Weekly Newsletter

Week End 16.10.26 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)

This edition will contain: -

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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

This will be the last newsletter for this half term - we finish school on Wednesday 21st October. We hope you have a lovely rest. Don't forget the slight changes to the school day that will start straight after half term.

As the end of our first block of 6 weeks "enrichment" come to an end, it is time to reflect on the highs and occasional lows!

For children in Years 2-6 they have taken part in one of the following enrichment activities: bush craft, cooking, sewing, music through the ages, outdoor activities and drama. The children (and staff) took a little while to settle in to a new routine and there were a few initial wobbles and maybe a cut finger or two! However, now that we are all into a routine the children are loving this new way of doing things on a Friday. I have particularly enjoyed seeing the children learn so many new skills in bush craft. One year 6 pupil said "it is amazing, we get to light fires, build dens and shelters and even cook marshmallows." Another Year 5 pupil said yesterday when I asked him how he was "I am flourishing Mrs Davies - just flourishing!" This is truly amazing pupil voice and feedback. It makes all of the effort and hard work worthwhile.

I have particularly enjoyed watching the progress the Year 5 children have made in cooking. They have gone from being incredibly nervous to use knives to competently chopping vegetables last week. Some of the children told me they have cooked some of the meals for their families. This is amazing and exactly what these enrichment opportunities are about.

After half term we will be starting a new rotation:

Year 2: Drama /Art

Year 3: Music

Year 4: Cooking

Year 5: Hazel - sewing , Cedar - Bushcraft

Year 6: Team Building

If your child is doing bushcraft, they can bring a change of clothes and please ensure they have something warm to wear and a waterproof coat - it WILL be outside.

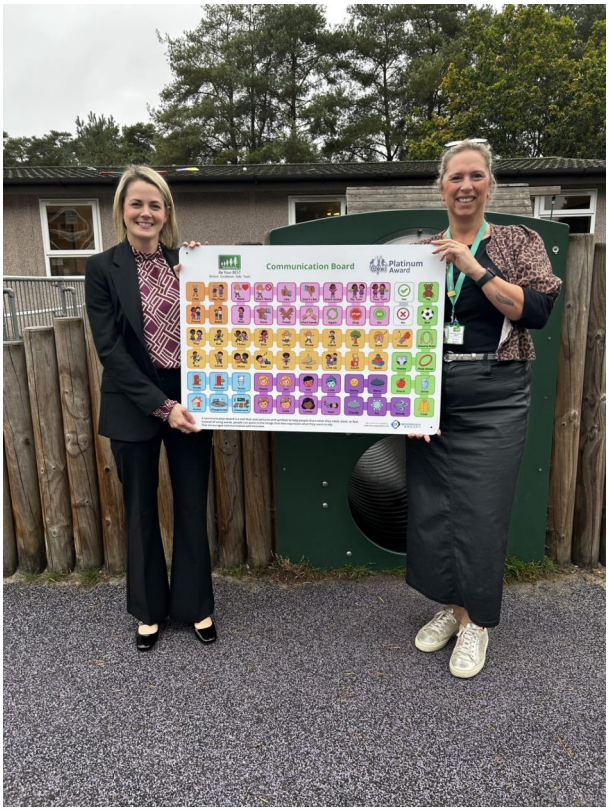
If your child is cooking, please ensure they bring a pot in every week (that is named). A payment will be open on gateway after half term for a £5 voluntary contribution for the ingredients.

New communication board

On Tuesday we had a brand new communication board delivered by Laura Boorman from the Boorman Group for our playground. This is designed to help make our playground more inclusive for everyone. It has colourful semantics to help children express their needs, share ideas, make choices and join in with play.

Thank you

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 - **Cristina***

*Maple - **Lockie***

*Sycamore - **Victoria***

*Willow - **Frankie Do***

*Oak - **Tristian***

*Cedar - **Jordan***

*Hazel - **Sophie***

*Rowan - **Bella***

*The Orchard - **Tymon***

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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Spotlight on Learning

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This week has been another busy one at school, with plenty of rugby taking place across the year groups. Year 3 have been developing their throwing and catching skills, learning how to handle a rugby ball with increasing confidence, while Year 5 have been putting their skills into practice through a range of simple team games.

Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils also attended a Tag Rugby Festival, where they had the opportunity to compete against seven other schools. Although they were unlucky with the group draw, they played exceptionally well throughout the day. Most importantly, they had a fantastic time, showed great teamwork and sportsmanship, and represented our school brilliantly. We're very proud of them all.

Mrs Taylor

Class with the highest attendance of the week

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*The class with the highest attendance this week is **Willow Class** with **98.37%.***

*Well done **Willow class!***

Best House attendance of the week

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*The best house attendance this week is **Emma Watson** with **96.05%.***

Well done - who will it be next week?

