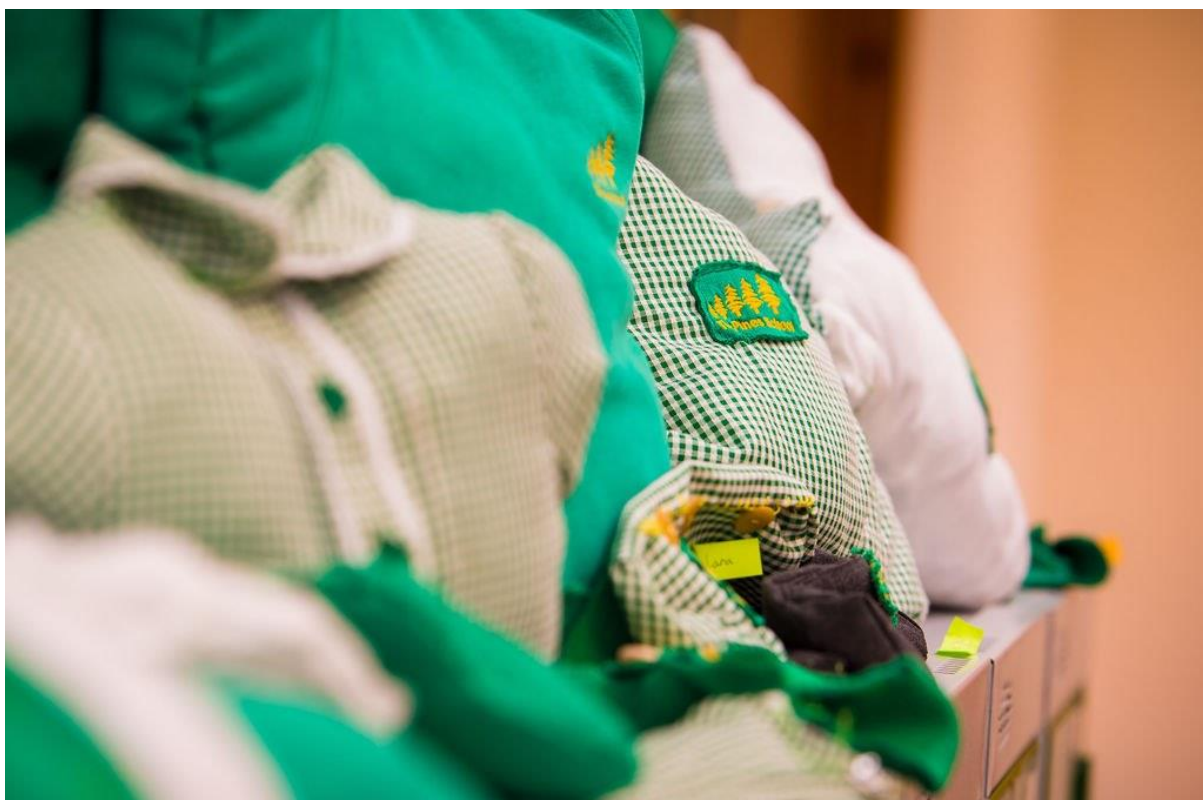




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 17.10.25 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



This edition will contain: -

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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

Wow STEM week has been amazing! The children have been learning lots about science and technology and we have had so many brilliant visitors through our doors! A huge thank you to Mrs Drury and Mrs Laye for organising this. Please ask your children about what they have learnt this week.

There is a lot this week in the newsletter so I will keep my section short - just a quick one - we have had lots of children off this week with sore throats and high temperatures. Please can

*you cast your mind back to the times of covid where we were doing enhanced hand washing.
Please can you practice this with your children this weekend.*

Please be reminded that no dogs are permitted on the school site.

Don't forget the teachers have inset on Friday 24th. There will not be a newsletter next Friday due to this.

Year 3 and 4 Mixed Football Tournament

On Monday Hudson, Stanley, Carson, Dylan, Lily, Maddie, Klara, Tyler, Nancy-Mae and Philipa took part in a Year 3 and 4 mixed football tournament at Kings Academy Easthampstead Park, they showed incredible determination and teamwork, finishing runners-up in their group and narrowly missing out on a place in the semi-finals.

