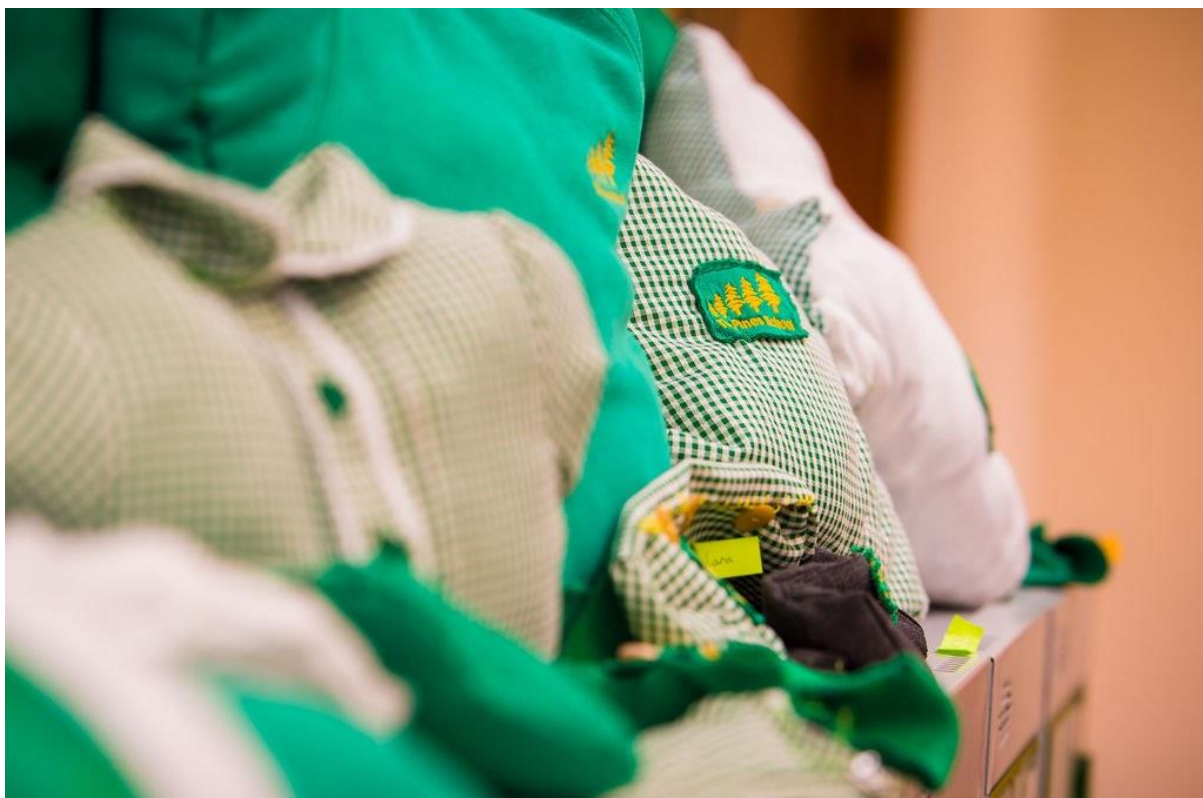




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 18.09.26 (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 great week at The Pines filled with lots of learning! I have been incredibly impressed with the way children come into school every day and immediately settle to their learning. I was also very impressed with the way the children came into assembly on Tuesday - their behaviour was impeccable!

At lunchtimes the children are really enjoying OPAL, however there have been a couple of incidents this week of rough play, especially between boys. Please can you remind your child how to play with others without hurting each other - thank you for your support with this.

Ways to support your child at home

You should now have the QR code to get access to a wide range of resources on the My Happy Mind app. If you need help with this please ask at the office or ask Mrs Williams. Mrs Williams will be running a coffee morning on how to use the app.

Reading - it is so important to read with your child and as they get older, encourage them to read more independently. You can read words in the supermarket, read signs as you walk or drive past them and talk about words that maybe new to a child.

Spellings- it is really important to help your child learn spellings, end of year spelling expectations are in the reading diaries. Please familiarise yourself with them and help your child to learn them.

Times Tables - the children across the school are doing very well learning their multiplication facts - please keep supporting your child at home to learn them.

