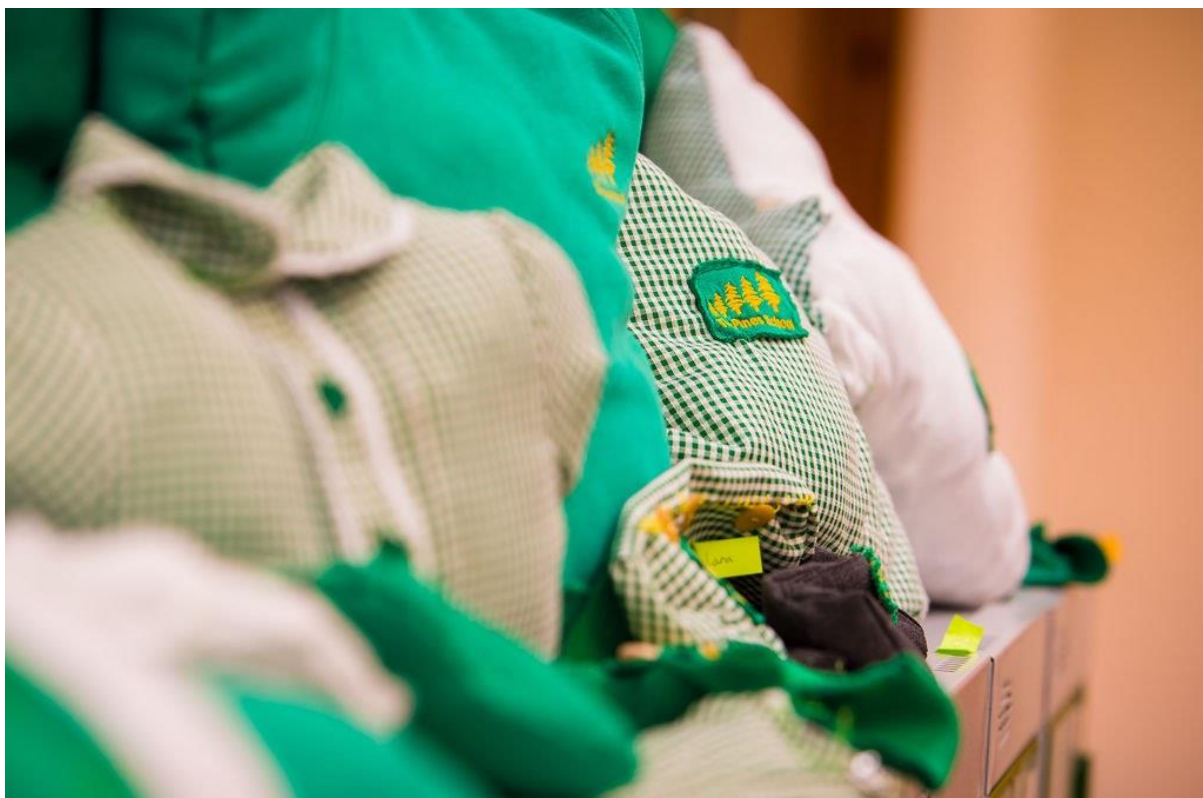




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 07.11.25 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been such a great start to the second half term. The year 6 children now have their leavers hoodies - there was a huge amount of excitement around that. I have seen some great learning going on this week. Year 6 have been doing some wonderful writing. Year 4

have also brought me some writing to see. I saw some fantastic handwriting going on in year 3. Year 1 showed off their phonics to me yesterday morning.

We had an open morning this week, we had lots of families and it was great to show off our school. I am so pleased with the way our children have returned after the half term.

This term we have loads of things going on! Next week we have a Remembrance assembly - the children have been making some fantastic poppies, we will add some pictures next week. We also have Children in Need and a Cross Country competition on Friday. On Monday we have ODD SOCKS DAY, to launch anti-bullying week. We also have a school disco on Wednesday! I am going to be exhausted next week!

We will then be starting the countdown to Christmas and learning some winter and Christmas songs for our Enchanted Evening at The Pines on 9th December. Please save the date and make sure you come along for the concert and the shopping evening.

I hope you have a very restful weekend, in preparation for a very busy week and don't forget the odd socks and the 25 challenge.

