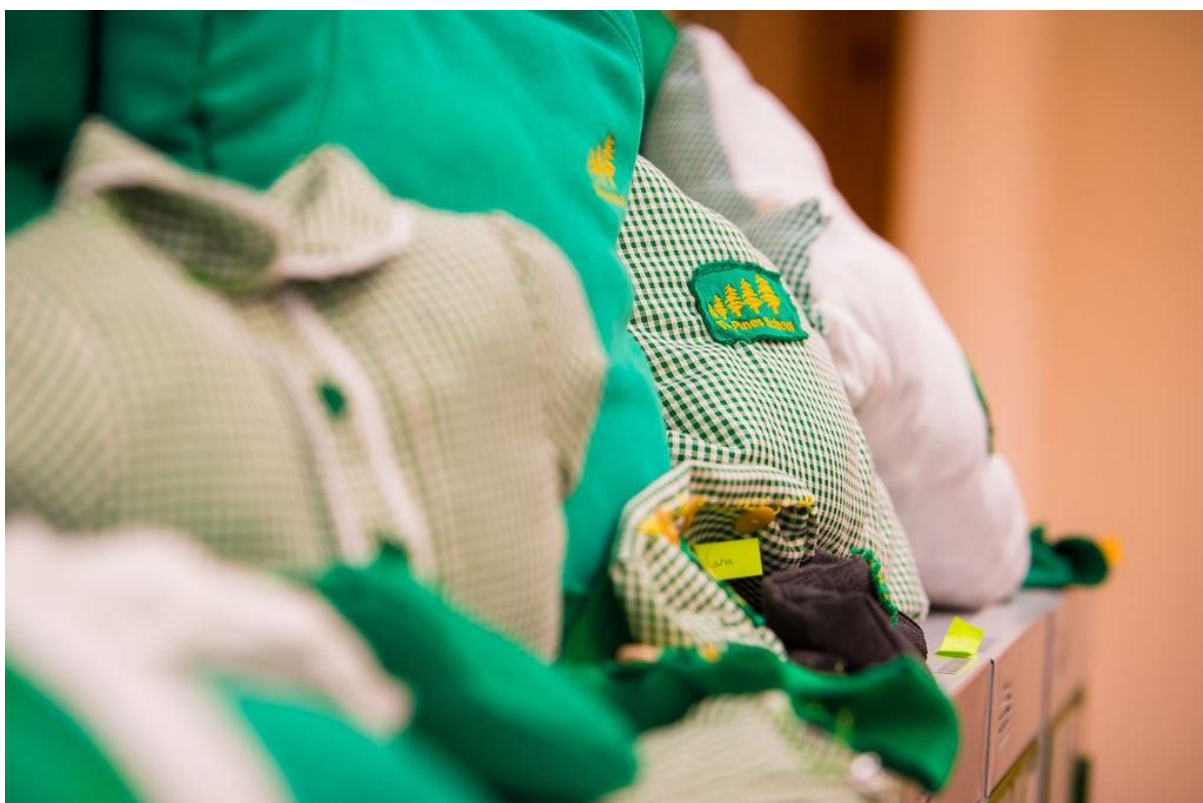




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 09.01.26 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope you managed to have a restful break and I hope the cold weather has not caused you too many challenges. It was lovely to welcome back all

the children on Tuesday. We had a lovely assembly, sharing what we had all got up to over the holiday. We talked about gifts but not just material gifts - things like the gift of kindness, the gift of friendship and being courageous. We used the book called "The Book of Gifts" as our inspiration. We welcomed our reception children into assembly as well and their listening and behaviour was excellent throughout.

As you will have seen from my email on Wednesday, Mrs Chandler our SENCO has made the difficult decision to leave at the end of the Spring Term. It is always hard to leave somewhere where you have had such a positive impact and care about the children but she has decided that now is the right time to make the move. An advert has gone out this week to start the recruitment process.

This term the children will be building on the foundations of things that they have learnt last term and in previous years. We continue to have high expectations for both learning and behavior. The children also need to work hard on handwriting and presentation as well as all of the subjects including reading, writing and Maths. If you would like more information about how you can support your child at home please talk to your child's class teacher or send an email to admin@thepinesschool.org.uk. Please continue to place an importance on reading.

School Closure Procedure

I have been keeping a close eye on the weather however all the forecasts have suggested that the snow will be missing us. If we do ever have to make the decision to close the school for bad weather we will notify parents through email and the school Facebook page. The local authority would also be notified.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Davies

Head Teacher Awards



Be Your BEST

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Congratulations to the following children who were awarded with our Head Teacher Award this week: -

