



Weekly Newsletter

Week End 12.09.25 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back!

This has been an amazing week. Nearly all of the children have come back with a positive attitude to learning. I have been particularly impressed with our new reception cohort who have come in brilliantly. I have seen them all sat in a circle, listening to the teacher and showing excellent learning skills. Our new reception pod is also going well and the staff and children are all getting to know each other. Year 6 have also shown excellence this week. They are focussed, on task and wanting to challenge themselves. The rest of the school has also been a joyful place to be - so many children focussed in class and loving the playtimes, especially the new sandpit.

Thank you for your support in preparing your children for the new term.

Reading

This year we are having a focus on Reading. It is one of our development points in our school development plan. We would love to have your ideas on ways to encourage children to read

and also ways to get parents involved in reading. If you have any thoughts please let the office know.

Holidays

Attendance is hugely important to children's learning. If they are not in school they can't learn. I purposely put 3 insets together last week to ensure everyone could take holidays. Please keep your children in school and unfortunately I will be fining if you take your child out of school for a holiday.

Mobile Phones

Thank you to everyone who has been putting your phones away when you are on drop off and pick up. We really appreciate your support.

Acceptable Use Agreements

All children have been provided with an acceptable use agreement this week. Please can these be read carefully with your child, signed by both parent and children and returned to us at your earliest opportunity.

Year 5 and 6 Parental Consent

Children in Year 5 and 6 have been provided with a Mobile Phone Agreement that needs to be signed by parent/carers and an Acceptable Use Agreement should they have permission to walk home on their own. Consent must also be given on the school gateway and we would like parent/carers to complete the parent consent google form we issued so we have up to date record of children who have consent and who do not.

Data Collection Sheets

Children in Year 1 to 6 will be coming home today with a letter that contains various forms that we would like you to please complete and return to school for the new academic year please.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Head Teacher Awards



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

*Maple - **Victoria***

*Sycamore - **Henry***

*Willow - **Myra-Rose***

*Oak - **Reuben***

*Cedar - **Sofia and K-Cee***

Ash - **Eloise**

Juniper - **Isla**

Rowan - **Tilly**

The Orchard - **Stefan**

Congratulations to **Carson** in **Oak** 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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Miss Philpotts hosted juice and biscuits this week and lots of children said that they do not want to leave for the weekend as school is so fun!

Class with the Highest Attendance of the Week



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*The classes with the highest attendance this week are **Ash and Cedar** with **100%**.*

Well done Ash and Cedar Class!

Best House Attendance of the week

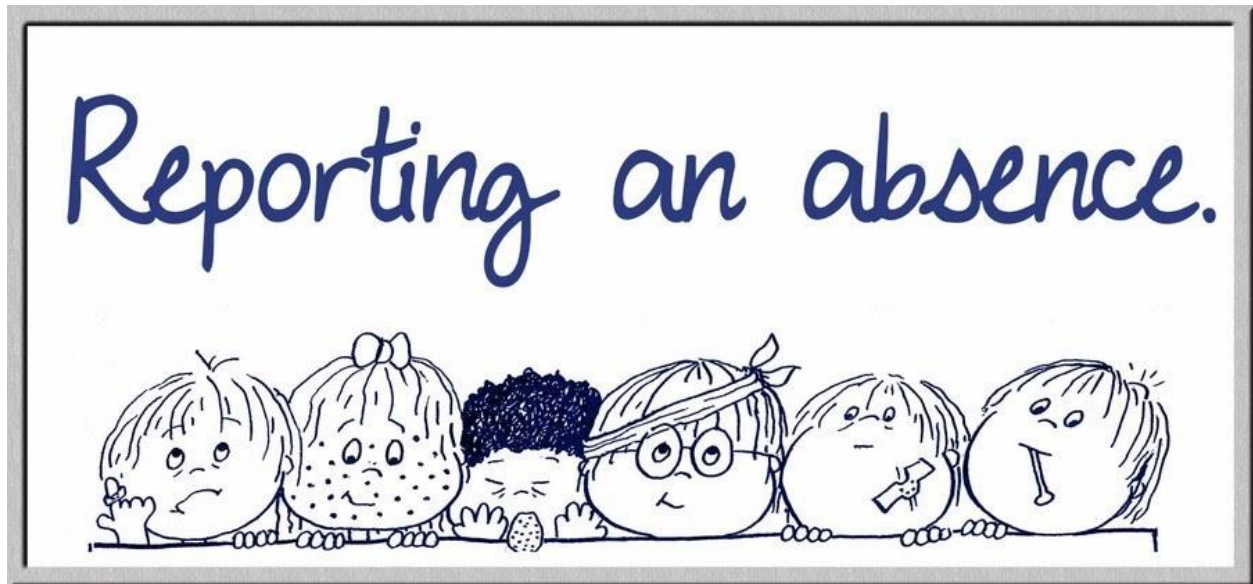


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*The best house attendance of the week goes to **Marcus Rashford** with **97.5%**.*

Well done - who will it be next week?