Communication

Just a quick reminder in regards to communication, we will not be able to respond to emails immediately. We endeavour to respond within 48 hours however, sometimes this is not always possible due to other commitments within the school. If parents are sending an excessive number of emails a week, we will either put a communication plan in place or respond to them all once a week. If there are urgent safeguarding or welfare issues, please call the office as usual. Thank you for your support with this.

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 - Jesse (House Captain) and Skylar-May (Vice Captain)

Emma Watson - Neive (House Captain) and Harry H (Vice Captain)

Malala Yousefzai - Oliver (House Captain) and Bella (Vice Captain)

Marcus Rashford - Olivia (House Captain) and Bonnie (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.

Mrs Davies

Head Teacher Awards



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

*Elm - **Afonso***

*Maple - **Delilah***

*Sycamore - **Arthur***

*Willow - **Albie***

*Oak - **Ava***

*Cedar - **Josie and Alby***

*Hazel - **Sapphire***

*Rowan - **Alannah and Daisy-May***

*The Orchard - **Louis and Freddie***

*Congratulations to **Lockie** in **Maple 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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Class with the highest attendance of the week



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*The classes with the highest attendance this week are **Maple, Cedar, Rowan and The Orchard** with **100%**.*

Well done to all of these classes!

Best House attendance of the week



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*The best house attendance this week is **Emma Watson** with **94.59%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

School Admissions

Applications for Secondary (Y7) September 2027

*The application process to transfer to secondary school (Year 7) from September 2027 opens on **12 September 2026**. The closing date for applications is national and will close on **31st October 2026**.*

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

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforsecondary

Applications for Primary (Reception) September 2027 The application process for admission to primary school for children born between 01/09/2022 – 31/08/2023 for Reception in September 2027 opens on **5th November 2026**. The closing date for applications is national and will close on **15th January 2027**.

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 2027 is now open.

The application process is open from 12 September 2026 – 31 October 2026

Bracknell Forest residents only

Open for admissions
2027



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

The Pines School

Primary School Admissions 2027-28:

Children of the below age range can apply for a primary school place to join Reception in September 2027 from the 5th November 2026.
01/09/2022 – 31/08/2023

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 2027. Please ensure you apply on-time.

Open Mornings

We are holding open mornings for September 2027 Reception starters. Please do share with your family and friends who you think may be interested in attending. These will be on: -

Tuesday 29th September 26 at 10:00am
Friday 16th October 26 at 10:00am
Thursday 5th November 26 at 10:00am
Saturday 14th November 26 at 10.00am
Tuesday 1st December 26 at 10:00am
Tuesday 12th January 27 at 10.00am

Please contact the office via email on admin@thepinesschool.org.uk or phone on 01344 426413 to arrange a visit.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning



*Mrs Williams will be hosting a Macmillan coffee morning on **Friday 25th September 2026** after morning drop off, we will then sell the remaining cakes after school. Please can cake donations be brought to the office on the morning of the 25th. For home baked cakes, please include a list of the ingredients.*

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

Let's do whatever it takes to make cancer
care better for everyone, whoever and
wherever they are

Place: **THE PINES SCHOOL**

Date: **25/9/26**

Time: **9.00**

Contact: **MRS WILLIAMS**



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(2002907) and the Isle of Man (505). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC20261.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Breakfast and After School Club



*Unfortunately, due to staffing in our wrap around care this academic year nursery children
are only able to access our breakfast club currently not our after school club.*

Our current fees for Breakfast Club are £6.50 per session, per child and for After School Club are £13.50 per session, per child.

Bookings need to be made via the School Gateway, and are subject to payment at the time of booking. If you wish to pay with childcare vouchers or tax-free vouchers, please email Mrs Evans - sbm@thepinnesschool.org.uk to make arrangements for this.

