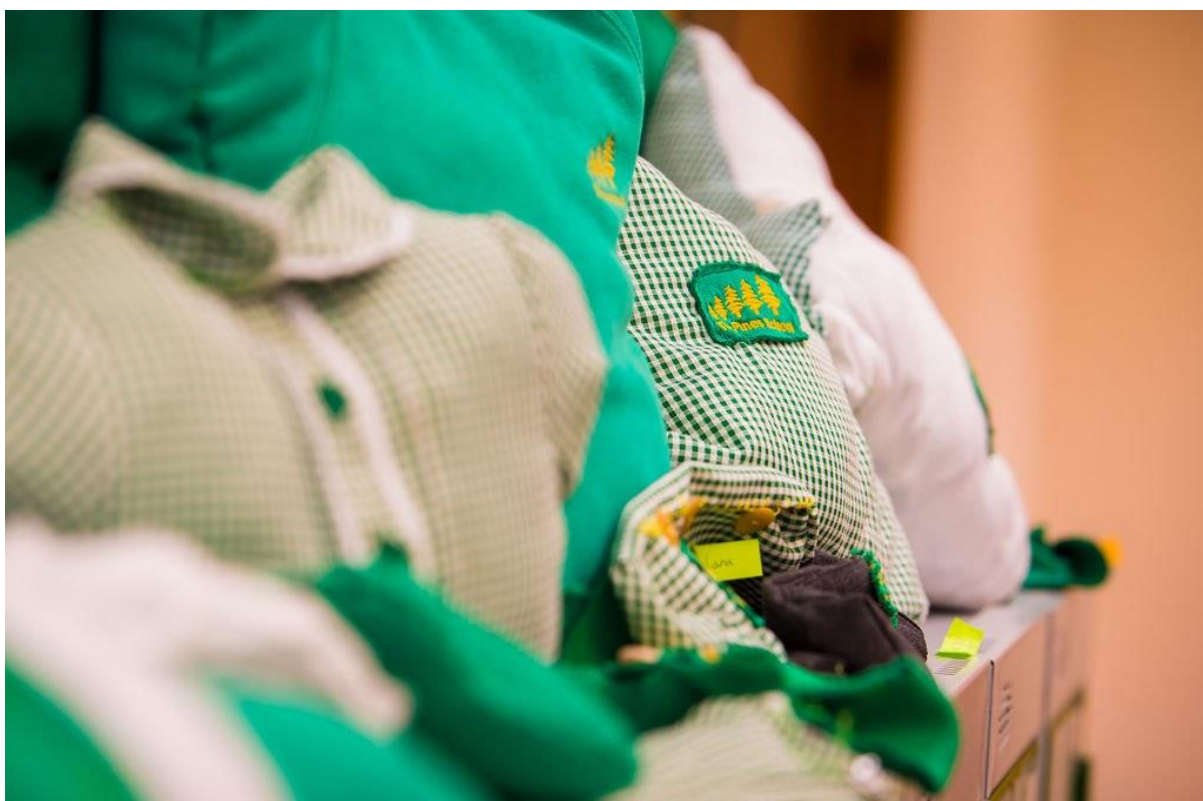




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 06.02.26 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



This edition will contain: -

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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

*I have to admit I am slightly fed up with all the rain! It seems like we will need to build an ARK! Whilst it has dampened some things like football training, it has not stopped the children getting outside to play. It has been so wonderful seeing our OPAL provision expand and now **wheeled play** is brilliant. If you can donate more scooters we will definitely find a home for them.*

This week has been all about reading and started with a wonderful assembly which involved some year 6 children reading out loud to the whole school. We have had lots of volunteers coming into school to read and we finished the week with an amazing author visit - the children loved it and thank you to all the parents who bought copies of the books.

What's App

***Please please please** check your child's phone! The majority of children are able to use social media sensibly however there are still issues being brought into school because of different WhatsApp groups. The legal age for children to have WhatsApp is 13 - secondary school age.*

Parent Code of Conduct

This document was checked by governors last night at the full governor meeting. Please ensure you familiarise yourself with it. As with all professional places such as Dr's surgeries and Post Offices, we will not tolerate unacceptable behaviour towards staff or on the playground.

