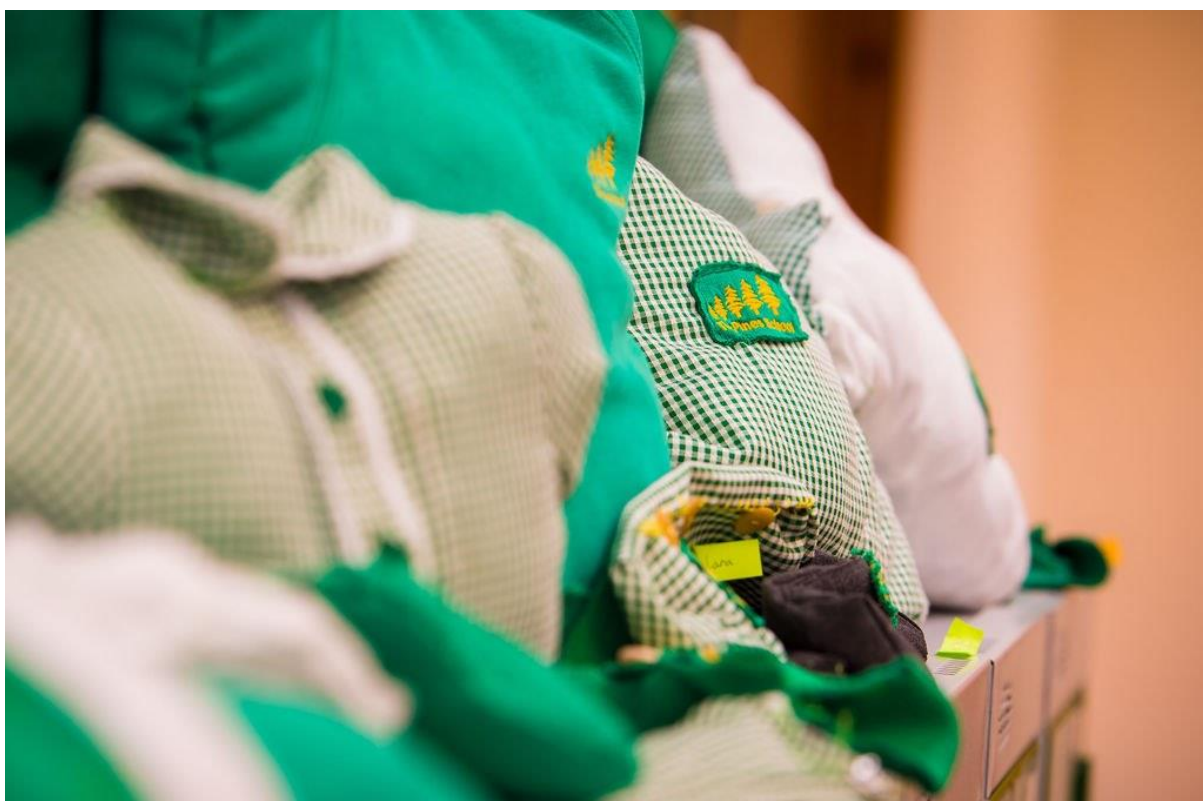




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 05.12.25 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

*Thank you so much for all the birthday wishes, gifts and donations to charity. The grand total raised for <https://ruthstraussfoundation.com/> is **£293.31**. I am also hoping this will be match funded through the big give campaign (thank you to our lovely parent who pointed this out). It was a really special day on Tuesday with lots of music, dancing and joy. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a wonderful day.*

Writing

The children have continued to do some amazing learning this week. On Wednesday evening, the teachers had a writing moderation with 4 other schools in our Together We Thrive cluster. The schools are: Holly Spring, Ascot Heath, New Scotland Hill and Winkfield St.Mary's. The teachers in each year group shared writing and looked at ways we can make things even better for all of the children across our schools. It was a real treat to show our school off to the other head teachers who all commented very positively about the writing in our school.

