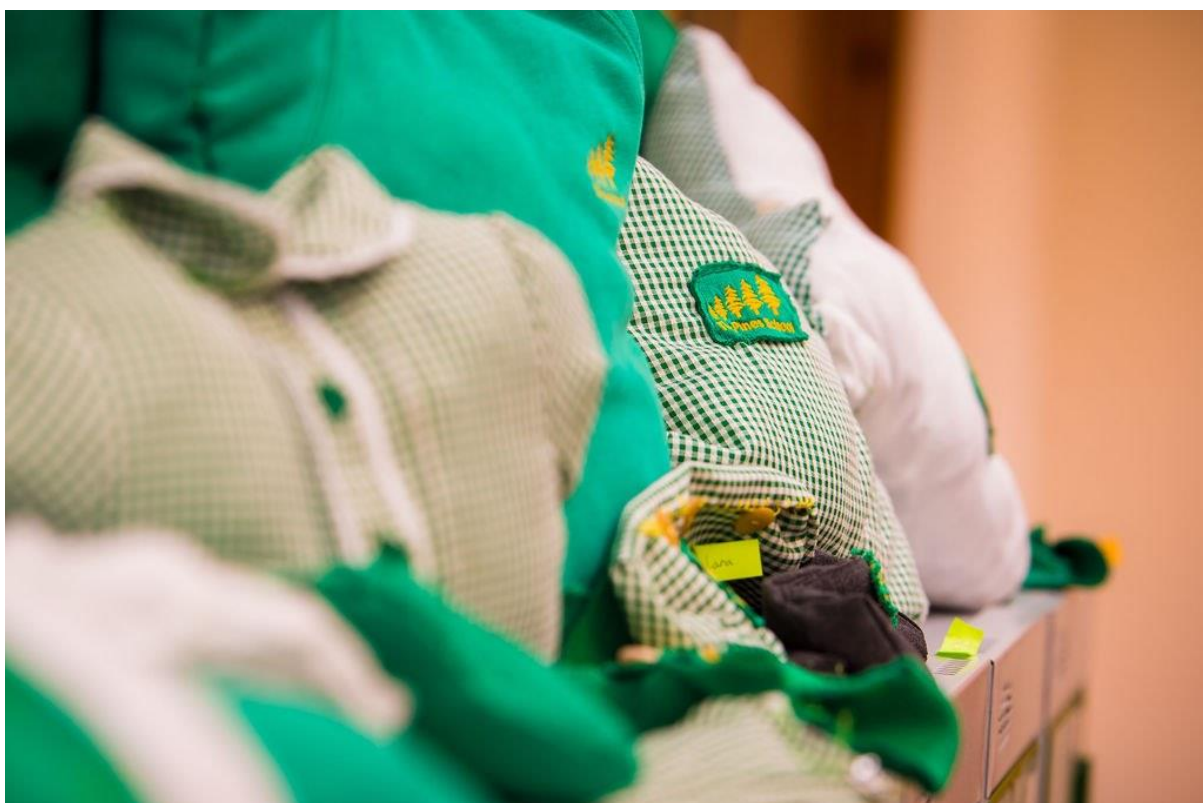




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 23.01.26 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



This edition will contain: -

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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you to those parents and carers who have attended Mrs Williams' coffee morning or workshops recently. If you have any suggestions of topics you would like covering, please let us know.

OPAL - I am really delighted with the recent appointment of Mr Edwards to the Play Coordinator role. I know he will move our outdoor play and learning forward quickly. If you have any skills in carpentry or building please let us know, as we have got some good ideas

that we would like to include for our play. Equally if you have any interest in gardening we are always on the lookout for people to help with our allotment or to set up a wild meadow.

It has been another great week at The Pines with some very focused learning going on. If you want to know how to support your child at home, please ask their class teacher.

Apologies for the fire alarm going off on Tuesday afternoon, it was an accident and thank you to everyone for managing the situation in a calm way.

Have a great weekend and I hope the weather is a little drier.

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 - Maisie

*Maple - **Andrea***

*Sycamore - **Frankie***

*Willow - **Ava***

*Oak - **Nelly***

*Cedar - **Orla***

*Ash - **Olivia***

*Juniper - **Harrison***

*Rowan - **Mete***

*The Orchard - **Darcey and Casey***

*Congratulations to **Harrison** in **Juniper** 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 at lunchtimes the children have been amazing! The children have been thoroughly enjoying listening to the music and dancing which has created a really positive atmosphere. Our large loose parts area has been very popular this week, children have been using great communication on what to do and how to improve their creations. It has been wonderful to see such high levels of engagement and enjoyment during lunchtime.

Wishlist - pots and pans, baking trays and any wellies that are in good condition would be amazing, thank you!

Have a lovely weekend.



Class with the Highest Attendance of the week



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*The class with the highest attendance this week is **Willow** with **100%**.*

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

Best House Attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance this week is **Marcus Rashford** with **97.66%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Coffee Morning



*On **Wednesday 28th January** there will be a pop up food bank at coffee morning. Please pop along for a coffee and help yourselves from the supplies that have been donated by The Church at The Pines.*

Please remember to bring a bag for life with you so that you are able to take food/toiletries/cleaning products home with you.

Class Photographs - Thursday 29th January

Please be advised that on Thursday 29th January our class photographs are due to be taken. If your child has PE on a Thursday, please can they wear school uniform to school and bring their PE kit with them to change into.

If your child does not attend Nursery on a Thursday morning, they are very welcome to be included, please bring your child to our lower building front door at 9.40am where Mrs Thomas will meet you. Once they have had their photograph taken you will be able to take your child home with you.

If your child is in the Year 5 and 6 Football Team, please can they bring in their football kit as they will also be having a photograph.

Thanks in advance.

Important Dates



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- **29.01.26** - Class Photographs / Year 5 and 6 Indoor Athletic Finals
 - **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*
 - *Year 5 Teacher on a Wednesday*
 - *Year 3 Teacher Thursday/Friday*
 - *The Pride of Bracknell Awards*
 - *Cedar Class Dot Reward - Tuesday 27th January 2026*
 - *Class Photos - Thursday 29th January 2026*
 - *Separation Anxiety Workshop 11.03.26*
 - *Year 1 Story Writing Workshop 11.02.26*
 - *Year 2 Story Writing Workshop 12.02.26*

- *PSHE Lesson - Maple Class*
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Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards



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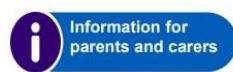
Nominations are open for the Pride of Bracknell Forest Awards 2026. These awards have been celebrating the achievements of outstanding individuals in the local community since 2005. Award categories include:

- 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



Separation Anxiety Parent Workshop

Wednesday 11th March, 09:00 @ The Pines

with CAMHS Mental Health Support Team

Does your child experience...

- Difficulty parting with you/another caregiver?
 - This impacts attending clubs, going to friends' or relatives' houses, school?
- Frequent worries about something bad happening to you/another caregiver?
- Difficulty spending time in separate rooms to you/another caregiver?
- Difficulty sleeping in own room / alone?

Join us to learn more about separation anxiety and tips on how to help your child cope.



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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



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Friends of The Pines 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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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