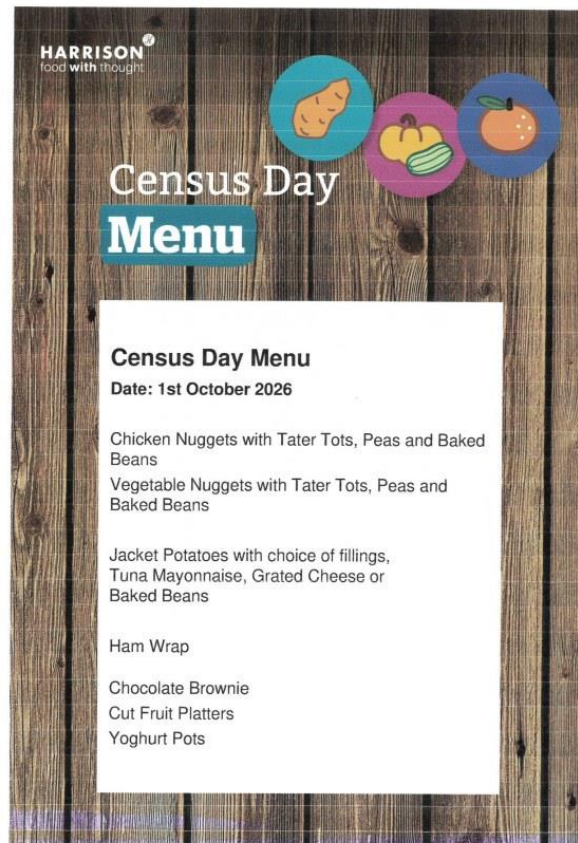
Currently each session is limited to 24 children, however if the demand increases, we will look to review this.

Census Day - Thursday 1st October 2026

On Thursday 1st October 2026 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 are chicken nuggets with tater tots, vegetable nuggets with tater tots, jacket potato or a ham wrap with either chocolate brownie, yoghurt or a fresh fruit platter for pudding.

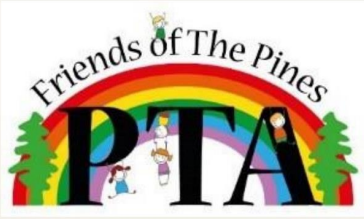
It would be fabulous if every child could eat with us, however if you are worried that your child might not eat the hot meal, rest assured they will not go hungry. Their teachers will be with the children in the hall and they will check the children's plate before they are allowed to leave the table. 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 have pre-ordered a lunch for your child on this day, unfortunately this has now been cleared and you will need to re-order. If you do have any questions please contact the school office.



Friends of the Pines PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Friends of the Pines PTA AGM



- + Date: Thursday 1st October
- + Time: 5pm
- + Location: The Pines School
- + Everyone welcome
- + Please come and share your ideas or thoughts.

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*
 - *Secondary School admission - now open*
 - *Y6 Enrichment Friday - Term 1*
 - *Universal Credit/Free School Meals*
 - *New and review individual support plan's (ISP)*
 - *Gymnastics Club - Autumn Term 1*
 - *Dr Bike - Bike checking session 17th September*
 - *Coffee Morning 15.09.26*
 - *Year 5 Hazel Class Enrichment Friday (voluntary contribution)*

- *Year 5/6 STEM Workshop*
 - *Drama Club - Autumn Term 2026*
 - *Year 6 Information Evening at Sandhurst School*
 - *Census Day - Thursday 1st October*
 - *Dr Bike Year 5 and 6 - Cycle Checks tomorrow*
 - *Friends of the Pines PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)*
 - *Sweet Treat Friday*
 - *Parent Support Sessions*
 - *Bikeability Training - Monday 21st September*
 - *Bikeability Training - Tuesday 22nd September*
 - *Data Collection Forms 2026-27*
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Important Dates



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- *21.09.26 to 24.09.26 - Year 6 Bikeability Training*
 - *25.09.26 - Macmillan Coffee Morning after morning drop off / Deadline for Data Collection Forms to be completed*

- **29.09.26 at 10:00am** - Open Morning for Reception Sept 2027
 - **30.09.26** - Individual and Siblings School Photos
 - **01.10.26** - Census Day / Friends of the Pines School PTA Annual General Meeting
 - **07.10.26 9:00 10:30** - Parent Workshop Yr 5/6 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)
 - **13.10.26 3:30pm till 7:00pm** - Parents Evening (more information to follow)
 - **14.10.26** - Y6 National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) Height and weight check
 - **15.10.26 3:30pm till 5:30pm** - Parents Evening (more information to follow)
 - **16.10.26 at 10:00am** - Open Morning for Reception Sept 2027
 - **21.10.26** - Nasul Flu Vaccination (Reception to Year 6)
 - **22.10.26** - Inset Day
 - **23.10.26** - Inset Day
 - **26.10.26 to 30.10.26** - October Half term
 - **31.10.26** - Closing Date for a secondary school place (Year 7) September 2027 closes
 - **02.11.26** - Term starts for Children (8.40am)
 - **05.11.26** - Opening Day for a primary school place (Reception) September 2027 / Open Morning for Reception Sept 2027 at 10:00am
 - **06.11.26** - Parent Workshop Reception Busy Bags
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Flyers


