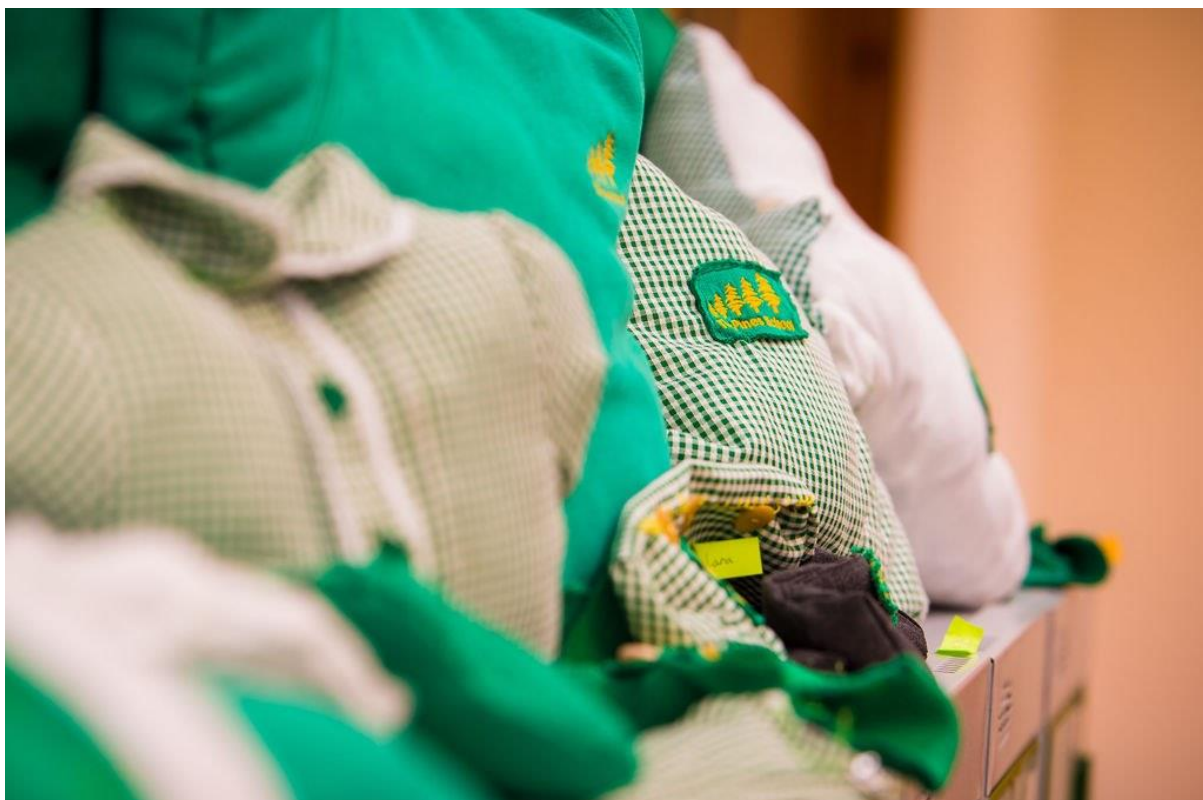




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 30.01.26 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

I managed to pop to the leisure centre yesterday to see our children in the Year 5/6 Athletics final. It was really lovely to see them all working hard, cheering each other on and being so encouraging to each other.

This week has been a bit tricky in a couple of year groups with some children who have not been making great choices, so it was really wonderful for me to go and see our children being brilliant! Well done all involved.

Unfortunately we have also been hit with staff sickness this week as well. Thank you to the whole team for stepping in and helping out. That is one thing I love about working at The Pines - everyone helps each other out and we work as a team.

Next week is National Story Telling Week. We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school to read to our children. Thank you in advance for your support for this.

Mobile Phones in Schools

There was new guidance that came out to schools this week about mobile phones in schools. This has opened up several discussions about mobile phone use, screen time and technology in general. At The Pines children in Years 5 and 6 are allowed to bring phones to school if they are walking on their own (a form has to be signed by parents). Phones will be locked away and returned at the end of the day. We also ask parents to put phones away at the gate and going forward we will ask parents to put phones away when in the school building.

There is more and more evidence coming out about the damage that screen time can do to children and brain development. Including the impact it has on language and vocabulary.

I would love to have a workshop at school where parents and carers can discuss the use of screens, the pressure we feel as parents and any barriers to reducing screen time. If you would be interested in something like this please email admin@thepinesschool.uk or fsa@thepinesschool.org.uk

Also please don't forget Mrs. Williams' coffee mornings. It would be great to see more of you attending these.

