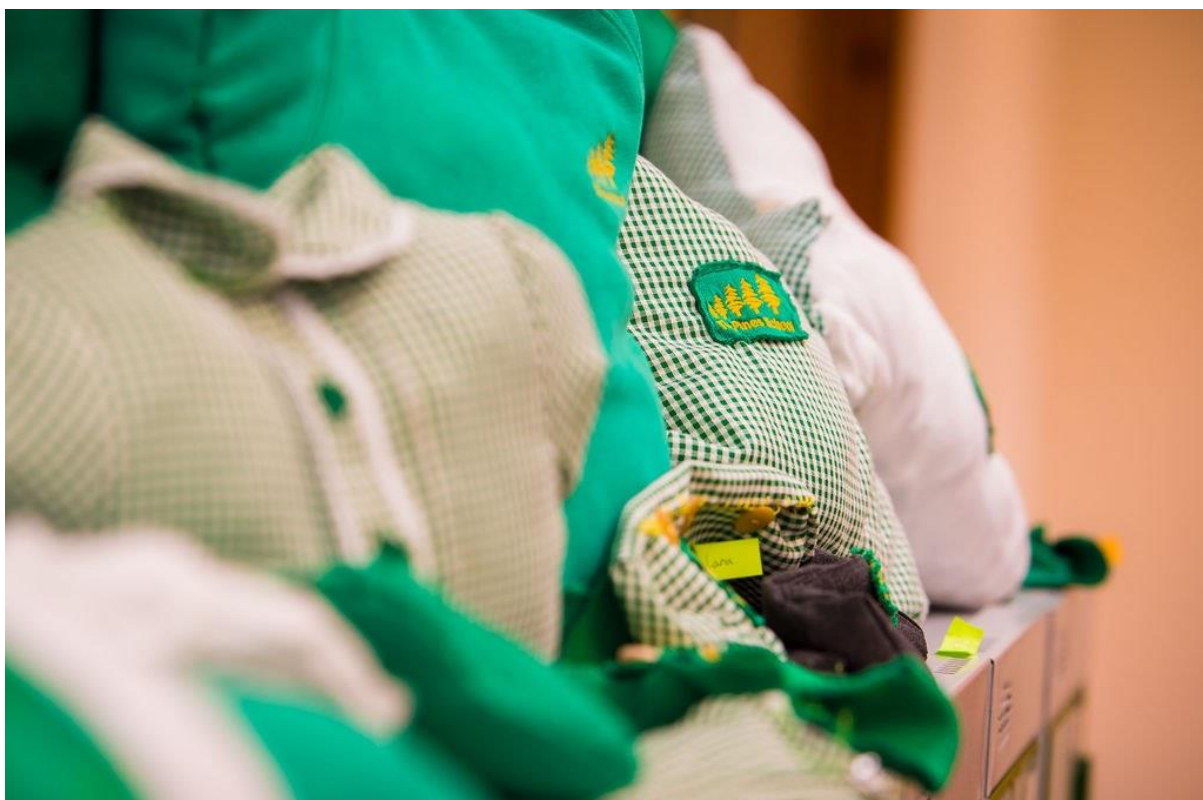




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 16.01.26 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



This edition will contain: -

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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

I have been really impressed with the way the children have really settled back so quickly to their learning. It has been a pleasure to see the writing that is going on around the school. This week Mrs. Whitehouse (Maths lead) visited every class, accompanied by a Maths expert. She was really impressed with the learning going on and the way the children are

challenging themselves. There are a few things we need to work on, but our visitor was really impressed with the children.

Yesterday was the deadline to apply for Reception school places. I am really pleased to say that we have had a large number of applications and we had very positive feedback from our open mornings. It is lovely to have our house captains involved with these tours.

It was so lovely to see parents at the Magic Pebbles workshop. Thank you to Mrs. Williams for organising this.

Sadly Mrs. Chandler (School Business Manager) has resigned and will not be returning. We will be covering the position internally until we appoint a new person. If you have any finance questions, please email the school office.

On Thursday some of our Year 5 and 6 children attended an Indoor Athletics Event at the Bracknell Leisure Centre and we have made it to the finals!. The final will take place the 29th January, we are so excited and can't wait to share some good news with you! Well done to Coach Ben and all the children who took part. Coach Ben is so proud of all of you - as am I!

Have a lovely 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 - **Rowe***

*Maple - **Zoard***

*Sycamore - **Emily***

*Willow - **Vanesa***

*Oak - **Reuben***

*Cedar - **Viktoria***

*Ash - **Isla***

*Juniper - **Kian***

*Rowan - **Tilly***

*The Orchard - **Mikey-Joe***

*Congratulations to **Harlow** in **Maple** 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!

Welcome to our brand-new weekly OPAL feature! Each week we'll be sharing lovely moments and photos, celebrating creative play and popping a wish list item out there to you all. You'll hear from our new play coordinator, children from school council and other members of our community.