The tournament was filled with exciting moments, including fantastic saves from all our goalkeepers and a brilliant strike from Stanley that rattled the post. The link-up play between the girls and boys was a joy to watch, showcasing true team spirit. We are immensely proud of every child for their effort, resilience, and the outstanding sportsmanship they displayed throughout the day—both towards each other and the other teams. Thank you to all the parents and carers for their support too!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Davies



Celebrating Your Child's Learning

October has been a wonderfully busy month at The Pines! Alongside our regular curriculum, we've embraced enriching experiences through Black History Month and STEM Week, sparking curiosity and creativity across the school.

*On **Thursday 23rd October**, as you collect your child at the end of the day, we warmly invite you to briefly step into the classroom to view a piece of work linked to our wider learning this term. It won't be a formal showcase—just a quick moment to pop through the classroom door and see something your child has been working on.*

Gates will open at the usual time of 3.10pm, but will be open for an extra 10 minutes, closing at 3.30pm, to give everyone a chance to take a moment to celebrate their child's learning.

Thank you!

STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

What a week we have had at The Pines! Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics have been front and centre across the week. We have been lucky enough to welcome many inspiring visitors, take part in fantastic investigations, prove our problem solving in engineering challenges and work our mathematical brains with cracking some codes! The children have enjoyed all the practical activities and have learnt lots about both the world of STEM and themselves. We introduced the week thinking about the fact that having knowledge was great, but having skills was even better to help us achieve our goals and learn to never give up!

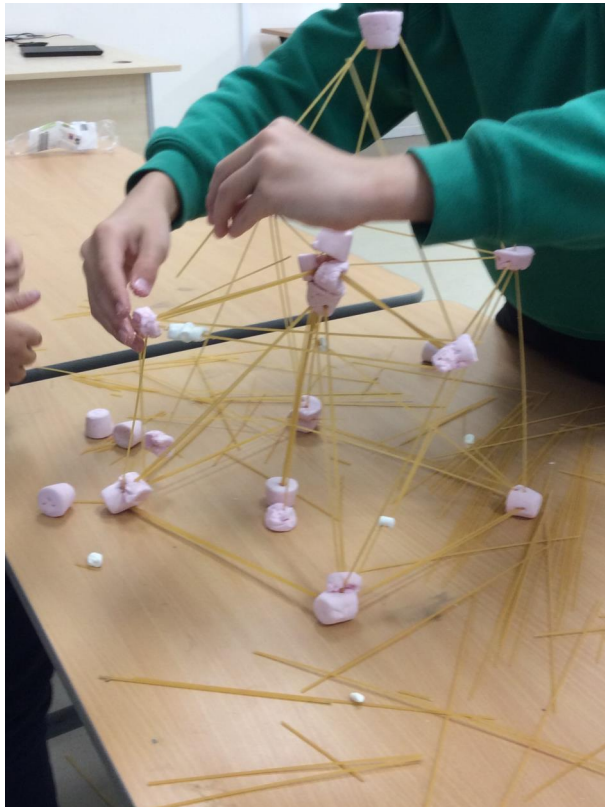
We would like to thank all our visitors and those that ran events this week that allowed us to see what might be possible for us in the future.