Young Citizens

I know I mentioned about the young citizens event that year 6 went to last Friday, but I have to say so much more about it! It was absolutely brilliant! Our children behaved so well and they were buzzing throughout the day. There were so many brilliant opportunities for them. The High Sherriff was there along with our local MP - Peter Swallow who was teaching the children about parliament. There were talks from the police, RNLI, Network Rail, mental health charities, young enterprise, sustainability and so much more. Mary Templeton was also doing a work shop throughout the day. We were also joined by Enemy of Boredom who produced a song with a child from each school taking part. There was also a careers fair with people from space agencies, film special effects, story boards, RHS, TSI - so many amazing things. There were over 500 year 6 children that took part in this amazing day. All organised by a small group of local head teachers. A special thank you to Mrs Tomkins the headteacher at Winkfield St Mary's who came up with the idea.

Trips

We have had lots of great things going on recently including Year 3 visiting the local library - Mrs Mossom has informed me that it was a great local trip. The choir also performed last night at Easthampsted Baptist Church (always a brilliant event and thank you to Mrs Drury for organising this). Year 4 are heading off to a different church next week for Christmas unwrapped. Thanks to all the staff and parent volunteers for making these things possible.

Birthday Treats

Please be reminded that when it is your child's birthday, their treat is to come into school wearing non uniform. Please do not bring in sweet treats to be handed out to their class due to children's allergies.

Enchanted Evening

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our enchanted evening on Tuesday.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Davies

Head Teacher Awards



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

*Maple - **Quinn***

*Sycamore - **Naya***

*Willow - **Isabelle***

*Oak - **Dylan***

*Cedar - **Theo***

*Ash - **Bonnie***

Rowan - **Marcelo**

Juniper - **Anabel**

The Orchard - **Aeryn**

Congratulations to **Ela** 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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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@thepininesschool.org.uk

Class with the Highest Attendance of the Week



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*The class with the highest attendance this week is **Oak** with **99.38%**.*

*Well done to **Oak Class!***

Best House Attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance of the week goes to **Marcus Rashford** with **95.12%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

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 open mornings for September 2026 Reception starters. Please do share with your family and friends who you think may be interested in attending. These will be on: -

Tuesday 9th December 25 at 9.30am
Thursday 8th January 26 at 9.30am

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

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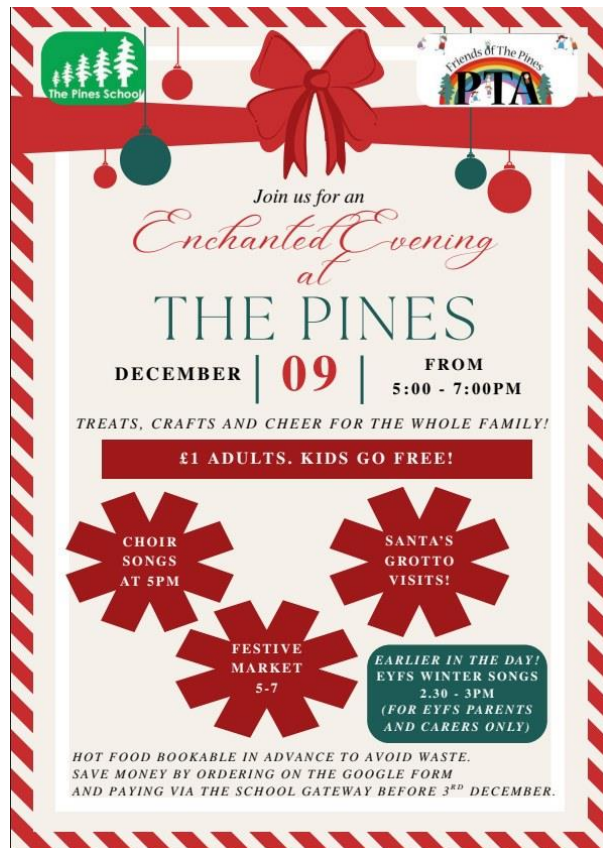
The Pines Enchanted Evening - Donations

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Enchanted Evening at The Pines next week. In order to ensure that all our stalls are ready, we are still collecting the following donations:

- chocolate for the tombola i.e. bars, bags, boxes, tubs of chocolates - anything chocolatey!*
- plain biscuits (Digestive, Rich Tea), icing sugar, sprinkles, packets of small sweets for our biscuit decorating stall*
- jam jars filled with for example wrapped sweets, party bag goodies, stationary, hair clips, scrunchies, pamper goods - basically anything that fits in a jar that would make a nice prize - for our jam jar tombola!*
- stickers, glitter, sequins, PVA glue etc for our bauble decorating stall.*

We no longer need donations of baked beans.