Mrs Davies

Anti-Bullying Week 2025: Power for Good

*We're excited to mark Anti-Bullying Week at The Pines from **Monday 10th to Friday 14th November**, with this year's inspiring theme: Power for Good.*

Throughout the week, children will explore how to support one another through assemblies and class activities, learning how to use their Power for Good to speak out, support others, and help build a world where kindness wins.

*We invite everyone to kick off Anti-Bullying Week with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November**, where children and adults will be encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate that we are all unique and to show how proud we are to embrace difference.*

Many thanks

Miss Philpotts

Wellies for Winter!

We're excited to share that our new welly store is ready and can hold many more pairs of wellies! With the arrival of muddier weather, we warmly invite more children to wear wellies at lunchtime so they can fully enjoy their OPAL play outdoors.

***Please make sure all wellies are clearly named** to help us keep them safe and easy to find!*

*We'd also be very grateful for any **donations of wellies (in good condition)** or **old coats** that your children have outgrown. These will help ensure all children can stay warm and dry while making the most of their playtime.*

Many thanks

Miss Philpotts

Head Teacher Awards



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

*Maple - **Thomas***

*Sycamore - **Harriet***

*Willow - **Lexi***

*Oak - **Sapphire***

*Cedar - **Sara***

*Ash - **Neive***

*Juniper - **Oliver***

*Rowan - **Harry L***

*The Orchard - **Charlie***

*Congratulations to **Evie-Jean** 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 are **Maple and The Orchard** with **100%**.*

*Well done to **Maple and The Orchard**!*

Best House Attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance of the week goes to **Malala Yousafzai** with **97.51%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Coffee Morning



*Our next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 12th November 2025** in the upper hall (after morning drop off) where a member of the Early Help team will be coming in for a chat.*

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

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: -

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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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 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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- **10.11.25 to 14.11.25 — Anti-Bullying Week 2025**
 - **10.11.25 — Odd Sock Day** (to kick off Anti-Bullying Week children and adults will be encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate that we are all unique and to show how proud we are to embrace difference. There is no cost for this and it is entirely optional that they wear odd socks (the brighter the better!))
 - **11.11.25 — Remembrance Assembly** (Children in Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows or anything similar are able to wear their uniforms to school)
 - **12.11.25 — School Disco Reception**, Y1, Y2 & Yr 3 - 3.30pm - 4.30pm / Yr 4, Yr5, & Y6 - 4.40pm - 6pm (tickets can be purchased via the school gateway within the payment section.)
 - **14.11.25 — Children in Need** (Children are invited to wear non uniform or Children in Need themed clothing for a donation of £1. Donations can be paid within the payment section on the school gateway or in cash) / Year 4, 5 and 6 Cross Country Event
 - **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** — *Enchanted Evening at The Pines (more information to follow)*
 - **10.12.25** — *Rocksteady Concert*
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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*
 - *Extra curricular Clubs - Term 2 (Reminder)*
 - *3D Printing Club - Cancelled*

- *Dodgeball Club - Free Trial (Wednesday 5th November)*
 - *Remembrance Poppies*
 - *Vacancy for a Parent Governor*
 - *Year 6 Young Citizens Event at Garth Hill College*
 - *School Disco*
 - *Applying for a Primary School Place - Reception September 2026*
 - *Year 6 DT Project*
 - *Emotional based school avoidance Workshops*
 - *Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day (Monday 10th November)*
 - *Remembrance Assembly - Tuesday 11th November*
 - *Children in Need - Friday 14th November 2025*
 - *Changes in Ash Class*
 - *Year 3 Library Visit - Wednesday 26th November 2025*
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Flyers

School Disco

Wednesday 12th November
Lower Hall

R, Y1, Y2 & Y3:
3.30 – 4.30
Tickets cost £5.00
(includes drink & 2 snacks)

Y4, Y5 & Y6:
4.40 – 6.00
Tickets cost £3.00
Tuck shop open.
Please no more than £5.
CASH only.
Children bring money at their own risk



Tickets on sale via the school gateway app.

Parents of children with SEND will need to discuss with Mrs Davies if they want to attend to support their child. However they are very welcome to become members of the PTA and get a DBS check.

Parents will need to make the decision as to whether they think a loud disco is appropriate for their child.

Please note: Children will NOT be allowed to walk home on their own as it will be dark so please arrange for them to be collected.



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9AM - 3:00PM OR
EARLY DROP OFF AT
8:30AM

AGE: 5 - 11 YEARS

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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






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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it on to us
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Plus, you'll get...



Exclusive retailer offers



Competitions



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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