Reporting Absences



*If your child is absent from school due to illness or an appointment they may have, please notify us by **9.30am**, either by leaving a message on the school absence line, Tel no. **01344 426413 option 1** or by emailing **Mrs Williams on fsa@thepinesschool.org.uk** including your child's full name, class and reason for absence.*

Coffee Morning



*Our first coffee morning this term will be on **Wednesday 17th September** 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.

Foodbank

The Church at The Pines has been doing a foodbank collection for the school. There is a supply in school. If you need any pasta, sauces, cereal etc. please let Mrs Williams know via email - fsa@thepinesschool.org.uk

Autumn Clothes Bank Giveaway

*There will be Autumn Clothes Bank Giveaway on **Tuesday 7th October 2025** from **10.15am to 1pm** at **St Mark's Church, Popeswood Road, Binfield, RG42 4AH.***

Donations of seasonal adult and children's clothing & footwear, of all sizes, will be sorted by a team of volunteers to ensure the clothes are of a good quality and the volunteers distributing the clothing at the Giveaway will work from a set list of garments per client to ensure that it is distributed fairly.

Transport

A free minibus shuttle (courtesy of Newbold College) will be operating between Bracknell train station and St. Mark's Church and the minibus will leave from the train station at 10am, 10.30am, 11am, 11.30am and 12pm.

Please can you let Mrs Williams know if you would like to attend.

Applications for Secondary (Yr 7) 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



Year 6

To

Year 7

It's time to apply for a
secondary school place



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

Open for
admissions
2026



Open Mornings (September 2026 Reception starters)



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: -

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- *Monday 29th September 25 at 9.30am*
 - *Friday 17th October 2025 at 9.30am*
 - *Tuesday 4th November 2025 at 9.30am*
 - *Saturday 15th November 2025 at 9.30am*
 - *Tuesday 9th December 2025 at 9.30am*
 - *Thursday 8th January 2026 at 9.30am*
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Please contact the office via email on admin@thepinesschool.org.uk or phone on 01344 426413 to arrange a visit.

Important Dates



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- **16.09.25** — PTA AGM Meeting at 6:00pm (Upper Building)
 - **17.09.25** — Rocksteady commences / Coffee Morning (after morning drop off)
 - **22.09.25 to 25.09.25** — Year 6 Bikeability Training
 - **24.09.25** — Coffee Morning - Promise Inclusion will be attending (after morning drop off)
 - **29.09.25** — Open Morning for Reception Sept 2025 at 9.30am
 - **01.10.25** — Individual and sibling school photos
 - **03.10.25** — Busy Bags workshop (Reception children)
 - **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*

- *Year 5 and 6 Parental Consent (2025-26)*
 - *Annual Flu Vaccination - Wednesday 15th October 2025*
 - *Y6 Bikeability - Final chance to book a place*
 - *Annual Flu Vaccination - Online consent unavailable*
 - *Nursery School Gateway App*
 - *Parent Workshop Busy Bags (Reception children) - 03.10.25*
 - *Menu change today (Nursery, Reception, Y1 to 3)*
 - *Applying for a secondary school place - September 2026*
 - *Sandhurst and Brakenhale Open Evening Information*
 - *Year 5 and 6 Football Team Training - Term 1*
 - *Annual Flu Vaccination - Online Consent Working*
 - *Year 6 Art Request*
 - *Friends of the Pines Annual General Meeting (AGM) Meeting - Tuesday*
 - *A message from Mrs Davies to Year 6*
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Apply for Free School Meals

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals/apply-free-school-meals>

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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8th September 2025

Dear Parent(s),

Year 6 Parents' Presentation Evening – Thursday 18th September at 5:00pm

Open Evening: Thursday 25th September from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Parent and Student Tours: Tuesday 30th September, Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd October

I am writing to let you know of some dates for your diary. Over the first few weeks of this term there will be a number of opportunities for you to visit Sandhurst School.

We will be holding a Parents' Presentation Evening for prospective parents on **Thursday 18th September at 5:00pm** when we will provide you with information about the curriculum, how we can support students both academically and pastorally and give you an insight into our school. This event will take place in the school hall, which can be accessed from the main car park, to the left as you enter the school via the main gate.

On **Thursday 25th September between 6:00pm and 8:00pm** we will be holding our Open Evening. Teachers and students will present examples of work in the different subject areas and there will be many displays and exhibitions that your child can take part in. There will be opportunities for conversations with staff, students and governors. Please arrive via the main reception doors, at a time convenient to you.

There will be two opportunities to listen to a 15-minute talk given by myself. The first will be at 6:45pm in the school hall. The second session will start at 7:30pm.

Members of the senior leadership team will be available in reception, throughout the evening, to answer any questions you may have.

If you would like to take part in any tours of the school these will take place on the mornings of **Tuesday 30th September, Wednesday 1st October and Thursday 2nd October**. To book a tour please visit our school website via this link - [Open Events](#). There are two tours on each day: the first tour is at **9:00am** and the second tour at **10:00am**. Please arrive in Reception 5 minutes before the start of the tour for a prompt start (preferably one parent and one child).

We ask, wherever possible, if you are able to walk to these events, we would be grateful as parking is limited.

I hope that you had a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing you at these events.

Yours sincerely,

Mr G Croxon
Headteacher



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Our Vision and Values

