



Weekly Newsletter

Week End 26.09.25 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

I have genuinely been blown away by each and every child this week. I have enjoyed spending time in classes and can safely say that all of the children have settled back to school this year very successfully. The children are focused and on task in lessons. They are moving around the school calmly. I have been very impressed with our new Year 6's. They are embracing the responsibility and watching them completing bikeability and seeing their resilience demonstrates that they really have made huge progress already.

I watched a wonderful phonics lesson in Year 1 as well. Miss Scholtz was giving really clear instructions and all the children were so attentive.

OPAL and VOLUNTEERS

We had a visit from Libby from Opal on Tuesday. It was very positive and she is impressed with how far we have come, however to achieve our accreditation we still have more work to do. With this in mind - if any one is particularly skilled at building things, carpentry, planting things or would be interested in helping us either on a regular basis or on a one off occasion please get in touch. We have got some more big ideas but really need your help.

On this note we also need more volunteers to come and support reading in our school. If you are interested in coming in to help, please get in touch with Miss Champion in the office.

Coffee Mornings

Mrs Williams loves to put on coffee mornings however we are finding that not many people can make it. We would love to see more of you coming to these. Miss Phillpots will be there too and we are hoping to make them more focused around topics that can help you.

Birch Hill Library

The assembly this week was delivered by Sharon from Birch Hill library, she talked to the children about libraries and read a story. The local libraries are a great place to get books for your children. Please head down to your local library and escape into a book. I have really enjoyed seeing the children with their heads in books in the classrooms.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Davies

Head Teacher Awards



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

*Maple - **Finley***

*Sycamore - **Nikita***

*Willow - **Charlie B***

*Oak - **Lily***

*Cedar - **Hayley***

*Ash - **Bonnie***

*Juniper - **Jack***

Rowan - **Bobby**

The Orchard - **Oscar**

Congratulations to **Vyom** in **Ash Class** 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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SEND

Autism Focus

Language Around Autism: As part of our ongoing commitment to inclusion and respect for all children, we are changing the way we talk about autism. This has been highlighted as part of a program by the Autism Education Trust who have produced a 'Why Words Matter' document. (<https://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/resources/terminology-guide-why-words-matter>)

Many autistic people, both adults and children now prefer to move away from terms such as 'autistic spectrum/disorder' and prefer to use phrases such as "autistic child" rather than "a child with autism." The idea is that autism is a part of who they are, not something separate or negative. We are using this language so that it celebrates and accepts neurodiversity. These changes help us create a more welcoming environment where every child feels seen, valued, supported and can be their BEST.

Here are some helpful resources

- [Autism Foundation Parent Support Toolkit](#) – Practical strategies and insights for supporting autistic children

- [Inclusive Language Guide – PAAutism.org](#) – Examples of respectful language and what to avoid
 - [Neurodiversity Resources – Love & Autism](#) – Articles and videos from autistic voices and advocates
 - [Neurodiversity Understood – Parent Guide \(PDF\)](#) – A downloadable guide to affirming neurodivergent children
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The Children and Young Person Integrated Therapies page (CYPIT) has a wealth of information and strategies that you may find useful.

[ADHD and Autism \(Neurodiversity\) - Children Young People and Families Online Resource](#) Apps to help with children and young people's mental wellbeing Bilateral coordination (coordinating left and right side) How to support with communication, sensory needs, emotions and behaviour Professionals - guidance to our request for help process Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Public Health Nursing (health visiting, school nursing, immunisation) Specialist Children ...cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk

There are also some useful parent workshops that you can attend to support with strategies and resources.

Mrs Chandler

The Pines Attendance Strategy

Please find attached a copy of The Pines Attendance strategy, this is part of the initiative from Bracknell Forest Council. There is a link to the full Bracknell Forest Attendance Strategy below. If you think your child has any barriers to attending school, please let me know and I will arrange to meet with you fsa@thepinesschool.org.uk

Attendance Strategy 2025 to 2028

Kind Regards

Mrs T Williams

Family Support Advisor/Attendance Officer

**Bracknell Forest Attendance Strategy**

The **Bracknell Forest Attendance Strategy 2025–2028** outlines how schools, families, and services work together to support regular school attendance. To help you understand what this means for you and your child, this is a summary that highlights the key messages, your role in supporting attendance, and what you can expect from the school. Thank you for your continued support in helping every child attend, achieve, and thrive.

Follow the link below to read the full strategy or head to www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk to find out more.

[Bracknell Forest Attendance Strategy](#)

What is the Strategy About?

- Children who attend school regularly do better academically, socially, and emotionally.
- Good attendance helps build confidence, friendships, and future success.
- It's a shared plan between schools, families, and services to help every child attend school regularly.
- It focuses on early support, understanding individual needs, and working together to remove barriers.

Who is Involved?

- Parents and carers:** Encouraged to work closely with schools to support attendance.
- Schools:** Provide support, monitor attendance, and act early when concerns arise.
- Local Authority and Services:** Work in partnership with schools and families to offer specialist support in areas such as mental health, safeguarding, or SEND.

What is Expected from Schools?

- Act early to spot and support attendance concerns.
- Use a graduated response: offer universal support, initiate early conversations, and apply formal interventions when needed.
- Work with empathy and consider family circumstances.
- Coordinate with services like Early Help, CAMHS, and social care to provide joined-up support.
- Celebrate attendance and keep families informed.

What is Expected from Families?

- Make sure children attend school regularly and on time.
- Inform the school promptly about absences and return dates.
- Engage with school and services if concerns arise, including attending meetings.
- Keep emergency contacts up to date.
- Support home routines that encourage attendance.
- Avoid term-time holidays and schedule appointments outside school hours.