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 - **Frederick***

*Maple - **Logan***

*Sycamore - **Melody***

*Willow - **Elsie***

*Oak - **Dylan***

*Cedar - **Caleb and Klara***

*Ash - **Bella***

*Juniper - **Emma S***

Rowan - Stanley and Platon

The Orchard - Casper and Harry

*Congratulations to **Harry S** in **Oak** 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 a very exciting week for our OPAL provision. On Monday all children had an assembly about our new wheeled play zone. Myself and Mrs Davies spoke to all the children about what rules they think should be in place and then Mrs Davies and I gave them the rules we thought of as an OPAL team. Our wheeled play zone will be opening next week and we are super excited for this!! The children have had a really positive engagement with our sand pit this week, they have been using some of our guttering tubes as a sand slide which has been really nice to watch and listen to.

Wishlist item- toy cars, dolls and dolls house accessories.

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 **Cedar** with **99.38%**.*

*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 **95.7%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Elm Class Pencil Party

On Monday, Reception ended the day with a Pencil Party. Plenty of freedom to mark make on a large scale with some music playing, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves

[**Pencil Party.MOV**](#)



Important Dates



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- **W/C 02.02.26** - *National Story Telling Week*
 - **10.02.26** - *Safer Internet Day*
 - **11.02.26** - *Year 1 Story Writing Workshop / Year 3 and 4 Indoor Athletics Event*
 - **12.02.26** - *Year 2 Story Writing Workshop*
 - **16.02.26 to 20.02.26** - *February Half Term*
 - **23.02.26** - *Children return to school at 8.40am*
 - **26.02.26** - *Y5/6 (Home) Football Match The Pines v Wildridings*

- *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*
 - *Hexagon Concert - Friday 19th June*
 - *Cedar Class Dot Reward - Tuesday 27th January (reminder)*
 - *Pop Up Food Bank Coffee Morning - 28.01.26*
 - *Class Photos - Thursday 29th January (reminder)*
 - *Lost Property*
 - *Football Team Training - Thursday 29th January*

- *A message from Mrs Davies to Year 6*
 - *Year 6 Leavers Hoodies*
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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:

- 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

To nominate or for further information please visit
<https://prideofbracknell.com/https://prideofbracknell.com/>

Flyers

Supporting Your Children Workshops 2025 - 2026	
To book a space email Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk	
Each course is a standalone 2-hour session , is universal (not specific for SEND), aimed at parents of primary aged children and is for the adults supporting not the children themselves so please arrange childcare if needed	
Once you have completed an enrolment form your space will be confirmed	
Please only book if you are going to be able to attend to avoid other parents missing out.	
All sessions unless stated otherwise take place at The Bracknell Open Learning Centre	
Supporting Children to Overcome their Anxious Thoughts and Worries Exploring how anxiety affects primary aged children learning simple, effective techniques to support children to overcome their Anxious Thoughts and Worries.	
Monday 13th April 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Monday 8th June 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way A session exploring positive behaviour strategies enabling parents to gain practical tools for handling challenging behaviours with confidence and care.	
Thursday 05th March 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Thursday 23rd April 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Monday 22nd June 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Parenting your pre / early-teens in a Positive Way (aged 10 – 13) An insight into parenting, looking at positive behaviour strategies, different ways to strengthen communication / connection with your pre-teen child.	
Wednesday 4th February 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Parenting your teen in a Positive Way (aged 13 – 16) A session focused on using positive approaches to guide teenage behaviour, building stronger communication and connection during the teen years.	
Thursday 12th February 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Encouraging Resilience – Keep Calm and Bounce Back Gain practical tips, leaving you inspired and equipped to help children bounce back stronger; no matter what life throws their way	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	
Transition to secondary school Gain practical tips, share experiences, and learn how to support your child through the exciting, sometimes challenging transition to secondary school.	
Monday 29th June 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
Transition: Reception to Year 1 and beyond The move from Yr R to 1 is a big step in your child's learning journey. Session helps parents understand what the transition involves and how to support.	
Thursday 25th June 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
A healthy night's sleep Sleep is essential for children's wellbeing, learning, and behaviour. Get practical tips to help children build healthy, lasting sleep habits	
Tuesday 17th March 2026	9.30 – 11.30

