that we have been presented with. I personally will miss Mrs Chandler greatly and I wish her all the very best for her future. She is going to be training as a bush craft leader so we are hoping she can come back to lead some outdoor learning for us!

Easter Holidays

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break. We have lots of great things coming up in the Summer term so make sure you rest, get lots of fresh air, read lots of books and eat a few chocolates. Thank you to everyone for your support this term.

Mrs Davies



Best Awards



Be Your BEST

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Congratulations to the following children who were awarded with our BEST Award this term:

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*Nursery - **Arthur***

*Elm - **Olive***

*Maple - **Samuel***

*Sycamore - **Morgan***

*Willow - **Jennifer***

*Oak - **Sophie***

*Cedar - **Hudson***

*Ash - **Jesse***

*Juniper - **Harrison***

*Rowan - **Mete***

*The Orchard - **Darcey and Isabel***

Progress Awards



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Congratulations to the following children who were awarded with our Progress Award this term: -

*Nursery - **Dominic***

*Elm - **Thibaut***

*Maple - **Timur***

*Sycamore - **Ben***

Willow - Myra-Rose

Oak - Ela

Cedar - Manuela

Ash - Alannah

Juniper - Leo

Rowan - Mete

The Orchard - Casper and Harry

OPAL Spotlight!

Hello Everyone,

Opal this term has been amazing! We have had lots of new zones open up and had lots more donations which has made our environment so much more successful. Our biggest achievement has definitely been our wheeled play zone! The children have really enjoyed having the opportunity to ride bikes and scooters around and making various different tracks to follow.

Our art zone has also become very popular, children love making pictures for each other and using all the different resources. In our OPAL assemblies this term, we have been looking at our risks and benefits of each zone and how we can minimise risks. The children have had some very good ideas on how to use each area and what to do if something looks unsafe!

I can't wait for the rest of this academic year to introduce some more new zones and continue to get lots of resources for our children to explore.

Hope you all have a lovely Easter break.

Mr Edwards



Class with the Highest Attendance of the term



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*The class with the highest attendance this term is **Oak** with **96.04%**.*

*Well done to **Oak Class!***

Best House Attendance of the term



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*The best house attendance this term is **Marcus Rashford** with **95.82%**.*

Well done - who will it be next term?

Comic Relief 2026

Well done to all those who entered our 'BEST JOKE' competition on Friday! The winners from each class made us all giggle with their jokes in our assembly. The School Council chose two winners.

Paige - 'What do you call a deer with no eyes? No idea!'

Joey - 'Why couldn't the toilet roll cross the road? It got stuck in a crack!'

The School Council would also like to say a huge thank you to all those who baked and donated for their cake sale on Friday - it was very popular and sold out in minutes! We had a vote and can confirm the winning baker is Ava K in Juniper - well done!

We raised around £100 from the cake sale alone! Thank you so much for all your kind donations.





Fundraising

We would like to share with you the amount of money we have raised over the last couple of years:

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- *Comic Relief March 26 - Bake Sale and Non-Uniform - £253*
 - *Bake Sale Dec 25 - £30*
 - *Ruth Straus Dec 25 - £293.32*
 - *Children in Need Nov 25 - £213.01*
 - *Bake Sale May 25 - £25.50*
 - *Marathon Fundraiser - £138*
 - *Comic Relief March 25 - £199.01*
 - *Children in Need Nov 24 - £134.00*
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The Lexicon Remake Project

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



Important Dates



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- **30.03.26 to 10.04.26** - Easter Holidays (Bank Holidays Good Friday 03.04.26, Easter Monday 06.04.26)
 - **13.04.26** - Children return to school at 8.40am
 - **W.C 27.04.26** - Extra Curricular Clubs commence
 - **28.04.26** - Year 3 Maths Workshop
 - **29.04.26** - Year 4 Maths Workshop
 - **04.05.26** - May Bank Holiday
 - **08.05.26** - Year 4 Trip to Marwell Zoo / Nursery Messy Writing Workshop
 - **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
 - **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
 - **06.06.26** - (Save the Date) The Pines Summer Fayre
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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*
 - *Nursery Stay and Play Session 24.03.26*
 - *Winning House - Malala*
 - *Spring Disco - Wednesday 25th March 2026 (Update)*
 - *Year 6 SATs / Residential Parent Information Evening - Tuesday 24th March 2026 (Reminder)*
 - *Easter bonnets for our celebration assembly on Friday*
 - *Year 2 Beale Park Trip - Friday 15th May 2026*
 - *Year 4 Maths Workshop 29.04.26*

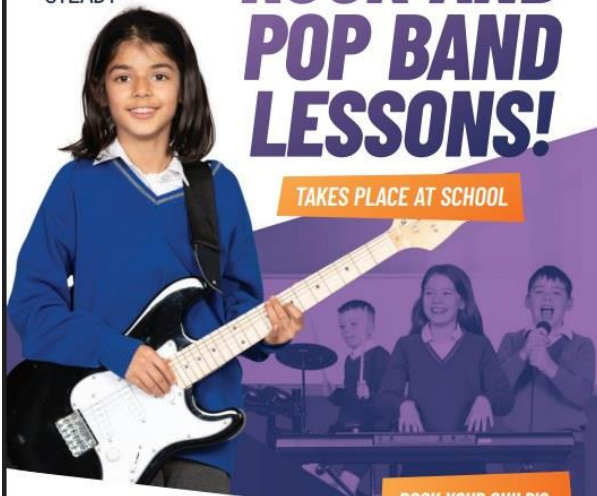
- *Year 3 Maths Workshop 28.04.26*
 - *End of Term Reminders*
 - *Ash Class Dot Reward - Thursday 26th March 2026*
 - *Choir Practice - Thursday 26th March*
 - *Active Lives Survey*
 - *Year 6 SATs / Residential Parent Information Evening (Presentation Slides)*
 - *5 to Thrive Workshop*
 - *Teddy Bear Hunt at South Hill Park - Thursday 26th March (Reminder)*
 - *Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Tournament - Thursday 26th March (Reminder)*
 - *Nursery Messy Writing Workshop*
 - *CGP Revision Maths and English Books*
 - *Residential - Medical Forms*
 - *Invasive meningococcal disease*
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Flyers



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Friends of The Pines 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. IT'S 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@thepineschool.org.uk



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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.

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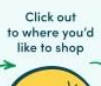
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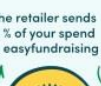
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SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026

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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