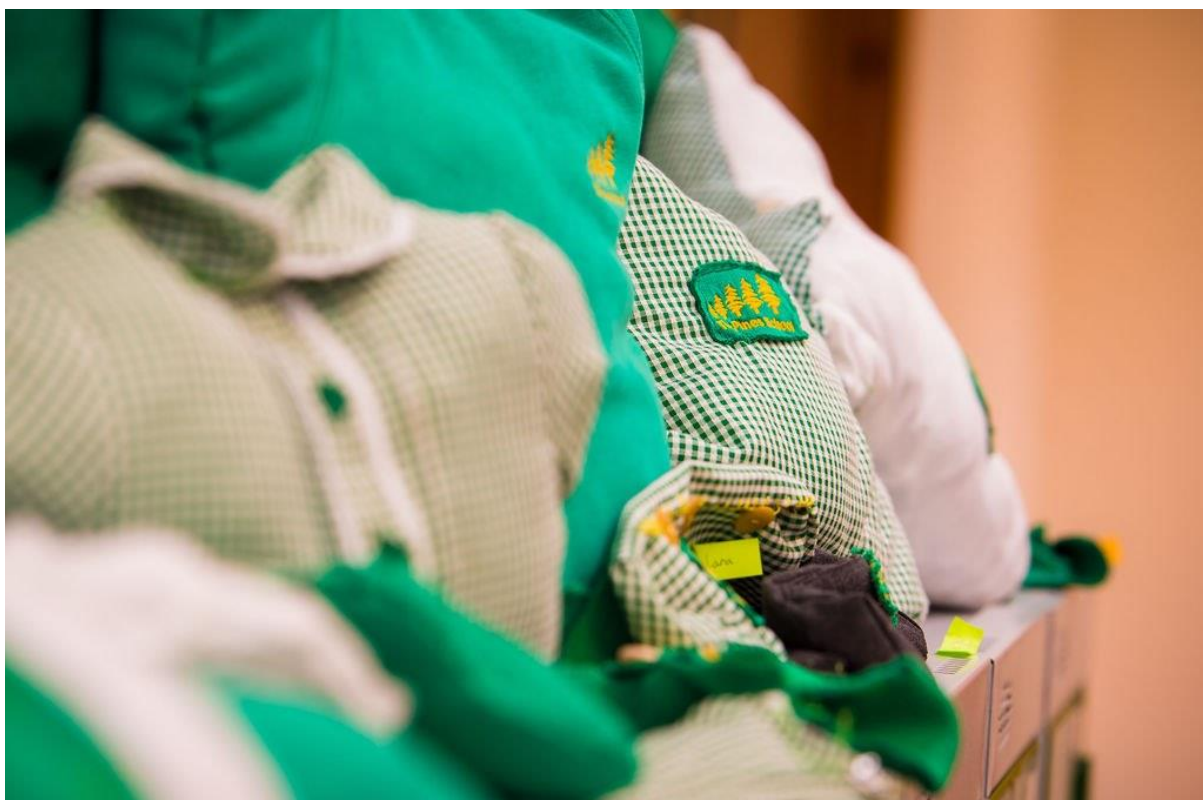




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 13.02.26 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



This edition will contain: -

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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been a lovely week at The Pines this week. The children have been working hard. In Reception the children have been learning about Chinese New Year. In year 1 and year 2 they have been doing some great writing. I have particularly enjoyed the writing in year 2 about Blue Whales. In year 3 there has also been some amazing writing going on. Year 4 have had great fun making and painting clay pots. Year 5 are doing a wonderful job with swimming - all the staff comment on how wonderful the swimming is. Year 6 have been working hard, especially in Maths.

Mobile phones

A couple of weeks ago - I asked parents if they would be interested in a workshop about smartphone free childhoods. We have not had much interest. If this is something you are interested in, please let us know. There is a real movement by the government to ban phones in schools and look at app use for children under 16.

Work Party

I would really like to arrange a working party one weekend before Easter to clear up our grounds. We will need some carpentry, painting and weeding as well as moving some big objects. If you would be able to help, please let Miss Champion know and we will add you to our list of volunteers.

Athletics

On Wednesday we attended the Year 3 and 4 Indoor Athletics Event at the Bracknell Leisure Centre and came 4th place out of 24 schools. Well done to Georgia, Maddie, Ferne, Klara, Letty, Nancy-Mae, Charlie B, Jack, Dylan, Carson, Hudson and Stanley we are so proud of you! They showed fantastic teamwork, tactics and cooperation, great resilience and determination and had a wonderful sense of fair play and sportsmanship - what brilliant representatives of The Pines!

