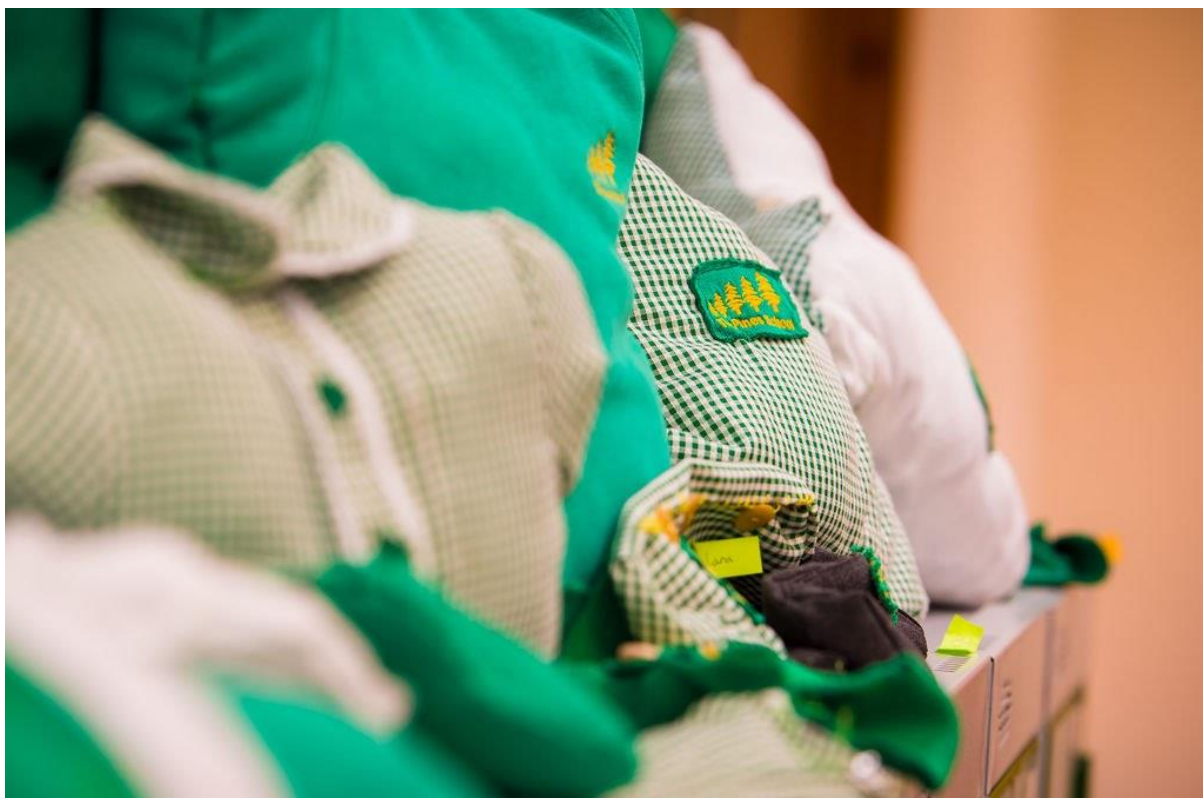




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 19.09.25 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

Another brilliant week at The Pines. Yesterday was National Fitness Day and Miss Owen (our new PE lead) organised an amazing day of fun and fitness. She got everyone involved and we saw lots of children and staff doing star jumps, running or other exercises. They have all earned lots of house points. Well done to everyone for an amazing event.

