



Weekly Newsletter

Week End 21.11.25 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

The last couple of weeks have not been the easiest at the Pines. As you would have seen from my communication, staff have been facing some really unpleasant emails and conversations with a very small minority of parents. Thankfully this is not the majority and

we received some lovely emails last night. Thank you to those of you who took the time to send those in.

Unfortunately we have had a lot of staff absence for varying reasons. Where we have been able to we have covered internally however we have had to have supply staff. This is not always ideal but has been necessary.

BIG BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

I am reluctantly turning 50! Whilst I am still very much 25 in my head I have to accept some level of reality. My actual birthday is on Tuesday 2nd December and what better way to celebrate than share it with everyone at The Pines! I would really like the children to join in celebrations by wearing non-uniform with the theme of music. The children will know I love music and enjoy sharing lots of different music with the children in celebration assembly. We will also be doing some fun celebrations, probably dancing, in the afternoon.

To make it really momentous, I would love a donation to a charity (even if every child donates £1 that is about £300 we can raise.)I have chosen the <https://ruthstraussfoundation.com/> This charity supports families facing the death of a parent. Having lost my mum at a very early age, this is something that is incredibly personal to me. So I think this is a brilliant way to celebrate a big milestone - helping other people. We will have a collection set up on the gate way and buckets at the gates. Thank you in advance for helping to celebrate.

An Enchanted Evening

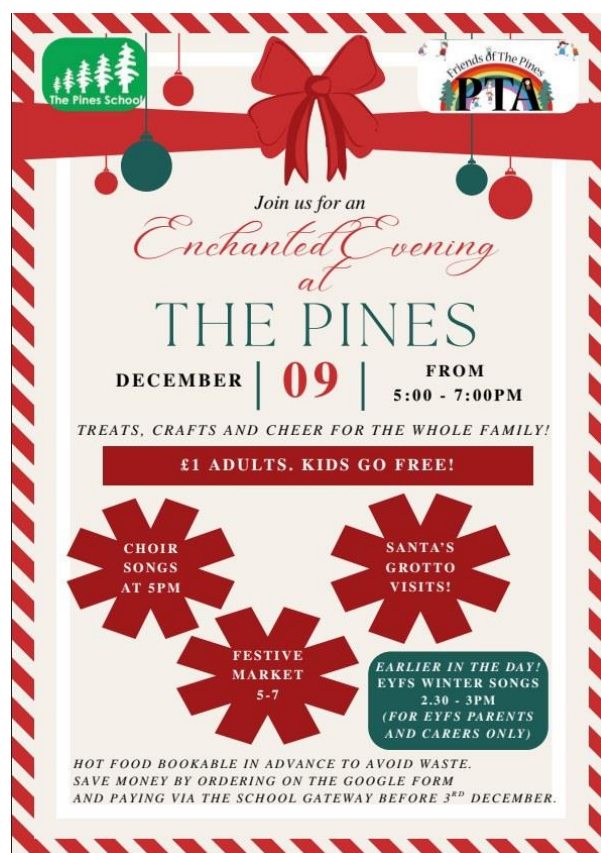
As we also have the Enchanted Evening coming up and would really appreciate some donations from you. To tie into the non-uniform on the 2nd December, please can: -

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- *Nursery, Reception, Year 1 donate chocolate for the tombola i.e. bars, bags, boxes, tubs of chocolates - anything chocolatey!*
 - *Year 2 donate tins of baked beans for our jacket potato stall*
 - *Year 3 donate plain biscuits (Digestive, Rich Tea), icing sugar, sprinkles, packets of small sweets for our biscuit decorating stall*

- Year 4 and 5 donate 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
 - Years 6 donate stickers, glitter, sequins, PVA glue etc for our bauble decorating stall
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Thank you for all of your support

Mrs Davies



Head Teacher Awards



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

*Maple - **Timur***

*Sycamore - **Dolly***

*Willow - **Preston***

*Oak - **Ela***

*Cedar - **Alby***

*Ash - **Dakota and Daisy-May***

*Juniper - **Frankie***

*Rowan - **Stanley***

*The Orchard - **Rex***

*Congratulations to **Emilia** in **Rowan** 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 deputy@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 **98.57%**.*

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

Best House Attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance of the week goes to **Malala Yousafzai** with **98%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Coffee Morning



*Our next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 26th November 2025** in the upper hall (after morning drop off). There will be bacon baps available for a small donation and we will also be doing some Christmas fayre prep for our enchanted evening at the Pines.*

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.

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 - Tuesday 9th December 2025

We will be having food at The Pines Enchanted Evening on Tuesday 9th December between 5-7pm and to try to avoid as much waste as possible and to save you some money we are suggesting families should pre-order food. We will be offering jacket potatoes with various fillings and hot dogs. We will have a limited amount of food to purchase on the night but would really recommend pre-ordering to avoid disappointment!

Jacket Potato

- *Pre Order Price = £3.50*
 - *On the Day Price = £4.50*
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Hotdog (pork sausages)

- *Pre Order Price = £2.50*
 - *On the Day Price = £3.50*
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Please click on the following link or QR code [Food Order Form - The Pines Enchanted Evening 9th December 2025 – Fill out form](#) to order your preferences and then go to the payment section on the School Gateway (Food Order - The Pines Enchanted Evening 9th December) to purchase your food. Please calculate the total bill for your food and enter in the appropriate amount. If you have multiple children at the school, please make the payment against one child's account.

