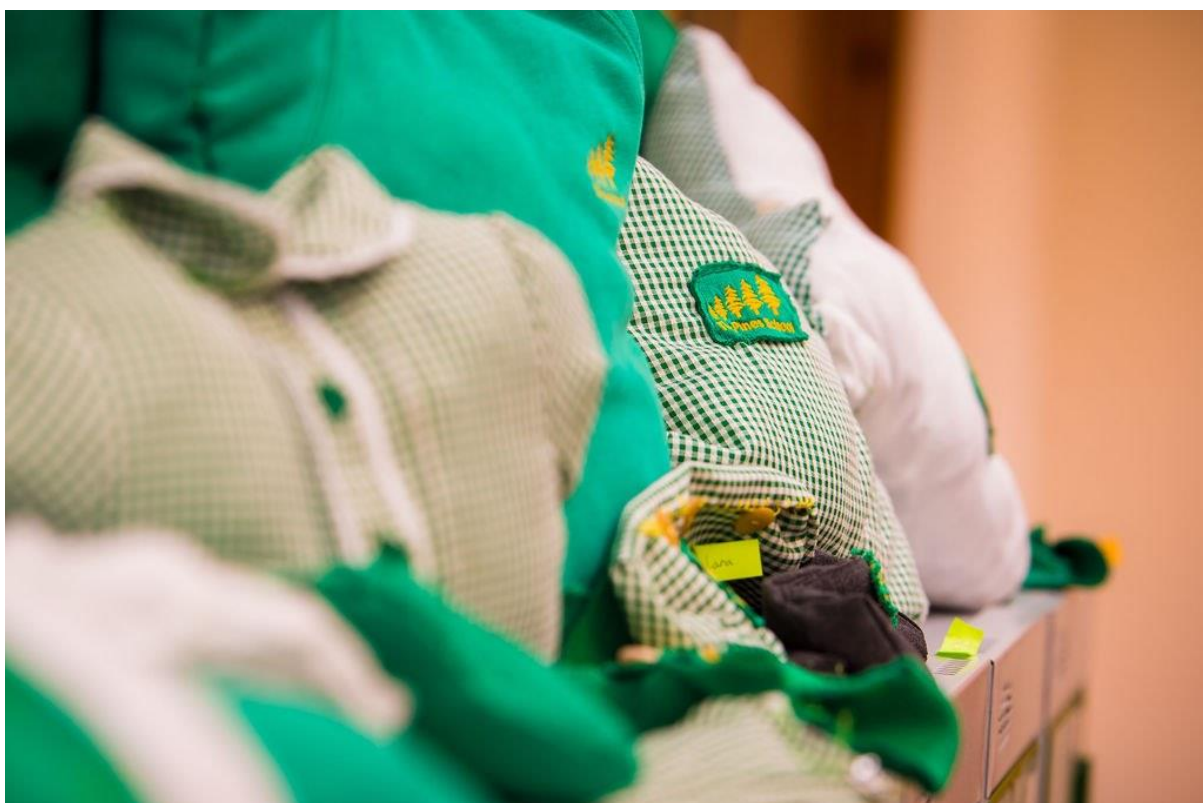




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 14.11.25 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



This edition will contain: -

- *Head Teacher Awards*
 - *Class with the highest attendance of the week*
 - *Best House attendance of the week*
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Head Teacher Awards



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

*Maple - **Ellie-Mae***

*Sycamore - **Romie-Rae***

*Willow - **Jessica***

*Oak - **Harley***

*Cedar - **Mikey-Joe***

*Ash - **Ingrid***

*Juniper - **Ava K***

*Rowan - **Nicolas***

*The Orchard - **Logan***

*Congratulations to **Sara** in **Cedar** 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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Class with the Highest Attendance of the Week



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*The class with the highest attendance this week is **Oak** with **98.75%**.*

