



Weekly Newsletter

Week End 20.03.26 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

What a gorgeous week it has been - the sunshine makes such a difference. Thank you to all of the parent and carers who came to parents evening this week. The teachers have enjoyed sharing all of the amazing learning with you and have especially enjoyed sharing the progress that the children have made. A big thank you to the staff as well.

Year 4 have been writing some amazing poems this week and they really enjoyed the Greek day.

I have had the most lovely lunch time today with some children in Pop-in club - we had lots of fun with the water play and mud kitchen!

Year 1 have been very focussed this week and are making excellent progress with reading and phonics.

I have really enjoyed taking the Year 6 Booster groups. It is great to spend some time with the children and help build their confidence ready for SATS.

Comic Relief

It has been so lovely to see everyone dressing up today for Comic Relief. This is one of my favourite days in school. I have always enjoyed Comic Relief and Sports relief and supported these charities since I was in school. I always listen to Radio 1 and have been following Greg James who has cycled from Weymouth to Edinburgh in 8 days! What an inspiration and what an incredible achievement. I have shown the children his challenge in assembly this morning and talked about how the money is used.

Thank you to Mrs Drury and the school council for organising the cake sale and jokes and to Miss Owen and Miss Cole for organising the day of fun.

Have a great weekend and I hope you enjoy the sunshine.

Many thanks,

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 - **Dinuli***

*Maple - **George***

*Sycamore - **Maci***

*Willow - **Oliver***

*Oak - **Reggie***

*Cedar - **Evie***

*Ash - **Daisy-May***

*Juniper - **Freddie-Jay***

*Rowan - **Harry L and Kaden***

*The Orchard - **Darcey and Amber***

*Congratulations to **Logan** in **Maple 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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OPAL Spotlight!

Hello,

This week has been pure joy during our lunchtime provision! The children continue to use such imaginative vocabulary and play in our different zones, from the mud kitchen, sand play and wheeled play. This week, I have seen children from different year groups playing with each other and including everyone. There has been a lot of dancing this week and the children are beginning to make dance routines in small groups. In our container, we have made a Lego zone with different types of Lego and other accessories and it has been busy with children constructing various different things like cars, houses and loads more.

In our OPAL assembly last week, we went through our risks and benefits for different zones and thought more about our right to play. Next week, school council will be joining us to present another OPAL assembly!

Wish list item- old materials (bed sheets etc) and garden games.

Mr Edwards





Class with the Highest Attendance of the week



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

*Well done to **Cedar Class!***

Best House Attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance this week is **Marcus Rashford** with **95.12%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Parent Workshops



*Please be reminded about the Nursery Stay and Play session on **Tuesday 24th March** after drop off in the morning, then come and join Mrs Williams for coffee, biscuits and a chat.*

*We will also be having a Brain and Behaviour Workshop on **Tuesday 24th March** from 9:30a.m. - 11:00a.m. The aim of the workshop is to explore brain development, to get practical tips on how to support healthy brains. The workshop will be run by Stephen Vegh who works in the Virtual Schools Department for Bracknell Forest. Stephen is a trained secondary school teacher and has a diploma in mental health. This is a really great opportunity, so it would be nice to see as many of you as possible. Tea, coffee and biscuits will also be provided.*



Calling all parents of Nursery children -pop in for a stay and play session from 8:40a.m. – 9:05a.m. on Tuesday 24th March. Then join Mrs Williams for coffee and biscuits. This will give you an opportunity to just have a chat or ask any questions that you may have.



If you would like to attend please let me know fsa@thepinesschool.org.uk



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BRAIN AND BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOP

for parents and carers

come and join us for this interactive workshop, that will explore brain development in children and lots of practical tips and suggestions to support healthy brains.

Tuesday 24th March 2026
9:30-11:00AM

The Pines Primary School

The session will be delivered by Stephen Vegh. Stephen trained as a secondary school teacher and more recently moved to Bracknell Forest Virtual School. He is about to complete his diploma in Mental Health and Trauma Informed Practitioner. Stephen is pro-parent and delivers sessions in a no shame/no blame approach.



Parent Survey - March 2026

You will have seen QR Codes for our parent survey at parents evening this week, if you did not get the opportunity to complete it we would really appreciate it you could take the time to do this please by clicking on the QR code/link below: -

[Parent Survey - March 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Thank you for your cooperation.



The Lexicon Remake Project

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



Important Dates



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- **24.03.26** - Nursery Stay and Play Session after drop off / Brain and Behaviour Workshop 9.30am - 11:00am / Year 6 SATs Residential Parent Information Evening 5:00pm in the Lower Building
 - **25.03.26** - Rocksteady Concert in the Lower Hall 2.20pm - 3:00pm, Spring Disco in the top hall Reception, Y1, Y2 & Yr 3 - 3.30pm - 4.30pm / Yr 4, Yr5, & Y6 - 4.40pm - 6pm (Tickets can be purchased via the school gateway within the payment section).

- **26.03.26** - Y5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament / Elm Class Teddy Bear Hunt at South Hill Park
 - **27.03.26** - Celebration Assembly at 9.00am / Term Ends at 2.00pm / After School Club finishes at 5.00pm
 - **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
 - **06.06.26** - Save the Date 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*
 - *Parents Evening/Parent Survey*

- *Nursery Stay and Play Session 24.03.26*
 - *Brain and Behaviour Workshop 24.03.26*
 - *Year 6 SATs / Residential Parent Information Evening - Tuesday 24th March 2026*
 - *Parent Survey - March 2026*
 - *Red Nose Day - Friday 20th March (Reminder)*
 - *Choir Practice - Thursday 19th March*
 - *Rocksteady Concert - Wednesday 25th March 2026*
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Flyers



Spring Disco
Wednesday 25th March
Upper Hall

R, Y1, Y2 & Y3: 3.30 – 4.30	Y4, Y5 & Y6: 4.40 – 6.00
Tickets cost £5.00 (includes drink & 2 snacks)	Tickets cost £3.00

Tuck shop open. CASH only.
 Please no more than £5.
 Children bring money at their
 own risk

Tickets on sale via the school gateway app.

Parents and Carers of Children with SEND
 Parents and carers who feel their child may need their support to take part in the school disco are encouraged to discuss this with Mrs Chandler (SENCO), Miss Philpotts (DHT) or Mrs Davies (HT) so that suitable arrangements can be considered. Families are encouraged to consider whether the noise and atmosphere of a disco will feel comfortable for their child, and to make the decision that best supports their needs. Any parent or carer who wishes to attend in order to support their child is warmly welcome to join the PTA, and a DBS check will be required for this.

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NEW ACTIVITIES 2026

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Hampshire	ALDERSHOT ANDOVER FLEET HOOK LIMBROOK
Surrey	ASHFORD EPSOM GODALMING -RUSHMORE JUNIORS -GODALMING JUNIORS GUILDFORD -NORTHHEAD JUNIORS -ORLEANS INFANTS WINDSORE REIGATE WEST EVELL WETTING WOKING

WEEK ONE

ROAD TO THE WORLD CUP
EASTER CAMP WITH PRO PLAYER CENTRE

ENGLAND-THEMED SCHOOL
HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMPS IN
BRACKNELL & CAMBERLEY

THURSDAY

WEDNESDAY

MONDAY
FINISHING LEADERSHIP

TUESDAY
DEFENDING

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BOYS & GIRLS
AGED 4-11

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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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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

