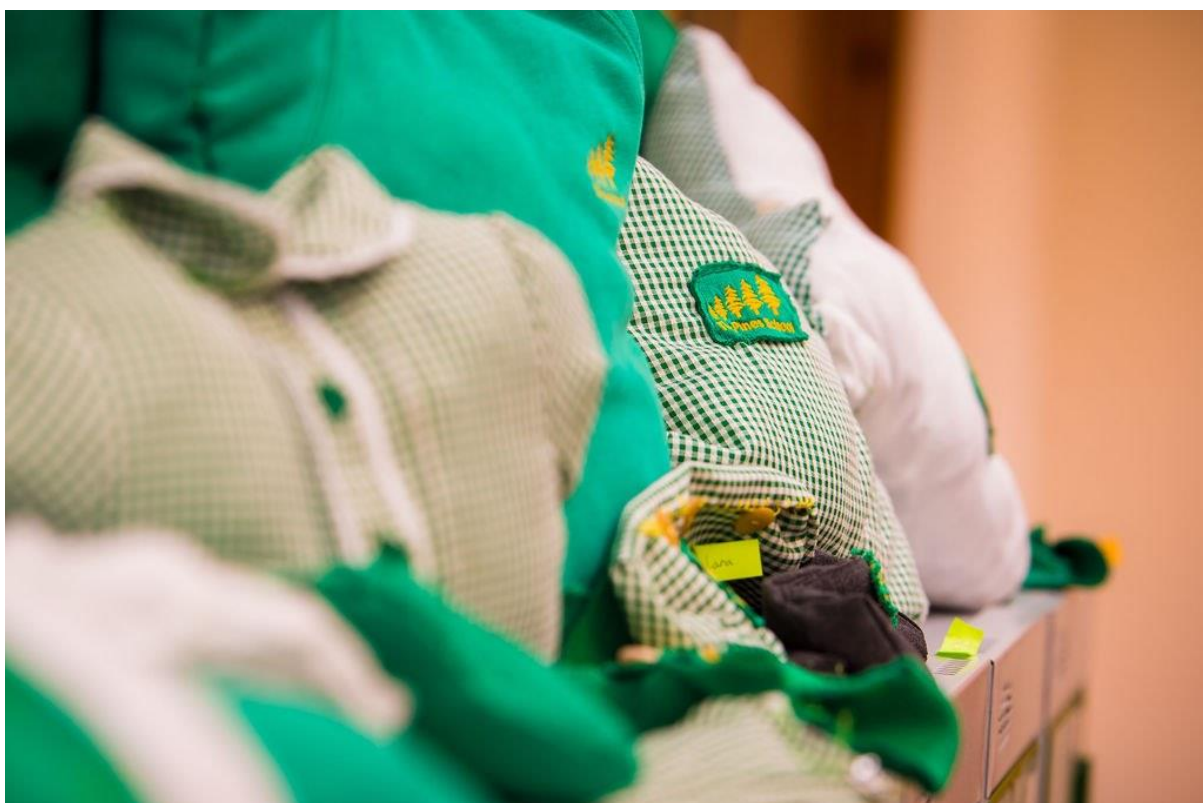




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 27.02.26 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



This edition will contain: -

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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back and how wonderful to have had some sunshine this week! It makes such a difference. We have had a busy, wonderful week. It started off with an assembly on Monday reflecting on the winter Olympics. The children watched the winning run of the mixed team skeleton where Great Britain won the gold medal. We talked about all of the attributes that make an excellent sports person. The children were amazing at coming up with some great ideas.

On Wednesday children in Key Stage 2 had workshops on racism. These were provided by an external company and children discussed the meaning of racism and discrimination. They listened to some experiences of racism that other children had experienced and had to choose whether it was obvious racism or hidden racism. The children then discussed and role played some non - violent strategies to address racism.

The Pines Sports Awards Evening

On Tuesday 24th February, we held our first Sports Awards evening. Our Sports Awards Evening celebrated the outstanding achievements of our children, recognising their dedication, determination and resilience in sport both in and out of school. The event highlighted individual and team successes, showcasing the hard work that has driven their progress throughout the year. We were honoured to welcome our special guests, Huxley and Elinor, English Junior Golf Champions, who inspired everyone with their impressive accomplishments. Their coach, Rich, delivered a motivating and engaging speech that encouraged our young athletes to keep striving for excellence. It was a memorable evening full of pride, inspiration and celebration.

