



Weekly Newsletter

Week End 28.11.25 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

Did you know that this week is statistically the hardest week in schools? Not at The Pines! We have had some phenomenal things going on this week. The week started with PSHE

workshops with some of our children. These were very successful with children learning about online safety.

Mrs Elkins has stepped into Year 1 and is now the permanent teacher in there for the rest of the academic year. This will provide stability for the children and it has been great to see the children adapting so well to the changes.

Year 1 and Year 6 have enjoyed trips this week.

Reading

As part of our school development plan, we are promoting and encouraging a love of reading.

Miss Owen started the week reading a story to the children from Children in Need called "Pudsey and the Thread of Hope". The children loved the story and really embraced the theme.

The children in Reception and KS1, enjoy a story every Tuesday and Thursday. We are building up a collection of traditional tales and familiar stories that the children can enjoy.

Throughout the school, every class has a reading for pleasure session every week. Children enjoy reading in their classrooms and have opportunities to read under tables, lie on the floor get comfy and share their books with friends.

On this note, one of my favourite books that I had read to me as a child is "A Necklace of Raindrops" by Joan Aiken and illustrations by Jan Pienkowski. It is a gorgeous book that I remember well.

I know there is so much technology out there but books can be magical. Please continue to encourage your children to read at home and please share your childhood stories with your children.

Have a lovely weekend and don't forget it is non uniform on Tuesday 2nd December. We will send a reminder out on Monday.

Mrs Davies

Head Teacher Awards



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

*Maple - **George***

*Sycamore - **Poppy***

*Willow - **Philippa***

*Oak - **Harry***

*Cedar - **Evie-Jean***

*Ash - **Isla***

*The Orchard - **Amber***

*Congratulations to **Marnie** in **Sycamore** 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 **Maple** with **99.05%**.*

*Well done to **Maple Class!***

Best House Attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance of the week goes to **Marcus Rashford** with **97.32%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Coffee Morning



*Our next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 3rd December 2025** in the upper hall (after morning drop off) where Laura from Welcome Spaces who provide support for single parents will be attending .*

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.

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

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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



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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@thepinesschool.org.uk or phone on 01344 426413 to arrange a visit.

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The Pines Enchanted Evening - Tuesday 9th December 2025

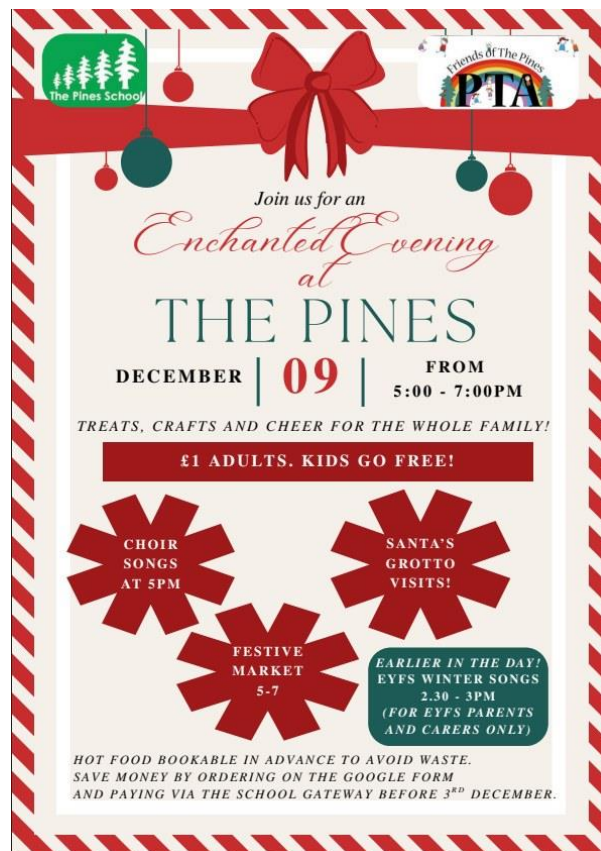
*We are all getting very excited about our Enchanted Evening at The Pines on **Tuesday 9th December between 5-7pm**. We hope that you will come along with your family and friends.*

Our lovely choir will be opening the event at 5pm in the upper hall and from there you will be able to wander into the gym, where there will be external stall holders, selling lots of goodies that would make great Christmas presents!

Outside we will have the Fox and Bear Coffee Bar, a food stall selling jacket potatoes and hotdogs (if you wish to pre-order please complete the google form and make a payment on the school gateway - [Food Order Form - The Pines Enchanted Evening 9th December 2025 – Fill out form](#)) and a drinks stall selling mulled wine and cold drinks. There will also be chocolate, teddy bear and jam jar tombola's. And most importantly before you leave don't forget to pop in and see Santa in his grotto!

