



Weekly Newsletter

Week End 06.03.26 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

The sunshine definitely makes a difference! I have enjoyed seeing so many smiles around the school.

World Book Day 2026

We had a wonderful day yesterday. It started off with an assembly where the children listened brilliantly to an author - Alan Barbara. He talked about the process of writing a book along with ideas about characters.

We then had an amazing parade, showing off all of the wonderful world book day outfits. The children then enjoyed an episode of "The Masked Reader" and a book-nic (a picnic with books). A huge thank you to Mrs Worn for organising such an amazingly joyful day.

I had a great time in classes reading with lots of children.

Ways you can help your child

We have noticed lots of parents carrying their children's belongings to school. As the children get older (Year 1 upwards) it would be really helpful if you can teach them to carry their bags in and pack their own bags. Building on World Book Day, please help your child by reading at home with them at least 3 times a week.

Parents Evenings

This term, parents' evenings will be held in person in the lower hall on the following dates:

- *Tuesday 17th March 3:30 – 5:30p.m. (Willow class only)*
- *Wednesday 18th March 3:30 – 7:00p.m.*

- *Thursday 19th March 3:30 – 5:30p.m.*
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These Parents' Evening appointments will be an opportunity for a discussion around how your child's learning is progressing. Teachers will be able to give an indication of how well they are accessing the curriculum, their attainment in different areas and they will be able to offer advice regarding how you can support your child at home. Based on feedback from some of our parents during the PINS project, this parents evening will mainly focus on your child's learning. If you want to have a longer meeting to discuss social and emotional issues, SEND concerns or anything else a separate appointment will need to be made at a later date.

*Appointments will last for 10 minutes. **You will have received an e-mail with instructions for booking an appointment on Wednesday 4th March. Booking will remain open until midday on Monday 16th March.** Please remember to make a note of your appointment day and time! If you have difficulty accessing the booking system or do not receive an e-mail, please contact the school office and a member of staff will be able to make an appointment for you.*

Have a great weekend

Mrs Davies









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 - **India***

*Maple - **Paige***

*Sycamore - **Albie***

*Willow - **Ronil***

*Oak - **Ela***

*Cedar - **Beau***

*Ash - **Maria***

*Juniper - **Ava-Jayne***

Rowan - Elsie

The Orchard - Kian S and Oscar

*Congratulations to **Rio** in **Rowan 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.

Believe-Excellence-Safe-Team

OPAL Spotlight!

Happy Friday everyone,

This week we have had another fantastic week. On our tuff trays this week we have been making bug hotels, we have had things like bark, soil, sticks and the children have been making it all in pots. Our water play has again been a massive joy. Children have been working as a team to transport water from one tray to another and they have loved all the rubber ducks we have added. At the beginning of the week I introduced our outdoor painting area and the children loved it! They painted trees, rainbows and lots of self-portraits which was amazing to see!

This week's wish list item- Lego boards and Art supplies

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Edwards





Class with the Highest Attendance of the week



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*The class with the highest attendance this week is **Oak** with **98.75%**.*

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

Best House Attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance this week is **Marcus Rashford** with **97.07%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Nursery and Reception Coffee Morning



Our next coffee morning we will be holding in school will be for parents and carers of Nursery and Reception. This will be to talk to you about future 5 to Thrive sessions that we would like to run in school.

*The Coffee Morning will be held in the upper hall after drop off on **Monday 16th March**. If your child attends Nursery in the afternoon you are welcome to attend as well. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible, there will be coffee and biscuits available. Please let me know if you would like to attend fsa@thepinnessschool.org.uk*

Kind Regards

Mrs T Williams

Family Support Advisor

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Five to Thrive

Support your child's brain development.

"Your child's body grows better when you give it good food. Your child's brain grows better when you do five things that feed the growing brain."

Respond-Engage-Relax-Play-Talk

- Importance of supporting brain development.
- Supporting children to be able to self-regulate and manage behaviour.



 **The Pines School Coffee Morning**
Monday 16th March 2026
9am

Important Dates



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- **10.03.26** - Year 4 Class Dot Reward
 - **11.03.26** - Separation Anxiety Workshop
 - **12.03.26** - Y5/6 (Away) Football Match Wooden Hill Vs The Pines
 - **16.03.26** - Nursery and Reception Coffee Morning / Learning Showcase - Year 4 Greek Day
 - **17.03.26** - Willow Class Parents Evening held in person in the Lower Hall 3:30 - 5:30pm (to secure your time slot you will receive an email inviting you via notifications@primarysite.net)

- **18.03.26** - Parents Evening held in person in the Lower Hall 3:30 - 7:00pm (to secure your time slot you will receive an email inviting you via notifications@primarysite.net)
 - **19.03.26** - Parents Evening held in person in the Lower Hall 3.30 - 5.30pm (to secure your time slot you will receive an email inviting you via notifications@primarysite.net)
 - **19.03.26** - Y5/6 (Home) Football Match The Pines V Fox Hill
 - **25.03.26** - 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 Tournament / Elm Class School Trip
 - **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*
 - *Football Match (Away) Thursday 5th March (Cancelled)*
 - *Hexagon Choir Rehearsal (Wildridings School) Thursday 5th March (Reminder)*
 - *Parents Evening March 2026*
 - *Nursery Workshop - 04.03.26*
 - *Separation Anxiety Workshop - 11.03.26*
 - *World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2026 (Reminder)*
 - *Spring Disco - Wednesday 25th March 2026*
 - *Y4 Marwell Zoo Trip (08.05.26)*

- *Beyond Autism Fast Responders*
 - *World Book Day - Football Kits*
 - *Y6 Residential Kit List*
 - *Y6 Park before school*
 - *Elm Class Save the date - Thursday 26th March AM for a trip*
 - *Year 4 Class Dot Reward - Tuesday 10th March*
 - *The Orchard Staffing Update*
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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.

SCHOOL TRENDS
GROWN OUT BEFORE WORN OUT

ADULTS OR PROBABLY NAMED SOMETHING PAGE

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NEW ACTIVITIES 2026

VENUES IN

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GREAT LONDON	CHESINGTON -CASTLE HILL PRIMARY -LOVELACE PRIMARY HARLOW ISLINGTON KINGSTON MERTON
HAMPSHIRE	ALDERSHOT ANDOVER FLEET HOOK LIMPOCK
SURREY	ASHFORD EPSOM GODALMING -BAGSHOTT JUNIORS -GODALMING JUNIORS GUILDFORD -MERTON JUNIORS -MERTON JUNIORS WINDHOLME WINDHOLME WINDHOLME WINDHOLME

VISIT WWW.KOOSAKIDS.CO.UK or CALL 01276 21884

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



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like to shop



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prices are exactly
the same!



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a % of your spend
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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

The Pines School



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Our Vision and Values