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

Best House Attendance of the week

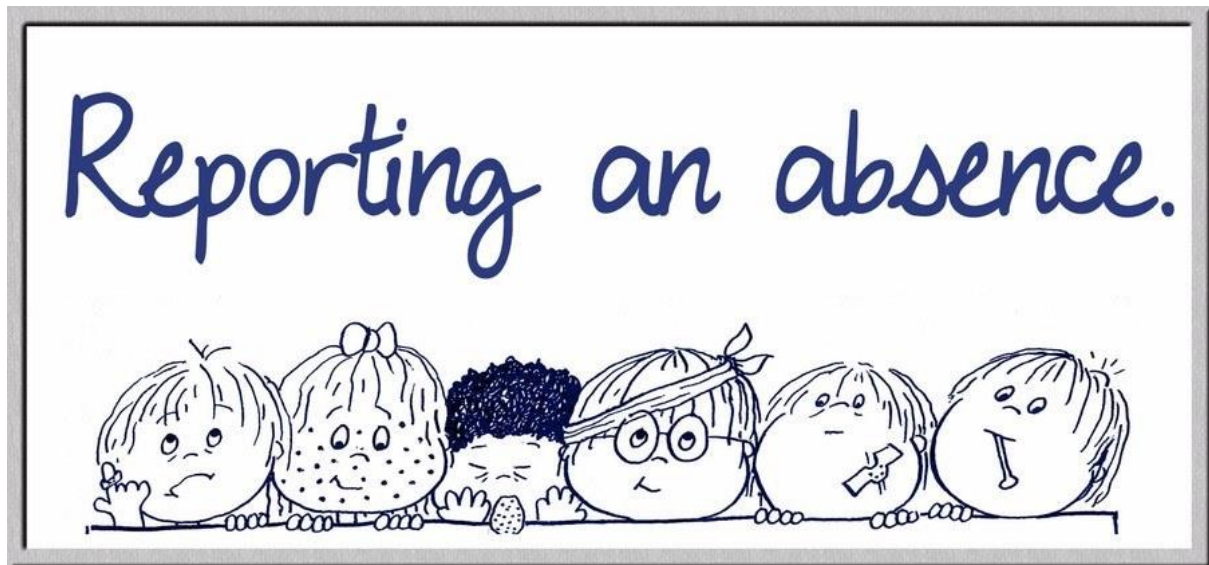


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*The best house attendance of the week goes to **Malala Yousafzai** with **98.05%**.*

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 Morning



Our next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 19th November 2025** in the upper hall (after morning drop off).

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.

Sports Coach Update

Sadly, Mr O'Keeffe will be leaving us at the end of this term as he will be going travelling. The children and staff are very fond of him and he will be missed by all, we would like to wish him all the best in his next venture!

Coach Ben, who attends our school at lunch times will be joining us in the Spring Term as our new Sports Coach which the children were excited to hear this news.

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: -

Saturday 15th November 25 at 9.30am
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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Thank you to our Friends of The Pines PTA Team



Thank you to our wonderful PTA, as well as our Pines staff, for their help at our fabulous school discos on Wednesday night. The children were absolutely buzzing with excitement and seeing so many smiles, alongside some cracking dance moves, was an absolute joy.

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.

Important Dates



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- **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)
 - **09.12.25** — School Council Winter Bake Sale in the Lower Hall after school
 - **09.12.25** — Enchanted Evening at The Pines (more information to follow)
 - **10.12.25** — Rocksteady Concert

- *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*
 - *Maple Class*
 - *Year 1 Parents Evening*
 - *Cedar Parents Evening*
 - *Emotional based school avoidance workshops*
 - *Important information about the school disco for you to read*

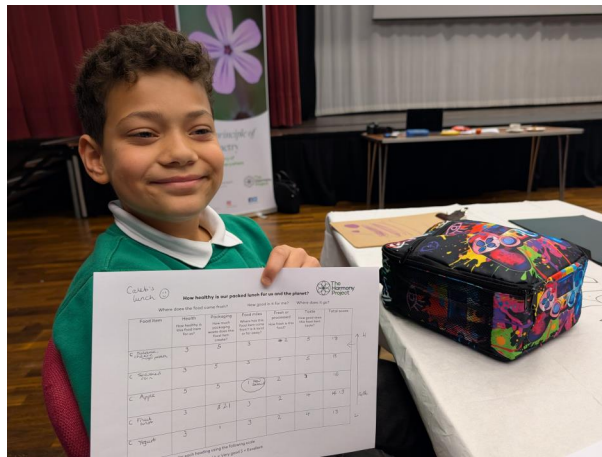
- Willow Class Dot Reward
 - A polite reminder regarding uniform
 - Playball (Nursery and Reception)
 - Vacancy for a Parent Governor - Reminder
 - Children in Need - Friday 14th November (Reminder)
 - Sycamore Class Dot Reward
 - Year 4, 5 and 6 Cross Country Event - Friday 14th November
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Bracknell Forest Student Sustainability Workshop