We hope you have a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school at 8.40am on Monday 23rd February 2026.

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 - Ronald

Maple - Emilia

*Sycamore - **Crystal***

*Willow - **Rocco***

*Oak - **Jordan***

*Cedar - **Maddie***

*Ash - **Caleb***

*Juniper - **Jack***

*Rowan - **Stefan, Darcey, Charlie and Ellissa***

*The Orchard - **Jack and Logan***

*Congratulations to **Florence** in **Juniper 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!

Hi,

This week has been very enjoyable at lunchtimes, we have had lots of lovely play in various different zones. We have a mixture of year groups dancing together, making dance circles and choosing a child to go into the middle of the circle and dance, and a whole lot of singing. The sandpit once again has had some lovely play, especially a group of boys in reception who were making sand castles and trying to make a whole city!

Over half term if you are having a sort out please could you think of us before throwing things away! I'm looking for the following.

*- **Barbie's / Babies***

- *Clothes for Barbie's*
- *Blankets , rugs , cushions (materials)*
 - *Animal figures*
- *Bikes (with stabilisers) or scooters (preferably three wheeled)*
 - *Unicorns / ponies*
 - *Outdoor / garden games*
 - *Lego and Lego boards*
 - *Things to use in our mud kitchen*

If you have any of the above we would hugely appreciate this.

Have a lovely break!

Best wishes

Mr Edwards





Class with the Highest Attendance of the week



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*The class with the highest attendance this week is **Ash** with **99.57%**.*

*Well done to **Ash Class!***

Best House Attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance this week is **Emma Watson** with **96.03%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

The Pines Sports Award Evening

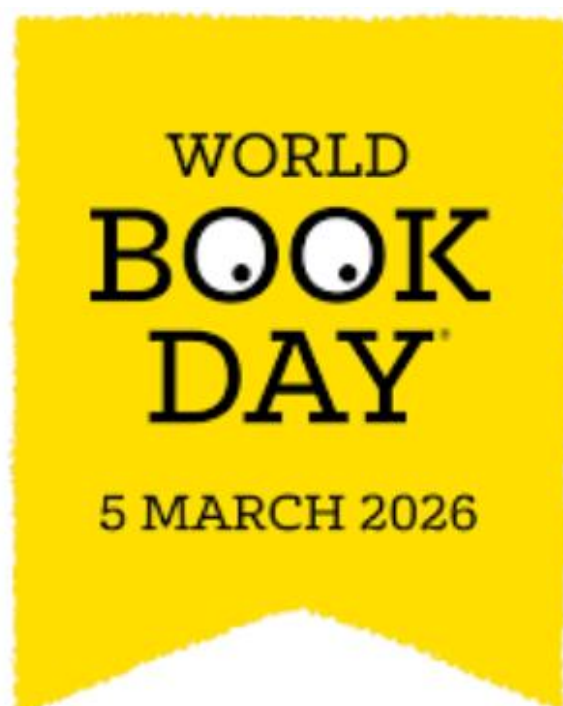
After half term we will be hosting our very first Sports Award Evening in the Lower Hall between the hours of 5.30pm - 6.30pm on Tuesday 24th February that parent/carers have been invited to if their child has been nominated for an award.

We will be reviewing the google form that we asked parents to complete today if their child has excelled in a sporting achievement outside of school, we would love to be able to celebrate them so

In order to celebrate all of the amazing sporting achievements our children do we are inviting parents/carers and children to come along to our very first Sports Award Evening on Tuesday 24th February 2026 between the hours of 5.30pm - 6.30pm.

If your child has excelled in a sporting achievement outside of school, we would love to be able to celebrate them. Please complete this google form by Friday 13th February to help us with our planning in advance to the event.

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March



*Following the huge success of National Story Telling week, the staff and children at The Pines are excited to be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March**. Children will be coming home today with a World Book Day voucher to spend over the February half term.*

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.

Fancy dress swap shop

In effort to be more sustainable, we will be hosting a Fancy Dress Swap Shop at school. Families can donate, swap or browse 2nd hand fancy dress items that may be useful for

World Book Day - or just for play! Mrs Williams has kindly agreed to open the swap shop during coffee morning on Tuesday 24th February. For those of you that can't make coffee morning, the costume shop will be open after school. Half term is always a great opportunity to have a sort out at home for items that may have been grown out of, or no longer dressed up in. Please donate an clean, unwanted costumes in any sizes by Monday 23rd February.

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

I was thrilled to see how many children were keen to meet the author visiting school last week and purchase his books. 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

Fancy Dress Swap Shop Coffee Morning - Tuesday 24th February 2026



We are pleased to share that we will be holding a Fancy Dress Swap Shop ahead of World Book Day. In a bid to become more sustainable as a school, we would love parents/carers to consider donating or swapping fancy dress costumes instead of buying new.