Oliver H (Year 6 Juniper) has independently completed his Sports Blue Peter badge, writing about his kickboxing journey and the challenges he has faced. He has worked incredibly hard and, as a result, he earned his Blue Peter Sports badge, which was designed by England Lioness, Leah Williamson.

A huge well done to Oliver H. We are super proud of you!

Staff Update

I am pleased to confirm that Mrs Evans will be returning as our School Business Manager on Monday 2nd March. We are looking forward to welcoming her back to The Pines!

Mrs Allen will be starting her maternity leave this term, her last day will be on Friday 13th March, Mrs Guest will be joining us on Monday 16th March as her maternity cover.

I am also delighted to inform you that we have appointed a new Senco, following a rigorous interview process. Mrs Smith will be starting for 2 days a week after Easter and increasing the days in September. She will be using the Summer Term to introduce herself, familiarise herself with Bracknell processes and build on the good work already in place. Mrs Smith comes with a great deal of experience and I am sure you will join me in welcoming her after Easter.







Head Teacher Awards



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Congratulations to the following children who were awarded with our Head Teacher Award this week: -

*Elm - **Frankie***

*Maple - **Alexis***

*Sycamore - **Frankie B***

*Willow - **Aliya***

*Oak - **Jack***

*Cedar - **Jayden***

*Ash - **Olivia***

*Juniper - **Eva***

*Rowan - **Harry L***

*The Orchard - **Ollie***

*Congratulations to **Arthur** 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 Everyone,

This week has been very successful. We've had the sun come out which has really brightened up our playgrounds and allowed so many new opportunities at lunchtimes for our children. We have introduced a water tray that the children have been loving. Along with this we have

*two new tuff trays on our top playground that we are using for messy and sensory play
which again the children have enjoyed loads!*

*My favourite this week and I'm sure the children will agree is the new mud kitchen space, we
have added new tables, kitchens and a bench which the children have been doing some
really nice role play in.*

This weeks wish list- empty tins (used as pen pots), colouring pencils or pens please.

Mr Edwards







Class with the Highest Attendance of the week



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*The class with the highest attendance this week is **Willow** with **96.67%**.*

*Well done to **Willow Class!***

Best House Attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance this week is **Emma Watson** with **95.44%**.*

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."

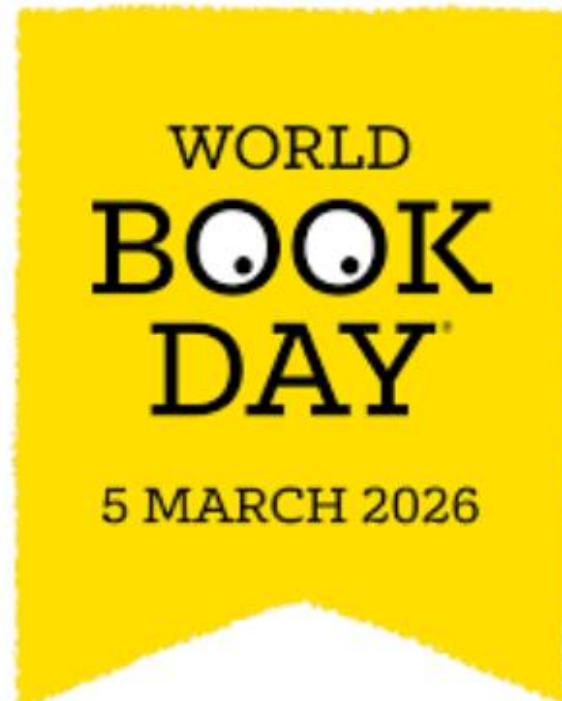
Respond-Engage-Relax-Play-Talk

- 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



World Book Day - Thursday 5th March



*The staff and children at The Pines are excited to be celebrating World Book Day next week on **Thursday 5th March**. Please do take the time to read this letter carefully, there will be lots going on in school in the days leading up to World Book Day so make sure you know how you and your child can get involved.*

Sponsored read

Alongside World Book Day, the children will be taking part in a sponsored read for the whole of March children will be aiming to travel the furthest distances by reading for as many

minutes as possible. Your child could be sponsored per book, destination or travelling around the whole world in "reading miles". More information will be sent home after half term. Money raised will go towards ensuring children have access to high quality texts in their class libraries. There will be lots of healthy competition with rewards on offer for participation and miles travelled.