Whilst it is not possible to list all types of incidents, some examples of unacceptable behaviour are provided below:

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- *Offensive language, verbal abuse and swearing*
 - *Racist and hate comments*
 - *Loud and intrusive conversation*
 - *Unwanted or abusive remarks*
 - *Negative, malicious or stereotypical comments*
 - *Carrying weapons or using objects as weapons*

- *Intimidation*
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New Ofsted Framework

Please see attached letter to explain the updates to Ofsted.

I am aware that there is lots of information attached to this newsletter, please take some time to read it all.

Thank you and have a great weekend.

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 - **Olive***

*Maple - **Ella***

*Sycamore - **Frankie Dy***

*Willow - **Finn***

*Oak - **Harley***

*Cedar - **Manuela***

*Ash - **Alannah***

*Juniper - **Max J***

*Rowan - **Bethany***

*The Orchard - **Stefan and Silver***

*Congratulations to **Teo** in **Elm 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!

Hello, this week at the Pines has been a very successful week for OPAL. Myself and Miss Philpotts opened our wheeled play zone and all the children have really enjoyed themselves, it has been really nice to watch. If anyone in our Pines community has any old tyres laying around please bring them into school for our wheeled play zone! Our dressing up area has been very popular this week with all of our new wigs and glasses, the children have been playing wonderful games and entertaining all the staff with this. I'm really excited to see our wheeled play zone develop and the children to have loads more fun with this new area.

Wish list item for this week- scooters and cones

*Any donations you may have please leave outside the container at the beginning of each day
and we will sort these out.*

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 **The Orchard** with **100%**.*

*Well done to **Orchard 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?

National Story Telling Week



This week the children at The Pines have been celebrating National Story Telling Week. The week was kicked off by Year 6 reading the Snail and the Whale to the whole school in assembly and the children reflecting on what a story is and what makes a good story.

Reception class were so inspired by seeing their older peers read out loud that they created their own reading performance of The Three Little Pigs, it was an absolute joy to watch! In class, the children have been enjoying sharing stories with each other and pairing up with a different class to read for pleasure together.

On Thursday, Key Stage 2 had a visit from footballer and author, Seth Burkett, who worked with individual class groups to help develop their writing skills. Some classes were lucky enough to be visited by some extra special guest readers for story time, thank you to all the parents, carers and governors who gave up some of their time this week to come into school and read to the children.

Developing children's love for reading continues to be a priority this year at The Pines, it has been fantastic to see how much pleasure children have got from being able to share and listen to stories this week and seeing children being inspired by others. Although it has been

a week focused on story telling, please don't stop here. Please encourage your child to read and share stories at home, and even if they feel "too big" for bed time stories, restart them.

Regular reading expands vocabulary, improves communication skills, and enhances brain development and winding down with a story can help children understand, process, and regulate their own emotions.

The more that you read, the more things that you'll know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go - Dr Seuss.





Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 10th February



On Tuesday 10th February, our school will be joining others nationwide to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2026, the largest global online safety campaign. This year's theme, 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI,' focuses on teaching children and young people the skills to use AI technology safely and responsibly, and highlights available support.

From voice assistants, to chatbots, to algorithms, AI technology is playing an increasingly large role in all our lives. It is important that we find time to discuss these tools and the impact they can have on our own and our families' online experiences, including:

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- *the news and content we see,*
 - *the way we work, including using AI for homework or studies,*
 - *and the risk of misuse of AI, for example to create realistic scams or non-consensual nude images.*
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We encourage you to join us in celebrating by continuing the conversation about AI technology at home. Here are some helpful resources:

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- *You can complete the [UK Safer Internet Centre's interactive quizzes](#) with your child.*
 - *Read the UK Safer Internet Centre's top tips for parents and carers [here](#).*
 - *You can share the UK Safer Internet Centre's [top tips for children and young people](#) with your child.*
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You may also like to use one of these prompts to start a conversation with your child:

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- *What's your favourite thing to do online?*
 - *Have you ever used an AI tool? How did it make you feel?*
 - *What do you like about AI technology?*
 - *Do you have any worries about AI technology?*
 - *What advice would you give to your friends about using AI?*
 - *Who would you talk to if you saw something worrying online?*
 - *What more can I do to help you feel safe online?*
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A key part of protecting children and young people from online harms is through preventative education. By talking about this in school and at home, we can all work towards keeping children safe when they are online. Celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for you to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher or Mrs. Davies, our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Kind regards,