**Information for
Young People**


Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

**Welcome from the Bracknell
Immunisation team**

We are a skilled Immunisation team working across Bracknell, delivering vaccinations to children aged 4–16 (Reception to Year 11) in schools and community venues across Berkshire. We have extensive experience supporting children who may be anxious or have additional needs. Our team can book clinics, check vaccine status, and provide advice and information. If you have any questions, please contact us using the details below.




We are visiting The Pines on
 Wednesday 21st October 2026 to
 deliver the flu vaccine. Please scan
 the QR code opposite to complete a
 consent form using your school code:
BK134740


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cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk
0300 365 0077 (Mon to Fri 8am – 4pm)
NHSimmunisations-Bracknell@berkshire.nhs.uk















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For Siblings, aged 8-13 years, of a child with a learning disability and or autism living in the Bracknell Forest area.

Every Thursday from 4:30pm to 6:15pm (term time)

At Braybrooke Community Centre,
Makepiece Road, Bracknell

Cost: £1 per week



The focus of the Siblings Group is to provide a fun, social environment, where children/young people can spend time away from the "ups and downs" of life with a brother or sister with a learning disability and or autism.

For further information, or for a registration form, phone the office on 0300 777 8539 or email admin@promiseinclusion.org

Activities will include art and crafts, pool, table tennis, bar football, cooking, group games, various activities, and occasional workshops.

Myshellartstudio!
The Pines
Arts & Craft club!!

Monday's from 15:15pm - 16:15pm

Painting, making crafts, learning skills and having fun!

This term will run for 11 weeks!!
£7.50 starting September 21st 2026
Years 3-6

All our staff are Enhanced DBS checked & trained in Safeguarding and basic first aid.

To book please email: myshellartstudio22@gmail.com
we can send you a link.
Or
Scan the QR code - takes you straight there!
Looking forward to creating with you!

If you have any questions, please reach out to us:
myshellartstudio22@gmail.com
Michelle & Tom 07437 879 473

"I wish every day was a Drama Club day!"

drama CLUB!

Tell Me About Drama Club

Drama Club classes are high energy, interactive and fun! We **SING, DANCE, ACT** and **PLAY** as we explore new and exciting themes every week.

Each session is brought to life with colourful props, engaging drama games, funny tongue twisters and much more!

Every Child Shines

Children grow in confidence and creativity whilst having heaps of fun and making new friends! We are passionate about creating nurturing and friendly sessions which allow children to reach their full potential and shine brightly!

At Drama Club, imaginations soar and **EVERY** child shines!

High Energy Fun Creative Interactive

Ask us about...

Birthday parties, toddler and pre-school classes, school and nursery sessions, events and intergenerational sessions.

www.dramatots.co.uk

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Dear Parents,

This week your child will attend Playball taster session at The Pines School. I am delighted to announce that we are back offering after school sessions every Wednesday for Nursery, Reception and Year 1. Spaces are given on a first come first serve basis, so please email playball.harry@gmail.com to book and for more information.

Kind Regards,
Harry Simmonds
07588681052

What is Playball?

Playball is a multi sports programme that teaches life skills to children through sport and movement. Our progressive curriculum is designed and researched by Occupational Therapists and Sports Scientists, and is constantly being updated in line with the latest trends and findings. At Playball the children participate in games and skills that cover 8 sports: Football, Tennis, Rugby, Hockey, Baseball, Volleyball, Cricket and Basketball.

Playball - Autumn Term

Wednesday after school 3.15 - 4pm (12 weeks)

Start: wk 10th September

End: wk 10th December

No claims: full term

Cost: £36 (£28 per session)

Payment should be made by the start of term and details will be sent out at the time of booking. Payment can be made in instalments if easier for parents.