Reducing Sibling Rivalry A supportive session, to give parents and caregivers tools to strengthen sibling bonds, whilst creating a calm and connected family environment.	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	
Family Dynamics Family life comes in many forms, and every child deserves to feel secure / supported. Session offers practical guidance navigating varying dynamics.	
Monday 9th February 2026	9.30 – 11.30

To book a space or get further information email Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk	
Each toolkit is universal (not SEND specific) aimed at primary aged children & not suitable for younger siblings to attend and will be held at the Bracknell Open Learning Centre	
Once you have completed an enrolment form your space will be confirmed	
Please only book if you are going to be able to attend to avoid other parents missing out.	
EBSA (Emotionally Based School Avoidance) A 2-week toolkit (you are expected to attend both sessions) Week 1 – parent only session looking at - What EBSA is, how to support your child to build 'being in school' resilience and what you can expect schools to do. Week 2 – parents + child (need school's permission for child to attend) looking at supporting children to challenge 'What if's?' produce resilience tools and next steps.	



COME AND JOIN US

BE PART OF OUR FUN & COMPETITIVE SWIM CLUB!

CONTACT: bwscacademy@outlook.com

If you or someone you support could benefit from a friendly, non-judgemental helping hand, **Home-Start Bracknell Forest** is here for you.

Contact :
office@hstab.org.uk
01344 880 025

1-2-1 home visiting support for families with children under 5

Our trained volunteers offer confidential, practical and emotional support, tailored to each family's needs.



Domestic Abuse or Difficult Relationships



Disability or Additional Needs



Isolation & Loneliness



Multiple Children Under 5

We can also support with:

- Low mood, stress or mental health challenges
- Bereavement, relationship breakdown or illness
- Parenting challenges or low confidence

HOME START

Bracknell Forest

Preparing to be Mum

FREE 4 hour Workshop for mums-to-be

Run by trained antenatal facilitator

- Discuss preparing for birth and labour
- Master changing, holding and bathing baby
- Talk about Mum's mental wellbeing

Places limited, booking required

Register your interest:

More than Words communication group

FREE term-time weekly group for ages 3 - 4 years

For families who would like support with their children's **communication and language development**

Thursdays 9.30am - 11am

Get in touch to join the group

Contact: office@hbf.org.uk 01344 860025

BY INVITATION ONLY

Mums in Mind Group

Our free six-week postnatal mental health course brings mums who are feeling low, anxious or overwhelmed together in a safe group setting

Suitable for mums of children under 18 months, living in Bracknell Forest

Get in touch to join the group

office@hbf.org.uk / 01344 860025

Baby and Mum Group

Free term-time group for new mums of babies aged under 12 months. Safe and supportive environment to make friends and share experiences. Chance to chat to specialist speakers about activities and help for families in the local area.

Get in touch to join the group

office@hbf.org.uk / 01344 860025

Preparing to be Dad

FREE 4 hour Workshop for dads-to-be

Run by a male facilitator

- Discuss labour and birth
- Master changing, holding and bathing baby
- Understand the importance of Dad's support pre and post pregnancy
- Talk about Dad's mental wellbeing

Register your interest:

Play & Learn Group

Weekly term time group for ages 12 months - 3.5 years

An opportunity for children to socialise in a friendly, fun and educational environment

By Invitation only

Holiday Bible Club

2026

Songs

Quizzes

Stories

Crafts

Snack

16th - 20th Feb

10am - 12pm

Prize giving

Fri 20th Feb @ 6pm

FREE!!!

Primary school aged children (and parents) are welcome. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. P.T.O. for contact information.

Bracknell Gospel Hall

Sunday School

Sunday 12:15 – 13:30
Ages: 3 – 16
All year round

Children's Special

Wednesday 18:00 – 19:00
Ages: Primary School
Term Time Only

Regular Kids Clubs

Teens Plus

1st & 3rd Friday of month
19:30 – 21:15
Ages: Secondary School
Term Time Only

Location Map



Bracknell Gospel Hall
Netherton
Wildridings
Bracknell
Berkshire
RG12 7DX

www.bracknellgospelhall.org

For more details call:

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OUR VENUES

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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
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8am - 5:30pm

Later Pick Up Until 6pm + £5

4-12 Year Olds All Day

£44 - £50 Per Day

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Core Day | 9am - 5pm

Full Day | 8am - 5pm

Core Day | £39

Full Day | £45

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**BIRCH
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PRIMARY**



U-KIDS.CO.UK/CAMPS/TILEHURST-HOLIDAY-CLUB

WWW.U-KIDS.CO.UK/HOLIDAY-CAMPS



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



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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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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!

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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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Our Vision and Values