Talking of sports, this year Miss Owen wants to do things a little differently with PE and has some amazing ideas, this is her message:

As part of our ongoing commitment to raising the profile of sport within our school and fostering a culture of participation, teamwork and achievement, we are excited to announce the introduction of Sports Captains this year. Our representatives for each house are: **Florence for Marcus Rashford, Max J for Sir David Attenborough, Eva for Emma Watson and Harrison for Malala Yousafzai.** These student leaders will play a key role in:

- Promoting sport and physical activity across all year groups
 - Supporting the planning and delivery of sports events throughout the academic year
 - Collaborating with staff, peers and house captains to develop inclusive sporting opportunities
 - Encouraging participation and celebrating the sporting achievements of all students
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Our aim is to ensure that sport is accessible, enjoyable and valued by every member of our school community. The Sports Captains will be instrumental in helping us achieve this vision by acting as role models and advocates for sport and physical wellbeing. We are super excited to see what amazing sporting achievements we can achieve this year.

House Captains

We are really pleased to announce our new house captains. These have been chosen by the children in each house. The nominees had to do a presentation and the children got to vote in a democratic way.

Our new house captains are:

Sir David Attenborough - Bobby (Captain) Beanie and Oliver W (Vice Captain)

Malala Yousefzai - Harry L (Captain) Ava (Vice Captain)

Marcus Rashford - Lilia (Captain) Laela (Vice Captain)

Emma Watson - Kamile (Captain) Henry (Vice Captain)

"With great power comes great responsibility"

I have met with the captains and vice captains today and we have agreed job roles and responsibilities. I have also made it very clear that these young people have a very important role of representing me and our school. I am expecting great things.

Lockdown Procedure - Keeping Safe

We completed our fire drill this week and all of the children were amazing, they have to come onto the top playground and line up in silence. I briefly mentioned that we would be doing a lockdown practice at some point this year. I said that before we do this, I will explain what we need to do and why we need to do it. Before we do any lockdown practice, parents will be notified. We will go through it in detail and for some of our children they will need more support to understand the process and we will use appropriate resources with them.

The school is extremely safe with fences all the way around and adults on every gate. A lockdown can be used for something as simple as a wild animal on the field or a hazardous storm. Whilst these things are extremely rare it is important to be prepared.

Please can I reinforce that before we do any lockdown procedure (keeping safe) procedure, we will go through it with the children and notify parents.

Reminder of contact channels

Don't forget that you don't need to come straight to me with emails. Please go to your child's class teacher first. If it is an absence query please go to Mrs. Williams. If you do want to send me an email please go through admin@thepinesschool.org.uk (unless it is urgent).

Thank you as always for your support and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Davies

Punctuality reminder and hello!

Starting Strong Each Morning!

It'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 - **Benett***

*Sycamore - **Marnie***

*Willow - **Brody***

*Oak - **Sophie***

*Cedar - **Beau***

*Ash - **Frank***

*Juniper - **Aria***

*Rowan - **Leila-Rose***

*The Orchard - **Lucy***

*Congratulations to **Delilah** in **Elm** 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 **Juniper** with **98.96%**.*

*Well done **Juniper** Class!*

Best House Attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance of the week goes to **Sir David Attenborough** with **95.76%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Macmillan Coffee Morning



*Our next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 24th September** where I will be hosting a cake sale for Macmillan. It would be great if you could get your baking hats on and donate a cake. If you do, please can you drop to the school office in the morning and please give a list of ingredients. The Coffee Morning will be at 9:00am in the upper hall.*

Joining us for the Coffee Morning will be a member of staff from Promise Inclusion who support parents and carers for those who have children with learning disabilities or autism. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible so please come and join me for coffee and cake.

If you have any queries please let me know fsa@thepinessschool.org.uk

Kind Regards

Mrs T Williams

Family Support Advisor

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

Place: Upper Hall
Date: 24/19/25
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Contact: Mrs Williams



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What is Promise Inclusion's Family Liaison Service?

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SIGNPOSTING - CONNECTING YOU WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND
PROFESSIONALS

FORM FILLING - HELPING COMPLETE FORMS FOR BENEFITS/HOUSING/SUPPORT
SERVICES

MEETING SUPPORT - ENSURING YOU GET ALL THE INFO YOU NEED FROM
PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS



We offer coffee mornings, evening groups, events and trips for
carers to take a break, socialise and receive support from new
friends who understand their situation.