Enjoy! Miss Philpotts

Hello! I'm very excited to be taking on the role of OPAL play coordinator at The Pines and I am looking forward to helping to ensure all children have fun, safe and creative play opportunities. I'll be looking out for excellent examples of play to share each week, worthy golden welly winners to celebrate, and I'll be asking for one new wish list item each week too! Coming soon - Our new wheeled play zone opens on 26th January.

Wishlist - Small trikes and other wheeled play items please!

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 **99.38%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Coffee Mornings



*Our next coffee morning will be on **Tuesday 20th January** after drop off where we will be sharing information about the free resources and support available from BeyondAutism. The session will be led by Rachael Hlomador, an Outreach Consultant with BeyondAutism, a UK charity that supports autistic children, young people, families, and professionals. During the session, we'll highlight BeyondAutism's practical, evidence-based resources, including guidance for families, support around education and wellbeing, and tools to help better understand and support autistic young people at home and in school.*

This will be an informal opportunity to enjoy a coffee, learn about what support is available, and ask questions. Please come along to the lower building after drop off at 9:00a.m.

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

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 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.

Children's Commissioner – A Guide For Parents On Managing Children's Digital Lives

Please find attached a link to a guide for parents on managing children's digital lives. This has been created by the Children's Commissioner with the help of young people. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives

Winter Clothes Bank

*There will be a Winter ClothesBank Giveaway on **Tuesday 3rd February 2026 from 10.15am to 1pm at St Mark's Church, Popeswood Road, Binfield, RG42 4AH.***

Transport

A free minibus shuttle (courtesy of Newbold College) will be operating between Bracknell train station and St. Mark's Church and the minibus will leave from the train station at 10am, 10.30am, 11am, 11.30am and 12pm.

Please can you let me know if you would like a voucher to go along and get some clothes and if you require transport fsa@thepinesschool.org.uk

Many thanks

Mrs Williams

Family Support Advisor

Important Dates



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- **20.01.26** - *Beyond Autism Coffee Morning*
 - **21.01.26** - *Year 3 English Workshop*
 - **22.01.26** - *Year 4 English Workshop*
 - **29.01.26** - *Class Photographs*
 - **11.02.26** - *Year 1 English Workshop / Year 3 and 4 Indoor Athletics Event*
 - **16.02.26 to 20.02.26** - *February Half Term*
 - **16.02.26** - *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*
 - *Final reminder reception workshop - 15.01.26*
 - *Year 3 English Workshop 21.01.26*
 - *Year 4 English Workshop 22.01.26*
 - *Mixed Football Club Term 3 2026 (Cancelled)*
 - *Extra curricular Clubs - Term 3 (Reminder)*
 - *Applying for a primary school place - reception September 2026 (reminder)*
 - *Children's Commissioner – A Guide For Parents On Managing Children's Digital Lives*
 - *Coffee Morning 20.01.26 Beyond Autism*

- *Census Day - Thursday 15th January 2026*
 - *Year 5 PE Days - Spring Term 2026*
 - *Year 6 Class Dot Reward*
 - *Final reminder Year 4 Workshop*
 - *Year 5 and 6 Football Team Training*
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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/>

Flyers

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE THEMED
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 FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11 YEARS OLD

MON 16TH - FRI 20TH FEBRUARY:

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Friday 20th February
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See page 2 for venue dates

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FIRE AUTHORITY

Council Tax Funding Consultation

Have Your Say

Royal Berkshire Fire Authority is consulting on your Fire Service's funding for the next year.

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service provides protection, prevention and response services to the people of Berkshire. To maintain the current level of service, the Fire Authority is proposing a £5 increase for 2026/27, based on a Band D precept, to £91.31.

[Read more](#)

The consultation closes at **9am on Monday, 2 February 2026**. If you require assistance with accessing the information in a different format or language, please **contact us**:

rbfrs.co.uk/haveyoursay
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SOCCER MANIA
FEB HALF TERM

Amazing prizes up for grabs!

use code **Earlybird10** for 10% off

For Boys & Girls 7-12 Years Old

Runs From 16-20th February 26 9am - 3pm

£25 per day 10% discount if booked by 1st February!

Activities

- Bubble football
- Dodgeball
- Dizzy penalties
- Football darts
- Mini tournaments
- Competitions

Book by visiting www.soccermania26.com or scan the QR code

Harmans Water Primary School Oareborough, Bracknell, R012 9LS

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SOCCER MANIA



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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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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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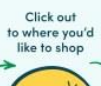
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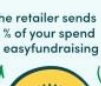
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 Bracknell
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Children who attend a Bracknell Forest school and whose parents or carers receive certain benefits, may be eligible to claim free school meals.

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

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Our Vision and Values