We were very lucky to be invited to join a whole day workshop at Garth Hill College to talk about our environment and who we can help at school to keep it sustainable. The Harmony Project provided us with a whole day of wonderful activities that allowed us to really think about what we could change in school to make a difference to our planet. Manuela from Year 4, Caleb from Year 5 and Emilia from Year 6 were chosen by their teachers to represent their school and for their own passion in helping our world.

We discussed the ways we could save energy at school, create more sustainable lunchboxes and how keeping in touch with nature helps us to want to really look after what we have. We will be discussing this lots further as a school and in the new year will be introducing ways we can put some of our plans into action and how you can help at home.









School Council Winter Bake Sale

*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

Greenlight4girls STEM Day at 3M

We were so excited to be invited back to 3M this year by a wonderful charity called 'greenlight4girls'. The founder, Melissa, set her charity up to inspire and encourage more girls to join professions in the world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). 3M were kind enough to host the event where we had an amazing day with 10 girls from Year 6.

Each girl was given a lab coat, a yummy breakfast and lunch, the opportunity to meet many inspirational ladies in STEM and four amazing workshops to take part in! Our workshops included making the tallest tower we could for the mayor using pasta and marshmallows; making a hoop glider that would fly the furthest; making a golf putter that was the most accurate and finally extracting our own DNA! We all had a wonderful time. It was brilliant to see the teamwork, hear the discussion and watch the resilience as they tried to improve all their investigations and ideas! A special thank you to Mrs Quarterman too who came back to join us for the day.

Hopefully we get another invite next year!







Flyers



SEND Services Survey



Autumn 2025

🗣️ **Bracknell Forest SEND Parent Carers – We Need Your Voice!** 🗣️

Have you noticed any changes in SEND services in Bracknell Forest? We want to hear from YOU, even if you cannot find any improvements.

We want to monitor how these services are performing against previous surveys of parent carers. We use feedback as evidence to push for change. We intend to use the information you provide to demonstrate the impact of SEND Services on the children/young people of Bracknell Forest at strategic meetings with the local authority, Frimley ICB, BHFT. These will also be shared with the inspectors from DfE and NHS England. Nothing we collect will identify you or your child/young person.

Our latest survey is now open and we're asking parent carers to share their views on how Health, Education, and Social Care services are working for children and young people with SEND in Bracknell.

It may take you up to 30 minutes to complete this survey, but you don't have to answer every question. We are grateful for every single answer you are able to give.

- ✅ Your feedback helps us track progress, highlight what's working, and push for change where it's needed most.
- 🔒 All responses are anonymous
- 📅 Survey closes: 24th November 2025
- 👤 One survey per child/young person, please

🗣️ Please share with other SEND families in Bracknell Forest (with children/young people up to age 25)

Need help or have questions?
 📧 Email bracknell.pcf@gmail.com
 We can arrange for someone to help complete a survey with you.

Scan here for survey



Add your voice to make ours louder 🗣️

Thank you,
 Bracknell Parent Carer Forum



Drop-in flu clinics

At Foundation House, Windsor SL4 4LE

We are holding drop-in clinics
for your child's flu vaccination
on the following dates:

- 18.11.25 14:30-16:30
- 27.11.25 14:30-16:00
- 5.12.25 12:00-16:00

If you haven't completed a
consent form yet, you can
complete one using the
information sent by your child's
school or complete one at the
clinic with one of the team.



Goto the address below to share your
views and ideas

 cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/feedback

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



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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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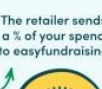
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Is your child entitled to free school meals?



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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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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