We also have some lovely raffle prizes, tickets will be available to buy on the night at the entrance to the event.

We hope to see you there!



**Food Order Form - The Pines
Enchanted Evening 9th December
2025**



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.

School Council Winter Bake Sale - Friday 5th December

Dear Wonderful Pines Community!

We are calling all bakers (or maybe supermarket shoppers!) to help us with a fabulous 'Winter Bake Sale' on Friday 5th December. The School Council would like to focus this year on raising money for equipment for playtime and this is our first event! We are looking for bakes of any shape or size or kind to sell after school in the Lower Hall on Friday 5th December.

Any homemade items will be voted for by the school community for 'Best in Show!' so please put your child's name, class and allergy information on your bake. A form is attached, or ingredients can be listed, but please ensure no nuts are used. If you would like a chance to win 'Best in Show', bakes must be in the office by 9:30am on Friday 5th December. These will all then be on sale after school.

We will also very happily accept donations!

The sale will take place in the lower hall, with entrance from the lower playground. We will be accepting cash donations for individual or slices of cake.

Thank you so much for all your support.

The Pines School Council

The Pines School Council are hosting a

Winter Bake SALE



Friday 5th December in the Lower Hall

Do you love baking cakes? Do you love eating cakes?

The school council are raising money for new sports equipment. We are holding a winter themed cake competition and sale. To enter the competition please bring your baked goods (cakes, cupcakes, biscuits, brownies, traybakes etc.) to the office on the morning of Friday 5th December.

Please make sure your cakes are named and an allergy form filled out or ingredients written.
(Please no nuts in any bake)

The school community will be judging the best bakes. All cakes will then be sold at the end of the day.
(Large cakes will be sliced)

If you want to buy some cakes for us to sell, we would really appreciate that too!

CASH DONATION AT THE SALE



Winter Bake Sale 5th December

Childs Name: _____

Childs Class: _____

Please tick all allergens that are present in your cake below. Nuts and peanuts are already crossed out as we are a nut free school and so bakes should not contain these.

If you are unsure of the allergens, please just record all the ingredients below.

						
Celery	Cereals containing gluten	Crustaceans	Eggs	Fish	Lupin	Milk
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Mollusc	Mustard	Nuts	Peanuts	Sesame seeds	Soya	Sulphur Dioxide
☐	☐	X	X	☐	☐	☐

Please list the ingredients in your bake (don't worry about the quantities)

Many Thanks,
The Pines School Council

Important Dates



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- **02.12.25** — Mrs Davies big birthday celebrations (children are invited to wear non uniform with the theme of music in exchange of donations for our enchanted evening or contribution available on the school gateway)
 - **04.12.25** — Christmas Choir performance at Easthampstead Baptist Church 5pm - 8pm
 - **05.12.25** — School Council Winter Bake Sale in the Lower Hall after school
 - **09.12.25** — Enchanted Evening at The Pines 5pm - 7pm / Christmas Choir performances
 - **10.12.25** — Year 4 Christmas Unwrapped Church Trip / Rocksteady Concert
 - **14.12.25** — Christmas Choir performance at The Lexicon
 - **17.12.25** - Christmas Dinner Day (more information to follow)
 - **19.12.25** - Celebration Assembly at 9.10am (parents of children getting a certificate will be invited) / School Finishes at 2pm / After School Club finishes at 5pm
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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 1 Milestones Museum (Thursday 27th November 2025)*
 - *Year 6 Young Citizens Event at Garth College - Friday 28th November 2025 (Reminder)*
 - *Rotary Raffle Tickets*
 - *Coffee Morning - 26.11.25*
 - *Date for your diary 21.01.25 (Year 3 English Workshop)*
 - *Date for your diary 22.01.25 (Year 4 English Workshop)*
 - *Swimming Lessons - Pupil Ability Form*
 - *Nursery attendance*

- *SRP Swimming Lessons*
 - *Year 3 Library Visit - Wednesday 26th November (Reminder)*
 - *Year 5 Swimming Lessons - Spring Term 2026*
 - *Nursery letters to Santa*
 - *The Pines Enchanted Evening - Tuesday 9th December 5-7pm*
 - *Consultation of proposed admissions to Sandhurst School 2027/28*
 - *Spring Term Year 5 Swimming Update*
 - *Year 3 DT Help*
 - *Christmas Choir*
 - *Year 4 Church Trip (Christmas Unwrapped) - Reminder*
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Flyers

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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. 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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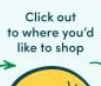
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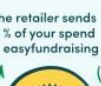
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Is your child entitled to free school meals?

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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