2nd Hand Book Shop

In effort to have ensure that all children have access to books at home and can read as regularly as possible, we will be holding a 2nd hand book shop on World Book Day. There will be no fixed price for any of the books, please take as many as you feel you need to top up your child's collection. Donation boxes will be available if you are able to make a donation for your choices.

There will be lots going on in school on World Book Day for the children to enjoy so look out for pictures and updates in our newsletter.

Many thanks,

Mrs Worn

Bags to School Collection



There will be a Bags to school collection on **Tuesday 3rd March** if you do have any unwanted textiles please bring your donations to the school office before 9am on the 3rd.

Please click on the following link to [find out more and what you can donate](#)

All money raised goes directly to supporting the children of The Pines School.

Thank you!

Kind Regards

Friends of Pines School (PTA)

Important Dates



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- **03.03.26** - Bags to School Collection
 - **04.03.26** - Nursery Workshop
 - **05.03.26** - World Book Day / Y5/6 (Away) Football Match Winkfield St Marys V The Pines
 - **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
 - **18.03.26 and 19.03.26** - Parents Evenings (more information to follow)
 - **19.03.26** - Y5/6 (Home) Football Match The Pines V Fox Hill
 - **25.03.26** - Spring School Disco (more details to follow)
 - **26.03.26** - Y5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament Tournament
 - **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
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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 Maths Workshop - 04.03.26 Final Reminders*
 - *Fancy Dress Swap Shop Coffee Morning - Reminder*
 - *After School Club - Tuesday 24th March*
 - *School Instagram Page Incoming*
 - *Change of Menu - Term 4*
 - *Nursery and Reception Coffee Morning 16.03.26*
 - *Year 3 Date for Diary - Maths Workshop*
 - *Hexagon Choir Rehearsal (Wildridings School)*
 - *Sponsored Read*
 - *Willow Class Dot Reward - Wednesday 4th March*
 - *Year 6 Assessments W.C 02.03.26*
 - *Bags to School Collection - Reminder*
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Flyers



Spring Disco

Wednesday 25th March
Upper Hall

R, Y1, Y2 & Y3:
3.30 – 4.30
Tickets cost £5.00 (includes drink & 2 snacks)

Y4, Y5 & Y6:
4.40 – 6.00
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 of children with SEND will need to discuss with Mrs Davies if they want to attend to support their child. However, they are very welcome to become members of the PTA and get a DBS check.

Parents will need to make the decision as to whether they think a loud disco is appropriate for their child.

Please note: Children will NOT be allowed to walk home on their own as it will be dark so please arrange for them to be collected.



WEEK TWO

ROAD TO THE WORLD CUP

EASTER CAMP WITH PRO PLAYER CENTRE

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HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMPS IN
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TUESDAY
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WEEK ONE

ROAD TO THE WORLD CUP

EASTER CAMP WITH PRO PLAYER CENTRE

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FINISHING
LEADERSHIP

TUESDAY
DEFENDING

WEDNESDAY

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TRAINING



Online training for schools

As part of our universal offer to schools we are offering a session focusing on glue ear.
8/10 children will experience glue ear before the age of 10.
(NDCS)

(Note: This is a repeat of previous glue ear training held on
14th May 2025)

Date: Tuesday 17th March 2026	Time: 3.45 - 4.20pm	Venue: Online Google Meet
Open to: SENCOs, teachers and support staff in mainstream, Berkshire Schools	Cost: Free	Booking form: Click Here

This session will cover:

- The causes / prevalence and impact of glue ear
- Strategies to support children with glue ear in the educational setting

Please note - individual children will not be discussed in this session

To book a place on this session please complete the Google Form.
A link to the session will be sent out on Monday 16th March
Any questions please contact Lucy Furnell:
lucy.furnell@achievingforchildren.org.uk








W: berkshiresensoryconsortium.co.uk T: 01628 796786 E: sensory.consortium@achievingforchildren.org.uk

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

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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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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

