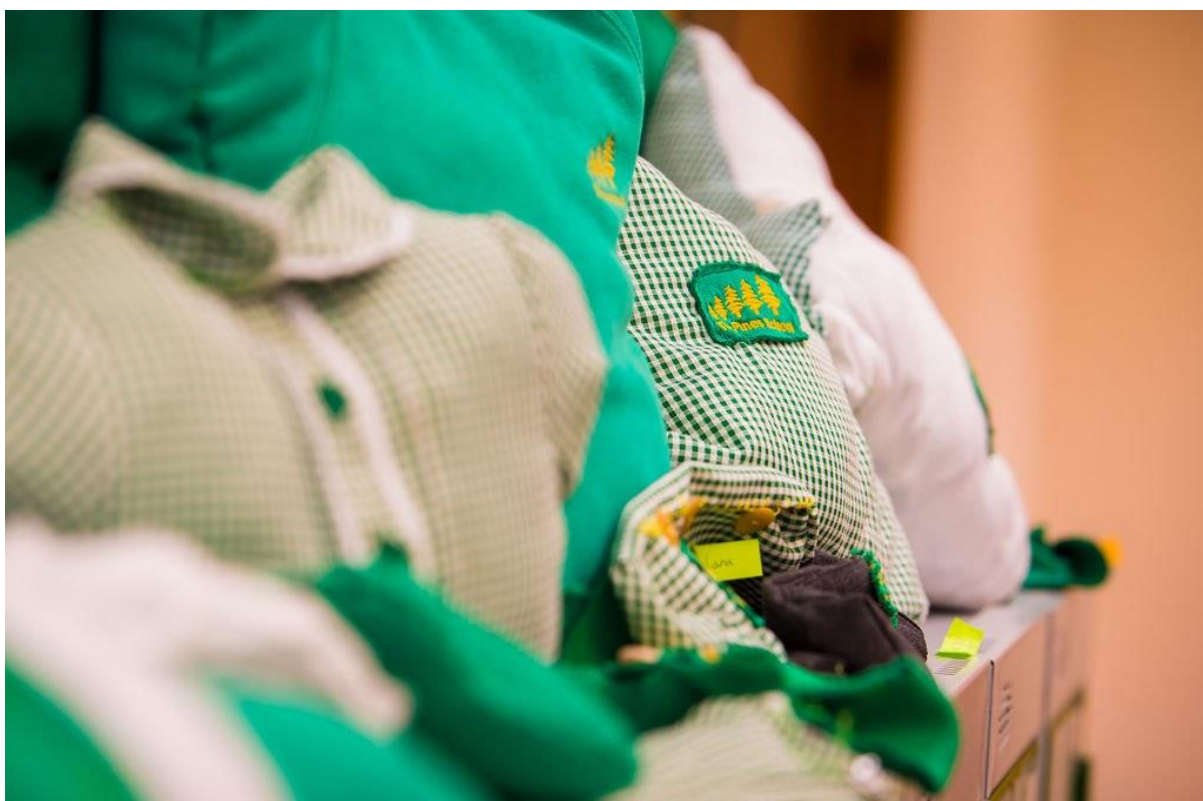




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 10.10.25 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



This edition will contain: -

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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

Another busy week at The Pines. Lots to celebrate though - Year 4 had their 100 class dot treat yesterday (I am so proud at the way they are all learning, especially with their maths). Our fabulous football team won 2-0 to Owlsmoor yesterday. We really enjoyed the match report in assembly today. Year 6 have missed Mr Davies (who has been poorly) but they have been brilliant and have produced some amazing art work. Thank you to the rest of the year 6 team for helping out so brilliantly.

Illness

Unfortunately we have had lots of staff and children off this week with coughs, colds and flu like symptoms - please can you remind your children to wash their hands frequently to keep the germs away.

Parents Evening

We will be holding parents evening in person this term on Monday 20th October between the hours of 3.30 - 7.00pm and on Tuesday 21st October 3.30pm - 5.30pm in the lower hall. This will be an opportunity for a discussion with your child's class teacher around how your child's learning and progressing.

Appointments will last for 10 minutes, you will receive an email with instructions for booking an appointment on Monday 13th October and bookings will remain open until Friday 17th October, please ensure you book an appointment for your child during this time.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Davies

Punctuality reminder

Starting Strong Each Morning!!

t's been wonderful to see so many children arriving with big smiles and getting stuck into their morning work from 8:40am—what a brilliant way to start the day!Please do ensure your child is in by 8:55am, as arriving late can mean missing key learning and the calm, focused start that helps set them up for success.

I'd also like to take an opportunity to say thank you for giving such cheerful greetings at the gate and on classroom doors! Your warm smiles and commitment to our no mobile phone policy really help create a safe and welcoming atmosphere for all our children.It's a real privilege to have joined such a caring and committed school community!

Miss Philpotts

Head Teacher Awards



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

*Maple - **Samuel***

*Sycamore - **Chloe***

*Willow - **Frankie***

*Oak - **Stanley***

*Cedar - **Hudson***

*Ash - **Skylar***

*Juniper - **Lucas***

*Rowan - **Bobby***

*The Orchard - **Kian***

*Congratulations to **Lucy** in **The Orchard** 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 **Cedar** with **100%**.*

*Well done **Cedar Class**!*

Best House Attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance of the week goes to **Marcus Rashford** with **97.27%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Coffee Morning



*Our next coffee morning will be a reading theme and will be on **Wednesday 15th October** in the upper hall (after morning drop off). Any parents attending you may want to bring one of your favourite books for a book swap.*

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

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

Open for admissions
2026

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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Reception to Year 6 Children Annual Flu Vaccination

*Please be reminded that the Berkshire Immunisation Team will be in The Pines on **Wednesday 15th October** to administer the annual flu vaccinations to children in Reception through to Year 6.*

If you haven't already given consent, please click on the link in the attached letter as soon as possible. The form must be completed by 9am on Tuesday 14th October.