*Elm - **Samuel***

*Maple - **Austin***

*Sycamore - **Albie***

*Willow - **Tyler***

*Oak - **Ferne***

*Cedar - **Rhylea***

*Ash - **Nicky***

*Juniper - **Ava K***

Rowan - Beanie

*The Orchard - **Amber and Casper***

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

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

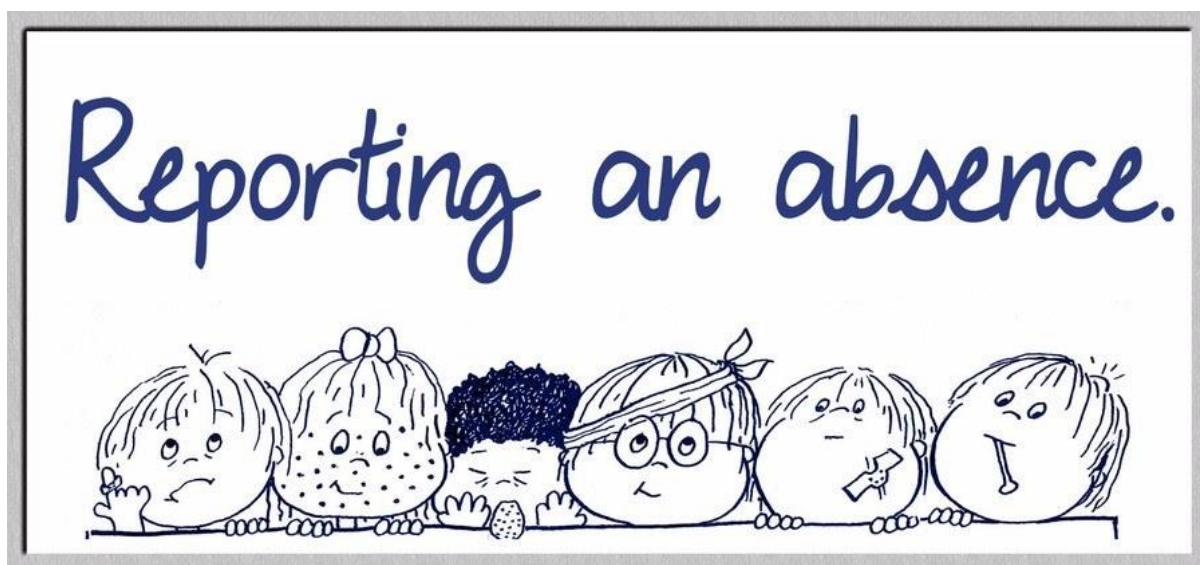


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*The best house attendance this week is **Marcus Rashford** with **96.35%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Reporting absences



*If your child is absent from school due to illness or an appointment they may have, please notify us by **9.30am**, either by leaving a message on the school absence line, Tel no. **01344 426413 option 1** or by emailing **Mrs Williams** on fsa@thepinesschool.org.uk including your child's full name, class and reason for absence.*

Coffee Mornings



*Our first coffee morning this term will be on **Wednesday 14th January 2026** after morning drop off, please come to the lower building front door where Mrs Williams will meet you.*

If you haven't been before, please come along. It would be lovely to see some new faces to join us for a coffee, biscuits and a chat. You are welcome to bring your little ones too.

*On **Tuesday 20th January** I will be holding a coffee morning where a representative from Beyond Autism will be attending. This is a great opportunity for parents to come along and ask any questions that you may have and to other parents. It will from 9:00a.m. in the lower building. Please come along for a coffee and a chat.*

Applications for Primary (Reception) September 2026

*The application process for admission to primary school for children born between 01/09/2021 – 31/08/2022 for Reception in September 2026 closing date for applications is national and will close on **Thursday 15th January 2026**.*

Please click on the following link giving information about the application process: -

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/starting-primary-school>

Apply for a school place!

The admissions process to apply for a Reception school place from September 2026 is now open.

The application process is open from
5 November 2025 - 15 January 2026

Visit www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforprimary or use the QR code to apply

Does your child's date of birth fall on or between 01 September 2021 - 31 August 2022

for more information.
Bracknell Forest residents only.

Bracknell Forest Council

Extra curricular Clubs - Term 3

*Our extra curricular clubs start next week (**week beginning Monday 12th January 2026**) and they will run after the February half term (apart from Art and Lunch Box Club) until week ending **Friday 20th March 2026**.*

Monday

*Mixed Football (Prestige Sports) **Years 3 to 6 – 25 places** £6.00 per session (After School 3.15pm - 4.15pm) 12th January – 16th March (9 Weeks)*

Wednesday

Art Club Years 1 to 6 - 10 places (Lunchtime Club)

Playball (Playball Camberley and Bagshot) Nursery and Reception – 25 places £8.00 per session (After School 3.15pm-4.00pm) 14th January – 18th March (9 Weeks)

Thursday

Lunch Box Club (children can learn how to make healthy snacks for their lunch boxes) Years 5 and 6 - 10 places (3.15pm - 4.15pm up until half term)

Football Team Training Years 5 and 6 (After School 3.15pm - 4.00pm)

Please note training will be cancelled when we have a league match or the condition of our field is not safe due to the weather. Parent/carers will be advised via email on the day.

Internal Clubs - booking a place for your child can be made online via the clubs section of the School Gateway. For our Lunch Box Club we are asking for a small payment of £5.00 for ingredients, to complete the booking you will also need to go to the payments section within the gateway.