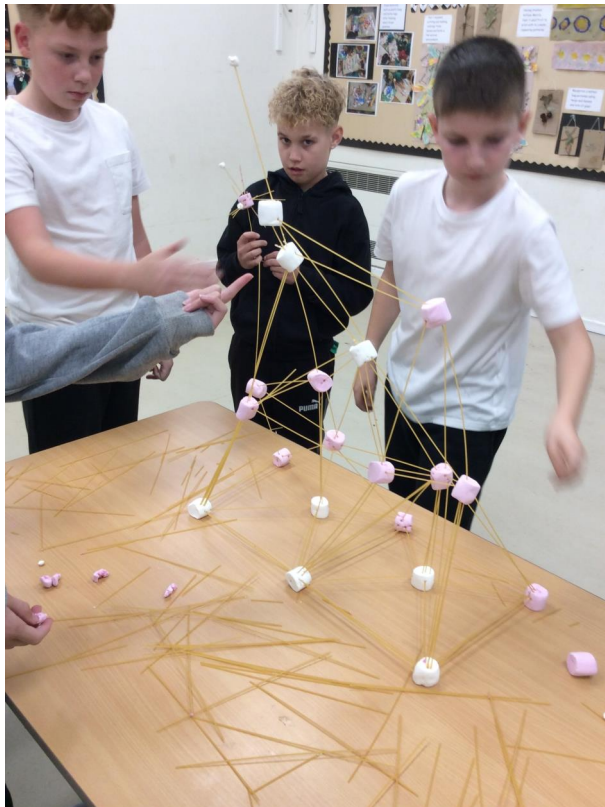
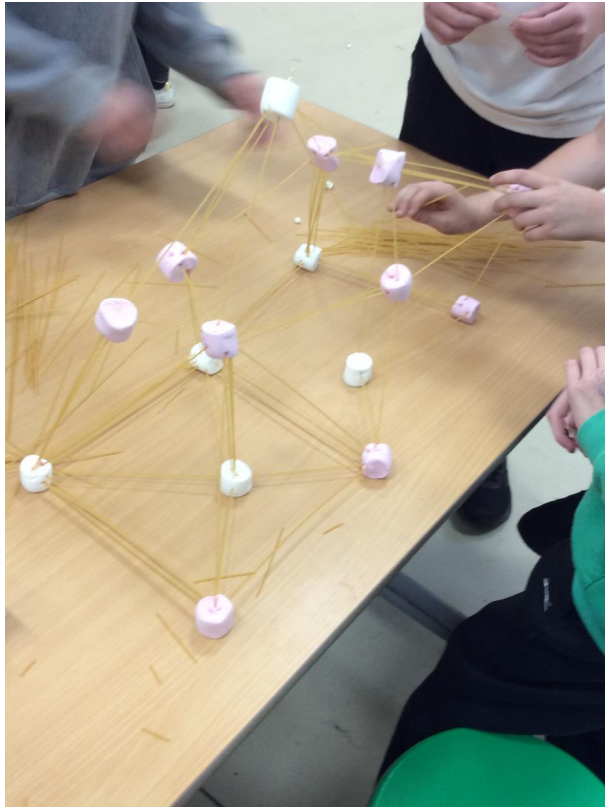
- Thank you Begum from Mira's Tutoring who came to speak to us about her career as a secondary teacher and her passion for running STEM clubs and inspiring others to have a career in the sciences.*
- Thank you to the National Centre for Computing Education who ran a webinar on Ada Lovelace day where we met tech heroes of today!*
- Thank you to a group of computer scientists who gave up their time to answer questions during a live online messenger chat.*
- Thank you to Caroline Thompson who works at Syngenta for coming to talk to us about what she does and how they try and keep their work with plants sustainable.*
- Thank you to 'Sonic Sarah' from Mad Science Club who introduced us to the fun you could have after school with her experiments.*
- Thank you to Amazon for putting on an online workshop which explored all the roles that you could pursue using technology and how it helps them as a business.*
- Thank you to our governor, Lee Allen, for popping in and talking about his job as a scientist. His time at The Pines when he was a student had inspired him to follow his current career!*