Further Support with Attendance

If you'd like further support with attendance, so we can work together to act early and remove any barriers, please speak to Mrs Williams, our Family Support Advisor, or Miss Philpotts, our Deputy Headteacher.

Class with the Highest Attendance of the Week



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*The class with the highest attendance this week are **Elm** with **100%**.*

*Well done **Elm** Class!*

Best House Attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance of the week goes to **Malala Yousafzai** with **98.21%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Macmillan Coffee Morning



We had our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Wednesday and it was a huge success thank you to all our lovely parent/carers who kindly donated cakes, contributed towards them for such a great cause and attend this event we are so grateful.

Mrs Williams will update you with the amount we raised next week.





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



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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Individual and Sibling School Photos - Wednesday 1st October

Children are having their individual and sibling school photos taken on Wednesday 1st October 2025.

Please can children come dressed in their school uniform. Year 4 do have PE in the afternoon, please can they bring in their PE kit to change into, unless they are already wearing their always active uniform.

Census Day - Thursday 2nd October

On Thursday 2nd October 2025 it is our census day and you may be aware that a lot of our funding is based on the number of children that have a meal from the kitchen on this day.

The main meal choices will be chicken goujons with seasoned potato wedges and tomato sauce; vegetable nuggets with seasoned potato wedges and tomato sauce; sausage baguette or a jacket potato with either chocolate brownie, yoghurt or a fresh fruit platter for pudding.

It would be fabulous if every child could eat with us, however if you are worried that your child might not eat the hot meal, rest assured they will not go hungry. Their teachers will be with the children in the hall and they will check the children's plate before they are allowed to leave the table. There will also be the salad bar items such as plain pasta, freshly baked bread, cucumber and tomatoes to fill up on if need be.

If you do have any questions please contact the school office.

Important Dates



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- **29.09.25** — Open Morning for Reception Sept 2026 at 9.30am
 - **01.10.25** — Individual and sibling school photos
 - **02.10.25** — Census Day / Y5/6 (Home) Football Match The Pines v St Michaels Easthampstead

- **03.10.25** — *Busy Bags workshop (Reception children)*
 - **06.10.25** — *National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) Height and Weight Checks for Children in Year 6*
 - **09.10.25**— *Y5/6 (Home) Football Match The Pines V Owlsmoor*
 - **13.10.25 to 17.10.25** - *STEM Week*
 - **15.10.25** — *Reception to Year 6 children Annual Flu vaccination*
 - **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*
 - **23.10.25** — *Term ends for half term (normal finish) / Y5/6 (Home) Football Match The Pines V St Josephs*
 - **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*
 - *Understanding misinformation and disinformation*
 - *Busy Bags Workshop 03.10.25 Reception*
 - *Individual and Sibling School Photos (Wednesday 1st October)*
 - *Is your child entitled to free school meals*
 - *The Orchard - Mrs Allen*
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STEM Week - Monday 13th - Friday 17th October

THE PINES STEM WEEK NEEDS YOU!

We are excited to announce that we will be focusing on STEM during the week Monday 13th October - Friday 17th October. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

We love to use these weeks to inspire our children and hopefully introduce them to the wide world of careers available to them.

If you, or anyone you know, works in any of the STEM fields, and can spare some time, either in person or virtually, we would love to welcome you to The Pines.

Please email the office admin@thepineschool.org.uk to get in touch with the Science, Design and Technology and Computing leads.

Thank you so much and we look forward to hearing from you.

Year 6 Creative Work

Take a look at at what our Year 6's have made as part of the work based on novel Night of the Gargoyles!

Well done Year 6!



Flyers



GEMS
Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Hampshire

Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Event Title
SEPT 16	10AM TO 12NOON	Navigating School Avoidance
SEPT 16	7 PM TO 9 PM	3 Part ADHD Course
SEPT 17	7 PM TO 9 PM	3 Part Autism Course
OCT 01	7:30 PM TO 9:30 PM	Managing Anxiety
OCT 7	7 PM TO 9 PM	NEW - Emotional Regulation
OCT 14	7 PM TO 9 PM	Sensory Processing
OCT 15	7 PM - 9 PM	Sleep - Autism & ADHD
OCT 16	10 AM TO 12 NOON	Empowering Calm
COMING SOON	10 AM TO 12 NOON	NEW - PDA

 Parenting Special Children

 NHS Frimley

 the autism group



Looking After Little Teeth

Now accepting new NHS patients - no cost to families

Children should visit the dentist as soon as their first baby tooth appears. Early check-ups help spot problems before they start and build confidence in the dental chair. Regular visits make dental care feel familiar, reduce anxiety, and set the foundation for a lifetime of healthy teeth.

Let's make brushing, smiling, and visiting the dentist a normal part of growing up!

Call 01344 484466 to book onto
Chloe's Children's Clinic



Perfect Smile Bracknell (Crossways)
01344 484466





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your local music centre in Bracknell!

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Ranelagh Drive
Bracknell
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SATURDAY

Preschool & Reception - 8.55am - 9.25am
Year 1 - 10.05am - 10.45am
Year 2 - 10.50am - 11.30am



To find out more visit our website www.berksmusictrust.org.uk
or email admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk for a FREE taster session!

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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Just search for:

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8,000+ retailers will donate to us whenever you shop with them



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to where you'd
like to shop



Checkout:
prices are exactly
the same!



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a % of your spend
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They pass
it on to us
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Exclusive retailer offers



Competitions



A warm feeling inside!

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