External Clubs - booking a place for your child can be made as follows: -

Prestige Sports (Mixed Football) – please click on web link: -

<https://www.prestigesportscoaching.com/services-4>

Playball (Playball Camberley and Bagshot) – please follow the instructions on the attached flyer.



Dear Parents,

Last term your child attended 5 weeks of free Playball sessions at The Priory Primary School and I am delighted to announce that from the Spring term we will be running weekly sessions for your children. We will be offering after school sessions for the Nursery and Reception children every Wednesday 9.15 - 4pm. Our Spring term will run for 9 weeks from the w/c 12th January to the w/c 18th March and will cost £12.00 per session. Payment can be made in 3 x 4 instalments if easier for parents, in order to register you will need to email Craig at craig@playball.co.uk or Harry at harry@playball.co.uk. When emailing, please let us know your child's name, date of birth, relevant medical notes and a contact number. Our class lists are email to order for the children to get the most out of the sessions so places will be given on a first come first serve basis. If you would like a trial session before deciding whether to commit then please let us know when emailing.

If you have any queries, or would like to know more about our curriculum please feel free to get in touch.

Kind Regards,
Harry Simmons
Playball Camberley and Bagshot
Owner
0758852252
www.playball.co.uk/7526

What is Playball?

Playball is a multi-sports programme that teaches life skills to children through sport and movement. Our progressive curriculum is designed and researched by Occupational Therapists and Sports Scientists, and is constantly being updated in line with the latest trends and findings. At Playball the children participate in games and skills that cover 8 sports: Football, Tennis, Rugby, Hockey, Baseball, Volleyball, Cricket and Basketball. At the end of the Spring and Summer terms, each child will receive a personalised progress report, keeping you up to date with what they've been up to at Playball.



Census Day - Thursday 15th January 2025

*On **Thursday 15th January 2026** it is our census day and you may be aware that a lot of our funding is based on the number of children that have a meal from the kitchen on this day. The main meal choices are chicken goujons with skinny fries, vegetable nuggets with skinny fries, jacket potato or a sausage baguette with either chocolate brownie, yoghurt or a fresh fruit platter for pudding.*

It would be fabulous if every child could eat with us, however if you are worried that your child might not eat the hot meal, rest assured they will not go hungry. Their teachers will be with the children in the hall and they will check the children's plate before they are allowed to leave the table. There will also be the salad bar items such as plain pasta, freshly baked bread, cucumber and tomatoes to fill up on if need be.

If you do have any questions please contact the school office.

Class Photographs - Thursday 29th January

*Please be advised that on **Thursday 29th January** our class photographs are due 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.

Important Dates



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- **W/C 12.01.26** - Extra curricular clubs commence
 - **15.01.26** - Closing Date for applications for admission to primary school for Reception September 2026 / Magic Pebbles Maths Workshop (Reception) /Year 5 and 6 Indoor Athletics Event
 - **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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- *New Location for Breakfast and After School Club*
 - *Cold Weather - Email from Mrs Davies*
 - *What we are learning in Nursery this week*
 - *What we are learning in Reception this week*
 - *Census Day - Thursday 15th January 2026*
 - *School Site*
 - *Mrs Chandler*
 - *Extra curricular Clubs - Term 3*
 - *Swimming Lessons Spring Term 2026*
 - *Coffee Morning 20.01.26 Beyond Autism*

- *Magic Pebbles Jan 15.01.26*
 - *Residential May 2026 - Mill on the Brue*
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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



01753 373 244 / 0800 999 1342
weekdays 9am to 5pm
<https://www.gems4health.com>
gems.4health@nhs.net

GEMS works with parents and carers, sharing understanding of autism & ADHD and collaborating on strategies that respect each child or young person's ways of being in the home environment.
GEMS supports families living or has a registered GP in Slough, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and Bracknell Forest.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

AuDHD - 7pm to 9pm
Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Autistic Burnout - 7:30 to 9:30pm
Wednesday 4th February 2026

Sleep - Autism and ADHD, 7-9pm
Wednesday 4th February 2026

Sensory Processing - 7 to 9pm
Tuesday 24th February 2026

Interoception - 7 to 9pm
Tuesday 3rd March 2026

Barriers to School, Can't Go, Not Won't Go - 10am to 12noon
Wednesday 25th March 2026

Visit our website to book your space - www.Gems4Health.com





Drop in for a cuppa and chat.

There is a play area for little ones too

Come and be with people who get it.

Contact Laura to find out more on: 01344 303404
or laura.quinlan@involve.community

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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Just search for:

FRIENDS OF THE PINES PTA

8,000+ retailers will donate to us whenever you shop with them



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Click out
to where you'd
like to shop



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They pass
it on to us
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Plus, you'll get...



Exclusive retailer offers



Competitions



A warm feeling inside!

Over
£60m
raised for UK good causes

£0
extra cost to anyone

Is your child entitled to free school meals?

 Bracknell
Forest
Council



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