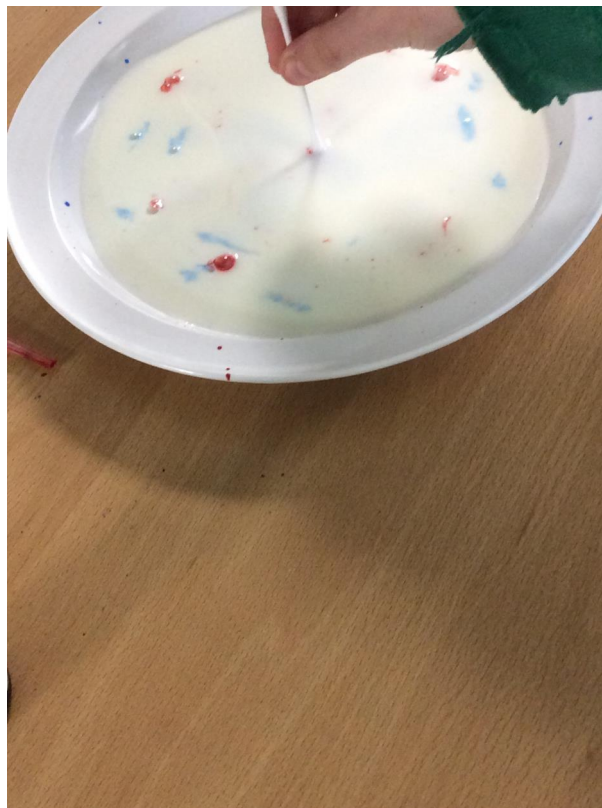
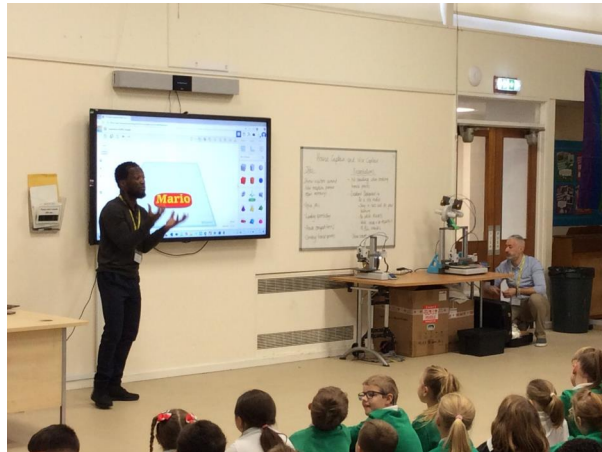
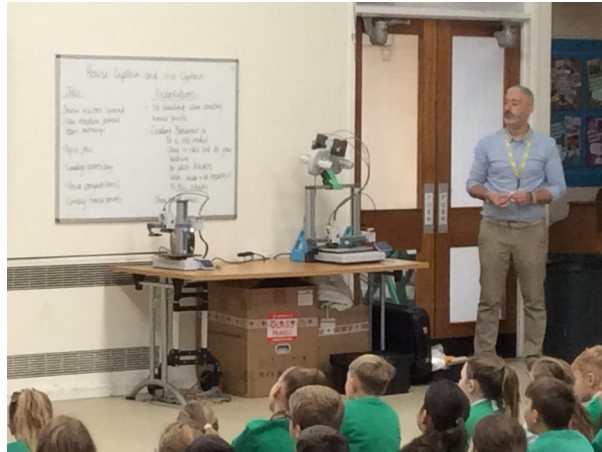
- *Thank you to Archie and Mario from 3D printing club for coming in and showing us the amazing technology we have at our fingertips to make our brilliant design and problem solving skills shine!*
 - *Thank you to Richard and Sam from Kings Academy Easthampstead Park School who always bring the fun with their workshops every year.*
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We hope the children have had as much fun this week as we have had teaching.













Head Teacher Awards



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

*Maple - **Timur***

*Sycamore - **Ben***

*Willow - **Joey***

*Oak - **Emilia***

*Cedar - **Aela***

*Ash - **Harry A***

*Juniper - **Eva***

*Rowan - **Kaden***

*The Orchard - **Aeryn***

*Congratulations to **Beanie** 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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Class with the Highest Attendance of the Week



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*The class with the highest attendance this week is **Elm** with **99.12%**.*

*Well done **Elm Class!***

Best House Attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance of the week goes to **Watson** with **95.98%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Coffee Morning



*Our next coffee morning we will be decorating cakes for Halloween which will be on **Wednesday 22nd October** 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.

Applications for Secondary (Yr 7) and Primary (Reception) September 2026

Applications for Secondary (Y7) September 2026

*The application process for admission to secondary school for year 7 in September 2026 is now open. The closing date for applications is national and will close on **31st October 2025**.*

Please click on the following link giving further information about the application process: -

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforsecondary

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 opens on **5th November 2025**.*

*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>



Bracknell Forest Council



Year 6
To
Year 7

Open for admissions 2026

It's time to apply for a secondary school place

Read the guide → Apply online → Receive your offer

The admission process to apply for Year 7, September 2026 is now open.

The application process is open from 12 September 2025 – 31 October 2025

Bracknell Forest residents only

For more info
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforsecondary





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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: -

- Monday 29th September 25 at 9.30am
- Friday 17th October 25 at 9.30am
- Tuesday 4th November 25 at 9.30am
- 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@thepinesschool.org.uk or phone on 01344 426413 to arrange a visit.