Until we receive payment via the gateway your order will not be complete. Pre-orders can be made up until Wednesday 3rd December.

If you have any special dietary needs, please contact the School Office at admin@thepinesschool.org.uk.

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



Christmas Jumper Donations /Swap

We would really appreciate any Christmas Jumper donations that your child may have outgrown as we would like to run a stall at our Enchanted Evening at The Pines on Tuesday 9th December (more information to follow) 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

*This academic year, the School Council would like to raise money towards sports and playground equipment. We are beginning our fundraising with a 'Winter Bake Sale' on **Friday 5th December** in the Lower Hall after school. The poster includes all information and an allergy form is also attached. If you would like one printed, please visit the office. They will be available from next week.*

The school community will be voting for a 'Best Bake' in different categories during the day. If you would like your bakes to be in the competition, please make sure they are in the office on

Friday 5th December by 9:30am. If you would also like to purchase some cakes for us to sell, we would greatly appreciate that too! Thank you so much.

From the 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
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

						
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



- **26.11.25** — Year 3 Library Visit (parental consent is available on the school gateway within the payments section)

- **27.11.25** — Year 1 Milestones Museum Trip (parental consent and voluntary contribution is available on the school gateway within the payments section)
 - **28.11.25** — Year 6 Young Citizens Events at Garth Hill College (parental consent and voluntary contribution is available on the school gateway within the payments section)
 - **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** — 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*
 - *Ballot for the election of a parent governor*
 - *Year 4 D & T Lesson*
 - *Parent Support Sessions*
 - *Cedar Class Dot Reward*
 - *Cardboard Boxes Year 2*
 - *Reception Magic Pebbles Workshop 15.01.26*
 - *Email from Mrs Davies and Mr Pines (Chair of Governors)*
 - *Update on Parent Governor Selection*

- Christmas Choir Events - December 2025

Flyers

KOOSA KIDS FUN, ACTIVE HOLIDAY CLUBS
FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-13

Winter WONDERLAND
22nd + 23rd December

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GO KARTS!
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Christmas PARTY
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See page 2 for venue dates

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* goes *
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Standard Activity Day with AM Extension - 8.15am to 4.00pm	£32.00	£147.20 (Save £12.80)
Standard Activity Day with PM Extension - 10.00am to 6.00pm	£32.00	£147.20 (Save £12.80)
Standard Activity Day with AM and PM Extension - 8.15am to 6.00pm	£33.00	£151.80 (Save £13.20)

* Third child goes free applies to siblings only



VENUE	CHRISTMAS 2025	FEBRUARY 2026
BERKSHIRE		
Birch Hill Primary School, Bracknell	22nd & 23rd December	16th to 20th February
The Heights Primary School, Caversham	22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th December	16th to 20th February
Castle Hill Primary School, Chislington	22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th December	16th to 20th February
St. Mary's Hampton Primary School, Hampton	22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th December	16th to 20th February
GREATER LONDON		
The Blue School, Isleworth	22nd & 23rd December	16th to 20th February
King Abbot's Primary School, Kingston	22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th December	16th to 20th February
Whitton Sports Centre, Whitton	22nd & 23rd December	16th to 20th February
HAMPSHIRE		
Alderwood Infant School, Aldershot	22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th December	16th to 20th February
Portway Infant School, Andover	22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th December	16th to 20th February
Court Moor School, Fleet	22nd & 23rd December	16th to 20th February
Hook Infant School, Hook	22nd & 23rd December	16th to 20th February
Liphook Junior School, Liphook	22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th December	16th to 20th February
SURREY		
Ashted Park Primary School, Ashted	22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th December	16th to 20th February
Wallace Fields Infant School, Epsom	22nd & 23rd December	16th to 20th February
Burbridge Junior School, Godalming	22nd & 23rd December	16th to 20th February
Godalming Junior School, Godalming	22nd & 23rd December	16th to 20th February
Northwood Junior School, Guildford	22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th December	16th to 20th February
Oxlow Infant School, Guildford	22nd & 23rd December	16th to 20th February
Shitton Hill Junior School, Haslemere	22nd & 23rd December	16th to 20th February
Holmesdale Community Infant School, Reigate	22nd & 23rd December	16th to 20th February
Dauntree Primary School, West Ewell	22nd & 23rd December	16th to 20th February
Manby Lodge Infant School, Weybridge	22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th December	16th to 20th February
Kingshill Lower School, Woking	22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th December	16th to 20th February

* Operating dates exclude Bank Holidays

VISIT WWW.KOOSAKIDS.CO.UK OR CALL 01276 21884

Bracknell Forest's Family Services Directory and Additional Needs Info Hub (SEND Local Offer)



Providing free, impartial information and advice about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and all other family matters.

- SEND information all in one place - how to access services and support including Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)
- Education, childcare and early years funding
- Leisure and holiday activities
- Advice and support services
- Brokerage service for those struggling to find childcare

Family Information Service: fis@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
01344 353133
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/localdirectory



Where can I get help with an EHCP?

Where is my nearest baby clinic?

I'm struggling with my child's behaviour - where can I get help?

How do I apply for childcare funding?



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AGE: 5 - 11 YEARS

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 01344 609934

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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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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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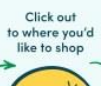
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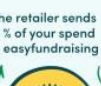
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Is your child entitled to free school meals?

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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