Unfortunately, we did not receive enough orders of hot food to go ahead with this stall this time. If you are one of the families who made a pre-order, you will be fully refunded.



Christmas Jumper Donations /Swap

Thank you so much to those who have kindly donated Christmas jumpers that your child may have outgrown. If you do happen to have any more we would really appreciate any Christmas Jumper donations as we will be running a stall at our Enchanted Evening at The Pines on Tuesday 9th December whereby you can either purchase a new jumper or you are welcome to bring a jumper with you on the night of the event to do a swap.

Should you have any that you wish to donate, please can you kindly bring to the school office.

Thank you for your support.

Christmas Dates

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Monday 8th to Friday 12th December
Festive Pudding Week

Tuesday 9th December
EYFS Winter Showcase at 2.30pm
The Pines Enchanted Evening 5-7pm

Wednesday 10th December
Year 4 Christmas Unwrapped Church Trip
Rocksteady Concert at 2.30pm

Monday 15th to Friday 19th December
Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers

Monday 15th December
Pantomime

Wednesday 17th December
Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 19th December
Celebration Assembly at 9am, 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*
 - *What we are learning in Reception this week*
 - *Young Citizens Event - Thank You*
 - *Mrs Davies Big Birthday Celebrations (Tuesday 2nd December)*
 - *School Council Winter Bake Sale - Friday 5th December*
 - *Year 4 Church Trip (Christmas Unwrapped) - Parental Volunteers*
 - *Festive Puddings W.C 08.12.25 / Ordering Christmas Lunch - 17.12.25*
 - *EYFS Winter Showcase - Tuesday 9th December*
 - *Year 2 Great Fire of London Day - Thursday 16th December*
 - *Enchanted Evening at The Pines - Donations*
 - *Year 4 English Workshop Date for your Diary*
 - *Year 3 SPAG Workshop Date for your Diary*
 - *Magic Pebbles Workshop 15.01.26*
 - *Oak Class Dot Reward - Tuesday 9th December*
 - *School Council Winter Bake Sale - Friday 5th December (Reminder)*
 - *Breakfast and After School Club - Tuesday 9th December*
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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) and for 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.	
Wednesday 14th January 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
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.	
Monday 12th January 2026	9.30 – 11.30 am
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	
Monday 26th January 2026	6.30 – 8.30 pm
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	
Let me know if you would like to be on the list for future dates	

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

We are also trialling the following toolkits to take place at the Open Learning Centre	
To book a space or get further information email Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk	
Each toolkit is universal (not SEND specific) & not suitable for younger siblings to attend.	
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.	
Monday 12th January	12:45-2:45pm
AND	
Monday 19th January	12:45-2:45pm



FESTIVE SEASON OPENING TIMES

Monday 22 December
18:00-19:30p

Tuesday 23 December
10:30am-12pm

Closed 24 Dec-1 January

Reopen Friday 2 January
10:30am - 12pm

foodbank@kerith.church



THEIR GRASSROOTS JOURNEY STARTS HERE!

Bracknell Athletic FC's ever popular Soccer School for early years, offers an established and successful football development programme for Reception to Year 1 children (4 to 6yrs).

BAFC Soccer School prides itself on having fun, developing both skills and techniques to equip your child for their grassroots football journey.

Organised by our FA qualified coaches, we focus on FA Play Phase standards for the reception players and early years foundation football for the Year 1 players. Your child will learn the foundations of the game each term—*passing, dribbling, shooting, and essential techniques*—all through our structured, age-appropriate 8-week termly syllabus designed to inspire and develop our young players.

It doesn't stop there... from here BAFC offers your child a 'Player Pathway' to join one of our U7 teams and begin their grassroots journey with us.

JOIN OUR GRASSROOTS JOURNEY NOW!

Contact us via email for more information:
soccerschool.baftc@outlook.com

or visit: www.bracknellathleticfc.co.uk



Our sessions run from Birch Hill
Sunday's 9:30am - 10:30am

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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






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. ITS 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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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



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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