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Important Dates



- 20.10.25 — Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm in the Lower Hall

- **21.10.25** — *Parents Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm in the Lower Hall*
 - **23.10.25** — *Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Tournament / Term ends for half term (normal finish)*
 - **24.10.25** — *Inset Day*
 - **27.10.25 to 31.10.25** — *October Half Term*
 - **31.10.25** — *Closing date for applications for admission to secondary school for year 7 September 2026.*
 - **03.11.25** — *Children return to school (at 8.40am) / Extra curricular clubs commence*
 - **04.11.25** — *Open Morning for Reception Sept 2026 at 9.30am*
 - **05.11.25** — *The application process to start primary school (reception) from September 2025 opens / Year 1 Maths Workshop*
 - **06.11.25** — *Year 2 Maths Workshop / Y5/6 (Away) Football Match Cranbourne V The Pines*
 - **11.11.25** — *Remembrance Assembly (more information to follow)*
 - **27.11.25** — *Year 1 Milestones Museum Trip (parental consent and voluntary contribution is available on the school gateway within the payments section)*
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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*
 - *Nasal Flu Vaccination - Final Reminder*
 - *Coffee Morning - 15.10.25*
 - *Parents Evening October 2025 Year 6*
 - *Consultations on proposed admission arrangements 2027/28*
 - *Amendment to Parents Evening for Year 6*
 - *Football Team Training - Thursday 16th October*
 - *Year 1 Maths Workshop - 05.11.25 9.00.am*
 - *Year 2 Maths Workshop - 06.11.25 9.00.am*

- Emotional based school avoidance workshops
 - Friends of The Pines School PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes
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Flyers



JOIN US THIS HALF TERM

PRESTIGE SPORTS COACHING

£20 PER DAY
BOOK ALL 5 DAYS FOR JUST £80
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27TH-31ST OCTOBER

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9AM TILL 3PM

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Please bring Packed Lunch & Water Bottle, a Basketball if you have one.

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Join us for the All Girls Halloween Basketball Camp with **Coach Steve Pearl!** Enjoy one thrilling day of basketball fun, skill-building, and exciting games this Halloween.

Please bring a few Snacks & Water Bottle, a Basketball if you have one.

£24 A DAY
GIRLS
HALLOWEEN CAMP
27TH OCTOBER



AGES: 5-16 YEARS GIRLS
1PM - 5PM AT
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LIGHT NIGHT

JOIN US FOR LIGHT NIGHT 2025! A FUN, BRIGHT ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN, JUST FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS!

ENJOY GAMES, CRAFTS, SONGS, STORIES, FOOD, SWEETS, AND THIS YEAR... ZUMBA KIDS! WEAR YOUR BRIGHTEST CLOTHES AND GET READY TO PARTY IN A SAFE, JOY-FILLED SPACE!

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
THE KERITH CENTRE, CHURCH RD, BRACKNELL RG12 1EH
PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL – ONLY £4 PER FAMILY!

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
PARENTS MUST STAY, SO IT'S FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
SIGN UP TODAY AND LET'S SHINE TOGETHER!

SCAN ME 

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK IN
OR VISIT
WWW.KERITH.CHURCH/BRACKNELL-KIDS

🔔 Could You Be Our Next School Governor? 🌐

The Pines School is looking for a passionate and forward-thinking individual to join our Governing Board.

Whilst we already have parents on our board, you may know someone who would like to join us.

We're especially keen to welcome someone with experience or interest in:

- **Climate change and sustainability**
- **Environmental education**
- **Technology and digital innovation**
- **Artificial Intelligence and its role in learning**

As a governor, you'll help shape the strategic direction of our school, support leadership and ensure the best outcomes for our pupils. Your insights could help us embed eco-conscious values, embrace digital learning and prepare our children for a rapidly evolving world.

🕒 **Time commitment:** Around 9 meetings per year, plus occasional school visits and training.

📋 **No prior experience needed** – full training and support provided.

If you're ready to make a difference and bring your unique perspective to our team, we'd love to hear from you!

➡ **Contact Claire Pollard, Clerk to the Governors** at clerk@thepinesschool.org.uk to find out more or express your interest.

Let's work together to build a greener, smarter future for our children.

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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





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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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Is your child entitled to free school meals?

 Bracknell
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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