Half term is always a great opportunity to have a sort out at home for items that may have been grown out of, or no longer dressed up in. Please donate any clean, unwanted costumes in any sizes by Monday 23rd February.

*We will be hosting a fancy dress swap shop coffee morning on **Tuesday 24th February** where parents can swap, or pick up a costume. For those of you that can't make coffee morning, our school council will reopen the costume shop after school.*

Class Photographs

Please see below a message from Vancols Photographers regarding the class photographs:-

Your School Photograph is Ready!

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711. If you haven't purchased photographs from us previously you will need to contact the school directly for the website photo code.

If you would like to order a photograph but do not have a proof card, please contact the school office who will be able to help.

*The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **16th February 2026.***

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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- **16.02.26 to 20.02.26** - February Half Term
 - **23.02.26** - Children return to school at 8.40am
 - **24.02.26** - Fancy Dress Swap Shop Coffee Morning /After School Shop / The Pines Sports Awards 5.30pm - 6.30pm Lower Building
 - **26.02.26** - Y5/6 (Home) Football Match The Pines v Wildridings
 - **03.03.26** - Bags to School Collection
 - **04.03.26** - Nursery Workshop

- **05.03.26** - World Book Day
 - **11.03.26** - Separation Anxiety Workshop
 - **16.03.26** - Learning Showcase - Year 4 Greek Day
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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*
 - *The Pines Sports Award Evening - Tuesday 24th February*
 - *Year 1 Story Writing Workshop - Reminder*
 - *Year 3 and 4 Indoor Athletics (Reminder)*
 - *World Book Day - Thursday 5th March*

- *School Council Fancy Dress Swap Shop (24.02.26) - Consent*
 - *Fancy Dress Swap Shop Coffee Morning - Tuesday 24th February*
 - *Learning Showcase - Year 4 Greek Day*
 - *Lost Property - Final reminder*
 - *Swimming Lessons*
 - *Nursery Maths Workshop 04.03.26*
 - *Football Team Training Cancelled - Thursday 12th February*
 - *A message from Mrs Davies to Year 6*
 - *Year 3 DT Donations*
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Tesco Stronger Starts - In Store Vote Up

We have some amazing news, our PTA were successfully awarded £1,000 from the Tesco Stronger Starts - In Store Vote Up last year and we wanted to let you know that this money has been used to purchase a number of laptops for the children.

Thank you to everyone who voted for us, we couldn't have done it without you and thank you to our lovely PTA for organising.



Flyers



1 on 1 Support Sessions

An online or over the phone, 60 minute session offering support and advice.

Suitable for Parents and Carers whom:

- Has a child/young person who may have, waiting assessment or has been diagnosed with Autism or AuDHD (Autism & ADHD).
- Require strategies for a new presenting issue.
- Attended workshops/courses previously and need further advice.
- Want to talk confidentially or uncomfortable with group sessions.
- Are neurodivergent themselves or have access needs.

Available for families residing in, or have a registered GP in East Berkshire.

To book your place contact GEMS:

 Gems.4Health@nhs.net

 0800 999 1342

Sign Up Today!





Virtual Coffee Morning Eating and Movement

Friday 13th March - 10:00 - 11:00am

Join our online informal discussion.

What to expect?

Respectful and supportive discussion including:

- What works for your family at meal times
- What are your concern areas around eating
- How do you support your child with eating
- How you handle food centric activities and celebrations
- Encouraging affirming movement
- Eating out

25 spaces available!

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.



Sign Up Today!

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/awaiting assessment/diagnosed)

To book your place contact GEMS:

 Gems.4Health@nhs.net  0800 999 1342

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BRACKNELL | GARTH HILL COLLEGE
CAVERSHAM | THAMESIDE PRIMARY
SLOUGH | CLAYCOTS SCHOOL
WOKINGHAM | FLOREAT MONTAGUE

MULTI-SPORTS

CAVERSHAM | THAMESIDE PRIMARY
WINDSOR | HILLTOP FIRST SCHOOL
WOODLEY | SOUTH LAKE PRIMARY
ARBORFIELD | FARLEY HILL PRIMARY
BRACKNELL | ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY
MAIDENHEAD | ST LUKE'S PRIMARY
READING | NEW TOWN PRIMARY
SLOUGH | CLAYCOTS SCHOOL
WHITLEY | GEOFFREY FIELDS JUNIORS

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4-12 Year Olds All Day

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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. 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.

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.

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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!

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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



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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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Our Vision and Values