N. Davies

Computing Lead

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

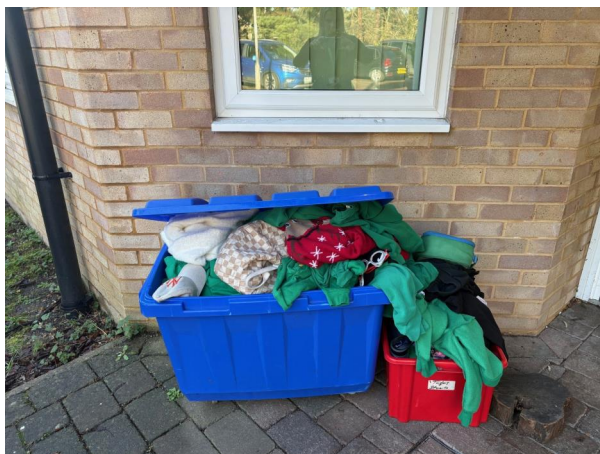
Friends of Pines School (PTA)

Lost Property



As you can see our lost property box is really starting to overflow, please come and claim any items that may belong to your child/ren. It is located outside the school office.

Any lost property still with us next Thursday evening will be sorted and donated or disposed.



Important Dates



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- **10.02.26** - Safer Internet Day
 - **11.02.26** - Year 1 Story Writing Workshop / Year 3 and 4 Indoor Athletics Event
 - **13.02.26** - Last day of half term (normal finish)
 - **16.02.26 to 20.02.26** - February Half Term
 - **23.02.26** - Children return to school at 8.40am
 - **24.02.26** - Save the Date (more information to follow)
 - **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 (more information to follow)
 - **11.03.26** - Separation Anxiety Workshop
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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*
 - *Separation Anxiety Workshop - 11.03.26*
 - *Request for cardboard boxes for Year 2*
 - *Class Photographs*

- *Year 1 Story Writing Workshop 11.02.26 final reminder*
 - *Year 2 Story Writing - 12.02.26 final reminder*
 - *Lost Property*
 - *National Story Telling Week - Author visit Thursday 5th February*
 - *Year 2 - A message from Mrs Davies*
 - *Bags to School Collection*
 - *Year 6 Leavers Hoodie (Reminder)*
 - *The Pines School Choir*
 - *Year 2 Story Writing Workshop - 12.02.26 Cancelled*
 - *Winning House Reward*
 - *Class Dot Reward - Sycamore*
 - *Safer Internet Day 2026*
 - *Year 6 CGP Workbooks for English & Maths*
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Donations

We are looking for some donations for our younger children. Please think of us, if you are having a sort out at home. Elm Class are in need of some small world items:

- *People (not barbies / characters)*
 - *Small farm or jungle animals (no dinosaurs)*
 - *Minibeasts*
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Willow Class require would appreciate some donations of yoghurt tube boxes, or similar sizes for their DT lessons.



Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards



Pride of Bracknell Awards

Nominations are open for the Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards 2026. These awards have been celebrating the achievements of outstanding individuals in the local community since 2005. Award categories include:

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- School of the Year

- Teacher of the Year
 - The John Nike Pride of Bracknell Forest Award (Adult & Young Person)
 - Sport & Achievement Award (Adult & Young Person)
 - Team of the Year
 - Young Person in Business
 - Business of the Year
 - Charity of the Year
 - Long-Standing Service to the Community Award
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To nominate or for further information please visit
<https://prideofbracknell.com/https://prideofbracknell.com/>

Flyers



School Governors
are **people like you**

Interested in
influencing the future
of young people?

Want to use your
skills and develop
new ones?

Email: governors.helpdesk@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schoolgovernors

Bracknell
Forest
Council

The flyer features a central graphic of ten circular portraits of diverse individuals, connected by a network of lines, symbolizing a community of school governors. The background is a solid purple color.

...your CLUB, your FAMILY, working with your COMMUNITY

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QUALIFIED COACHES

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Play. Learn. Grow. Join the Cobras this Valentines.

Fall in love with the game this Valentine's! Join us for 2 exciting days of basketball, skill-building, competitive games, and new friendships on the court

Please bring Packed Lunch & Water Bottle, a Basketball if you have one.
HAF Attendees will receive a free Packed Lunch

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16TH FEBRUARY
17TH FEBRUARY



AGES: 5-16 YEARS
10AM - 4PM AT
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RG42 4EX

WWW.COBRASBASKETBALLCLUB.COM

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@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.

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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Over
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Is your child entitled to free school meals?

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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