PHONE US ON 0300 777 8539 or EMAIL
KAREN@PROMISEINCLUSION.ORG

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>






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To
Year 7**

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2026**

**It's time to apply for a
secondary school place**

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guide

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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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- **24.09.25** — *Macmillan Coffee Morning (after morning drop off)*
 - **29.09.25** — *Open Morning for Reception Sept 2025 at 9.30am*
 - **01.10.25** — *Individual and sibling school photos*
 - **02.10.25** — *Census Day*
 - **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*
 - **13.10.25 to 17.10.25** - *STEM Week*
 - **15.10.25** — *Reception to Year 6 children Annual Flu vaccination*
 - **17.10.25** — *Open Morning for Reception Sept 2025 at 9.30am*
 - **23.10.25** — *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 2025 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*
 - *KAEP Open Evening - Tomorrow (Tuesday 16th September)*
 - *Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2025*
 - *Friends of The Pines School PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Reminder*
 - *Thursday 18th September - National Fitness Day*
 - *Macmillan Coffee Morning 24.09.25 9:00a.m. Upper Hall*
 - *Height and Weight Checks for children in Year 6*
 - *Census Day - Thursday 2nd October 2025*
 - *Parent/Carer Volunteers*

- *Busy Bugs Workshop 03.10.25 Reception*
 - *Bikeability Training*
 - *Data Collection Sheets (2025-26) - Reminder*
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Parent/Carer Volunteers

We need your help! Last year it was wonderful to be able to welcome parents, carers and other visitors into school and it would be fantastic to have adults who would be able to commit to regularly hearing children read again or support our school this term.

This is particularly welcome in Early Years and Key Stage One but would be valued across the whole school. If you would like to volunteer to hear children read, please email Miss Champion at n.champion@thepinesschool.org.uk detailing which day(s) of the week and times you would be free and also which class you would like to help in. We are happy for parents/carers to volunteer in the class their own child is in but if you feel for any reason that this will not work, please let us know.

If you volunteered at The Pines last term and have a current DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check with us, you will be able to start coming into school as soon as days/times are arranged. If you do not have a current DBS check or it is with another organisation, this will need to be completed prior to you volunteering. We can provide more information on this on request.

Many thanks for your support,

Miss Philpotts

Tudor Club visit to Hampton Court Palace

On Wednesday The Pines Tudor Club were lucky enough to visit Hampton Court Palace with Mrs Drury and Mr Watkins. This trip was possible due to a group of Year 6 children who organised the club in lunchtimes last year. They suggested the idea for the trip and we helped make it happen. They had a great day and could really bring their learning to life.











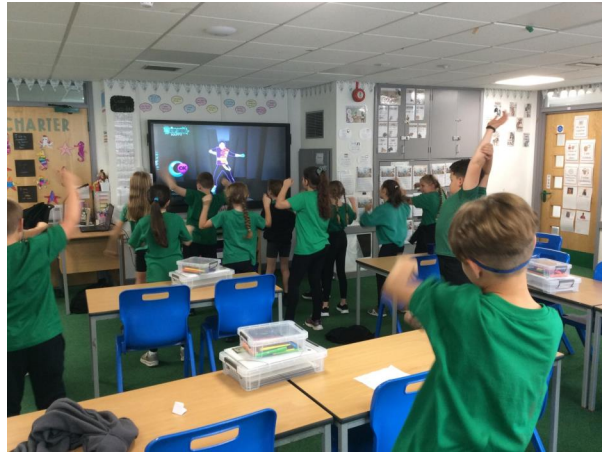


National Fitness Day - Thursday 18th September

Yesterday the children enjoyed various activities throughout the day as it was National Fitness Day they were able to earn fitness points that convert into house points for their houses.









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.

Flyers

Email : pta@thepinesschool.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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Open Evening | Intake 2026/27
Thursday 9th October 2025 | 18:00 - 20:00

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Is your child entitled to free school meals?

Bracknell Forest Council

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