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Community & School

FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS
Locomotion, Running, Jumping, Crawling, Rolling, Pushing, Pulling, Throwing, Manipulation of objects

2-3 years

FUNDAMENTAL SPORTS SKILLS
Throwing, Catching, Kicking, Striking, Rolling, Bouncing, Climbing, Balancing, Drilling, Driveway

3-4 years

SPORT SPECIFIC SKILL DEVELOPMENT
Individual Fundamental Skills, Equipment Handling, Rules, Game Play, Teamwork

4-5 years

MULTI-SKILLS
Locomotion, Running, Jumping, Crawling, Rolling, Pushing, Pulling, Throwing, Manipulation of objects

5-6 years

MULTI-SKILLS
Locomotion, Running, Jumping, Crawling, Rolling, Pushing, Pulling, Throwing, Manipulation of objects

6-8 years

CONTACT US FOR A FREE TRIAL

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The Pines

Come and learn to write play your own songs!

Thursday's After school 15:15pm- 16:15pm
First session - Thursday 17th September

No experience required: In a group setting, collaborating with each other's ideas and learning how to construct songs together! On different instruments, learning beats and chords.



● Playing Instruments ● Recording ● Writing Lyrics



*After school club.
 £88 for the Autumn term for 11 weeks!*

To book please email :
 Myshellartstudio22@gmail.com
 or Scan the QR code
 & go straight to the booking form!

Gymnastics

The Pines Primary School
 Years R, 1, 2 and 3: Friday PM 15:15 - 16:00

Start Date: Friday 25th September
 End Date: Friday 4th December

Please see **booking terms** below!

Bookings open NOW!!

10 weeks
 for
 £65.00



BOOKING TERMS

To secure a place on our gymnastics class, bookings must be made online:
www.cecoaching.uk/enquire

If there is a space in the class, you will receive a follow up email with payment details and terms and conditions for the upcoming course.

For more information on classes please email / call:
charles@cecoaching.info / 07395 234671 (Mon – Fri: 10am – 2pm)

**CE
 COACHING**



**King's Academy
Easthampstead Park**

Year 6 Open Evening

15 September 2026

Complete the form below to book your
place for our Open Evening.

Click here to book your place



Morning Tours

**Wednesday 9 September -
Wednesday 23 September 2026**

9:15am - 10:00am

Please phone reception on
01344 304567 to book a tour.



INSET DAY CAMPS



**THE PINES SCHOOL,
BRACKNELL, RG12 7WX**
THUR 22ND & FRI 23RD OCT 2026

**25% OFF
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MFB310**

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OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS REC - YEAR 6
QUALIFIED COACHES**

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**OCTOBER
HALF TERM**

**THE PINES SCHOOL,
BRACKNELL, RG12 7WX**
MON 26TH - FRI 30TH OCT 2026

**25% OFF
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QUALIFIED COACHES
FRIDAY SPECIAL ACTIVITY

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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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**Friends of The Pines
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. 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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website or app



Click out
to where you'd
like to shop



Checkout:
prices are exactly
the same!



The retailer sends
a % of your spend
to easyfundraising



They pass
it on to us
:)

Plus, you'll get...



Exclusive retailer offers



Competitions



A warm feeling inside!

Over
£60m
raised for UK good causes

£0
extra cost to anyone



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THE PINES

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

Autumn term 2026

INSET DAY: Tuesday 1st September 2026

Term starts on: Wednesday 2nd September 2026

INSET DAY: Thursday October 22nd

INSET DAY: Friday October 23rd

Term ends on: Friday 23rd October 2026

October half term holiday: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026

Term starts on: Monday 2nd November 2026

Term ends on: Friday 18th December 2026

Christmas holiday: Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Spring term 2027

INSET DAY: Monday 4th January

Term starts on: Tuesday 5th January 2027

Term ends on: Friday 12th February 2027

February half term holiday: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027

Term starts on: Monday 22nd February 2027

Term ends on: Thursday 25th March 2027

Spring holiday: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027

Bank Holidays: Good Friday: 26th March 2027, Easter Monday: 29th March 2027

Summer term 2027

Term starts on: Monday 12th April 2027

Term ends on: Friday 28th May 2027

May half term holiday: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

Bank Holidays: Monday 3rd May 2027, Monday 31st May 2027

Term ends on: Tuesday 20th July (End of term assembly on Monday 19th July and Year 6 Leavers assembly on Tuesday 20th July)

INSET DAY WEDNESDAY 21st JULY

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Our Vision and Values