Please complete the form even if you do not wish your child to be vaccinated. Without a 'yes' or 'no' consent form on the system you may continue to be contacted by the Immunisation Team, as they are required to account for all eligible children.

If you encounter any problems completing the form on your phone, we have a laptop in the school office that can be used.

Please contact Mrs Salmon at admin@thepinesschool.org.uk, if you have any queries.



Berkshire Healthcare
Children, Young People and
Families services

Berkshire Immunisation Team
Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust
E: Eastschoolimms@berkshire.nhs.uk

T: 0300 365 0077

W: cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/immunisation-service

Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your Child is Now Eligible for Their Annual Flu Vaccine

Your child will be eligible for their annual flu vaccine this autumn (This is offered to all children in Reception up to Year 11). For most children and young people this will be offered in school, however if your child does not currently attend school, please continue to complete a **yes** or **no** consent form following the details below and then contact us to discuss a community clinic appointment.

Flu can make children very poorly, and the vaccine helps keep them safe. Even if your child had the flu vaccine last year, they need it again this year.

The Berkshire Immunisation team will visit your child's school **The Pines School** on **15 October 2025**. Please complete a YES or NO consent form for each child using the links below and include your school's unique code: **BK134740**. Submit all forms by 9am, one full school day (24 hours) before the session so the team can review them in time.

Types of Flu Vaccine Available

1. Nasal Flu Vaccine (contains a small amount of porcine gelatine)

This is the most effective flu vaccine for children. It is a quick, simple, and painless spray administered into the nose.

✦ [Click here](#) to complete the **YES** or **NO** consent form for the nasal flu vaccine



2. Injectable Flu Vaccine (does not contain any porcine gelatine)

If you decline the nasal spray due to its porcine content, an injectable alternative is available.

✦ [Click here](#) to complete the **YES** or **NO** consent form for the injectable flu vaccine



✓ If you would like your child to receive their annual flu vaccine, please complete a **YES** form using the information above.

✗ If you do not want your child to receive the flu vaccine, or if your child has already received a flu vaccine since September 2025, please complete a **NO** form to update your child's records.

Without a **YES** or **NO** consent form in the system you may continue to be contacted by the Immunisation Team, as we are required to account for all eligible children and young people.

📄 We need your child's NHS number on the form. Find it here: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/online-services/find-nhs-number/>

📞 Problems with the completing the online form? We can provide you with a paper copy or support with completing. Please contact us via **0300 365 0077**

For further information on flu please see links below:

- [Children's flu vaccine - NHS](#)
- [Protecting your child against flu: Information for parents and carers](#)
- [BIMA Flu Vaccination Guides 2025](#)

📧 If you have completed a YES consent form and wish to change your response to a NO please let us know at least 24 hours before the planned session date by emailing: withdrawconsentimms@berkshire.nhs.uk. Please ensure you include your child's full name, DOB and school. Please also send a letter in with your child on the day of the school session containing the above information, for the attention of the Immunisation Team

⚠️ If your child becomes wheezy or starts steroids after you fill in the form, contact us right away.

💙 Vaccines help keep children healthy and safe. **Is your child up to date with their routine childhood vaccinations? To find out what vaccines are recommended please visit [NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk).**

Thank you for helping us protect your child and others.

Kind regards,

Berkshire Immunisation Team

Important Dates



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- **13.10.25** — Year 3 and 4 Mixed Football Tournament
 - **13.10.25 to 17.10.25** - STEM Week
 - **15.10.25** — Reception to Year 6 children Annual Flu vaccination / Coffee Morning
 - **16.10.25**— Y5/6 (Away) Football Match New Scotland Hill V The Pines
 - **17.10.25** — Open Morning for Reception Sept 2026 at 9.30am
 - **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
 - **03.11.25** — Children return to school (at 8.40am)

- *04.11.25 — Open Morning for Reception Sept 2026 at 9.30am*
 - *05.11.25 — Year 1 Maths Workshop*
 - *06.11.25 — Year 2 Maths Workshop*
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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 4 Class Dot Reward - Thursday 9th October*
 - *Harvest*
 - *Weekly Newsletter (W.E 03.10.25)*
 - *Bacon Baps Coffee Morning - 10.10.25*

- *Mr Davies*
 - *Football Team Training - Thursday 9th October*
 - *Parents Evening October 2025*
 - *Book alert - action required*
 - *Year 5 Tea Tasting*
 - *Year 4 St Michael's Church Easthampstead Trip (Christmas Unwrapped)*
 - *Year 2 DT Help*
 - *Year 4 resources needed*
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Flyers

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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Bracknell Music Centre HAVE A GO

Come and try an instrument for free and learn about lessons at our music centres, schools and other opportunities we offer!

BRACKNELL MUSIC CENTRE

Ranelagh School, Ranelagh Drive, Bracknell RG12 9DA

Saturday 18 October

Oboe/Bassoon 10.00-10.45am | 10.45-11.15am

Monday 20 October

Voice 5.45-6.15pm | 6.15-6.45pm

Thursday 6 November

Brass 5.00-5.30pm | 5.30-6.00pm



CLICK HERE OR
SCAN TO BOOK

www.berksmusictrust.org.uk

0118 901 2370

admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk

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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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



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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

