



Weekly Newsletter

Week End 12.12.25 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

One more week to go! It has felt like a long week this week but it has been full of brilliance! We had a wonderful evening at the enchanted evening. It was lovely to see so many of you there.

We also had a great Rocksteady concert on Wednesday. The children have continued to do some excellent learning and I had the pleasure of reading some beautiful Year 6 writing this week. It was also lovely to see so many parents at our EYFS concert - the children did a great job.

I am delighted to let parents know that Mrs Allen is going to return next week, we are so happy to have her back.

*Next week is really busy with assemblies, pantomimes, Christmas dinner day and our end of term assembly with lots to celebrate. Please remind your children that there are still high expectations of excellent behaviour (we will be doing the same in school). We know everyone gets excited but we also need everyone to follow our rules: **be calm, be ready, be respectful.***

Reminder for all parents

Just a polite reminder for you all. As a school we are not able to share with you the provisions that are in place for other children. I would also like to remind all parents that it is important to focus on your own children and not get involved with other people's children or approach other parents in the playground. I will re-share the code of conduct in the new year.

The Pines Enchanted Evening

We had some great feedback from our event and already know that we will make a few tweaks for next year and will definitely have a BBQ as well.

A huge thanks to Mrs Salmon, Miss Philpotts and the PTA for organising everything. Thanks to the choir and Mrs Drury and Mrs Smith.

A huge thank you to Father Christmas for giving up some of his time (especially at his busiest time of the year).

Staff Leaving

Sadly, Miss Cox will be leaving at the end of term. She will be relocating, we will be sad to see her leave but wish her all the very best in her next venture! Just a reminder that Mr O'Keefe is also leaving us to go travelling and Miss Scholz is also formally leaving at the end of term.

Have a restful weekend

Mrs Davies







Head Teacher Awards



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

Maple - Thomas

*Sycamore - **George***

*Willow - **Jennifer***

*Oak - **Ferne***

*Cedar - **Rayan***

*Ash - **Tallulah***

*Rowan - **Bethany***

*Juniper - **Lilia***

*The Orchard - **Dolly***

*Congratulations to **Eva** 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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Nursery Lunchtime Support

We are looking for lunch cover in our nursery on a temporary basis in January. This will be a temporary role due to an increase in numbers of children joining in the Spring term.

*If you're interested or would like to be considered, please send an email to
admin@thepinesschool.org.uk*

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 of the week goes to **Emma Watson** with **95.12%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Foodbank

The Church at The Pines has been doing a foodbank collection for the school. There is a supply in school. If you need any pasta, sauces, cereal etc. please let Mrs Williams know via email - fsa@thepinesschool.org.uk

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 is now open. The closing date for applications is national and will close on **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.

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Primary School Admissions 2026-27:

Children of the below age range can apply for a primary school place to join Reception in September 2026 from the 5th November 2025.
01/09/2021 – 31/08/2022

Please visit <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/starting-primary-school> for further information on how to apply.

The admissions process closes 15 January 2026. Please ensure you apply on-time.

Open Mornings

We are holding our last open morning for September 2026 Reception starters. Please do share with your family and friends who you think may be interested in attending. This will be on: -

Thursday 8th January 26 at 9.30am

Please contact the office via email on admin@thepinesschool.org.uk or phone on 01344 426413 to arrange a visit.

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School Council Winter Bake Sale Update

Thank you so much for everyone who baked, donated or bought for the School Council Winter Bake Sale last Friday. It was a massive success. The School Council representatives were amazing at serving you all and I hope all your cakes were yummy.

The School Council would like to focus their fundraising this year on the playground and would like to try and replace some equipment and acquire even more for our OPAL break times. We raised an absolutely brilliant £141.23!

The winner of the 'Best in Show' will be announced next week as the School Council wanted everyone to have a vote. We have a little bit more time before the vote closes!













Year 3 Festive Sewing Creations

We're feeling festive in Year 3 and are SO impressed with the children's festive sewing creations. We've been working extremely hard designing, working on our stitching technique and creating these beautiful decorations for our tree. We are so grateful to our incredible parent volunteer support too!





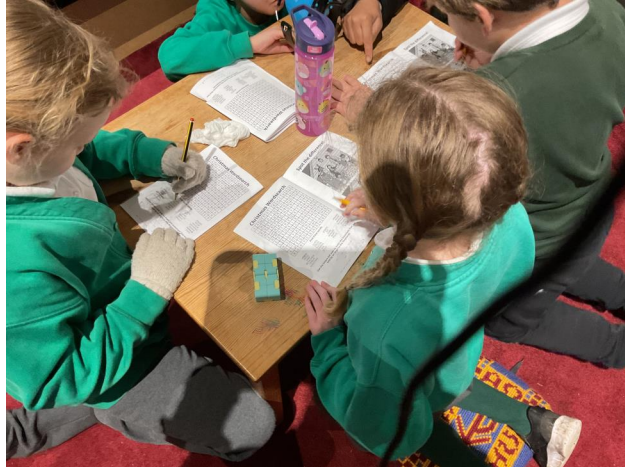


Year 4 Christmas Unwrapped Church Trip

On Wednesday 10th December, Year 4 took a trip to St Michael's Church to engage in some festive fun and test their Christmas Story knowledge. The children showcased their learning in conversations with members of the church and answering quiz questions with St Nicolas!

From biscuit decorating and word searches to singing Christmas songs and meeting members of the Christmas Story, the children had an action packed day of fun! We can't wait for them to continue their learning at school for this last week of the festive term.





Christmas Dates

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**Monday 15th to Friday 19th
December**

Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers with their uniform all week

Monday 15th December
Pantomime

(kindly paid for by our lovely PTA)

Wednesday 17th December
Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 19th December
Celebration Assembly at 9am (parents of children getting a certificate will be invited), School finishes at 2pm /After School Club at 5pm



Information sent out this week



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- *What we are learning in Nursery this week / EYFS Winter Showcase - 09.12.25*
 - *What we are learning in Reception this week / EYFS Winter Showcase - 09.12.25*
 - *Choir Events Update*
 - *The Pines Enchanted Evening - Tonight between 5-7pm*
 - *Ordering Christmas Lunch - 17.12.25 (Reminder)*
 - *Rocksteady Concert (Reminder)*
 - *Festive Treats*
 - *Christmas Card Orders*

- Willow Class Dot Reward - Thursday 18th December
 - Rotary Raffle Tickets (Reminder)
 - Extra curricular Clubs (Reminder)
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Flyers





BRACKNELL HOLIDAY CAMPS

MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY SCHOOL RG12 7RD

5-12 Year Olds to 3pm

4 Year Olds to 1pm

£27.50 Per Day

£21.50 Per Day

FREE HAF
SPACES
AVAILABLE



FOOTBALL CAMP

GARTH HILL COLLEGE 3G RG42 2AD

5-12 Year Olds to 3pm

4 Year Olds to 1pm

£27.50 Per Day

£21.50 Per Day

U-SPORTS.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@thepinesschool.org.uk



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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with easyfundraising



Join as our supporter today at:
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause

Just search for:

FRIENDS OF THE PINES PTA

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



Start at the
easyfundraising
website or app



Click out
to where you'd
like to shop



Checkout:
prices are exactly
the same!



The retailer sends
a % of your spend
to easyfundraising



They pass
it on to us
:)

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?



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