Parent Workshop

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Please be reminded we will be having a Childhood Anxiety Parent Workshop on ***Wednesday 4th November.***

If you would like to attend please do let Mrs Williams know via email - fsa@thepinesschool.org.uk

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School Admissions

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Applications for Secondary (Y7) September 2027

The application process to transfer to secondary school (Year 7) from September 2027 is now open. 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

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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: -

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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Information sent out this week

- *What we are learning in Nursery this week*
- *What we are learning in Reception this week*
- *Election of Parent Governor*
- *Brakenhale School Tours*
- *Parents Evening (Reminder)*
- *Drama Club - Tuesday 13th October*
- *Music Club - Thursday 15th October*
- *Year 3/4 English Workshop 20.11.26*
- *Parent Workshop 06.11.26*
- *The Meadow is moving to Hawthorn Classroom!*
- *Coffee Morning 16.10.26*
- *Childhood Parent Anxiety Workshop*
- *Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Festival 15.10.26 (Reminder)*
- *The Pines Christmas Choir*
- *Applications for Secondary (Y7) September 2027 (Reminder)*
- *Consultation on proposed admission arrangements for Bracknell Forest Community and voluntary controlled schools 2028-29*
- *Class Dot Reward - Year 1*
- *Missing Scooter*
- *Extra curricular clubs - Term 2 2026*

Important Dates

- ***20.10.26 -*** *Eton Outreach Workshops for Year 1, 2 and 3*
- ***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)*
- ***04.11.26 -*** *Childhood Anxiety Parent Workshop*
- ***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*
- ***10.11.26 -*** *Remembrance Assembly (children in Scouts, Cubs, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows or anything similar are able to wear their uniforms to school on this day)*
- ***14.11.26 -*** *Open Morning for Reception Sept 2027 at 10:00am*
- ***19.11.26 -*** *School Disco (More information to follow)*

- ***20.11.26 -*** *Year 3 and 4 SPAG Parent Workshop*

- ***01.12.26*** *- Open Morning for Reception Sept 2027 at 10:00am and Learning Showcase Event 3:30pm - 5:00pm*

Extra Curricular Clubs (Term 2 2026)

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Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Extra curricular Clubs – Term 2 2026

Please see below the clubs that we will be offering to the children next term. They will be running from week beginning **Monday 2nd November 2026** (apart from Street Dance Club which commences week beginning of **Monday 9th November)** until week ending **Friday 11th December 2026.**

Our Christmas Choir and Gymnastics Club finish week ending **Friday 4th December 2026** and football club finishes on **Tuesday 15th December.**

	Internal Clubs	External Clubs
Monday	Christmas Choir **(Year 3 to 6)** 3.15pm – 4.00pm 25 places Children will perform at the Easthampstead Baptist Church on Thursday 3rd December 2026)	Art Club (My Shell Arts Studio) **Years 1 to 6**, 3.15pm – 4:15pm, £8.00 per session
Tuesday		Drama Club (Drama Tots) **Reception, Year 1 and 2,** 3:15pm – 4:15pm, £8.75 per session Football Club (In 2 Sport) **Reception to Year 6,** 3:15pm – 4:15pm, £7.50 per session
Wednesday		Playball Club (Playball Camberley and Bagshot) **Nursery, Reception and Year 1,** 3.15pm – 4:00pm, £8.00 per session
Thursday		Music Club (My Shell Arts Studio) **Years 1 to 6**, 3:15pm – 4:15pm, £8.00 per session Street Dance Club (Dancexite) **Years 2 to 6,** 3:15pm – 4:15pm, £6.00 per session
Friday		Gymnastics Club (Ce Coaching) **Reception to Year 3,** 3:15pm – 4:00pm, £6.50 per session Bushcraft Club (Bright Sparks Bushcraft) **Years 3 to 6,** 3:15pm – 4:15pm **(no spaces remaining this half term)**

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Internal Clubs - booking a place for your child can be made online via the clubs section of the School Gateway.

External Clubs - booking a place for your child can be made as follows: -

My Shell Arts Studio (Art Club and Music Club) – please follow the instructions on the attached flyer.

Drama Tots (Drama Club) – please follow the instructions of the attached flyer

In 2 Sport (Football Club) – please follow the instructions on the attached flyer.

Playball Camberley and Bagshot (Playball) – please follow the instructions on the attached flyer.

Dancexite (Street Dance) – please click on web link https://dancexite-cic.classforkids.io/term/4 or refer to the attached flyer.

CE Coaching (Gymnastics Club) – please follow the instructions on the attached flyer.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Champion

Senior Admin Assistant

01344 426413 @thepinesprimary www.thepinesschool.org.uk admin@thepinesschool.org.uk

Platinum Award

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

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 afterschool 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 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 inline 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 afterschool 3:15 – 4pm 12 weeks
Start: w/c 16th September
End: w/c 10th December
No classes: half term
Cost: £96 (£8 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.

Myshellartstudio

Music club!

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 Intruments
- 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!

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STREET DANCE

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

BOOK NOW

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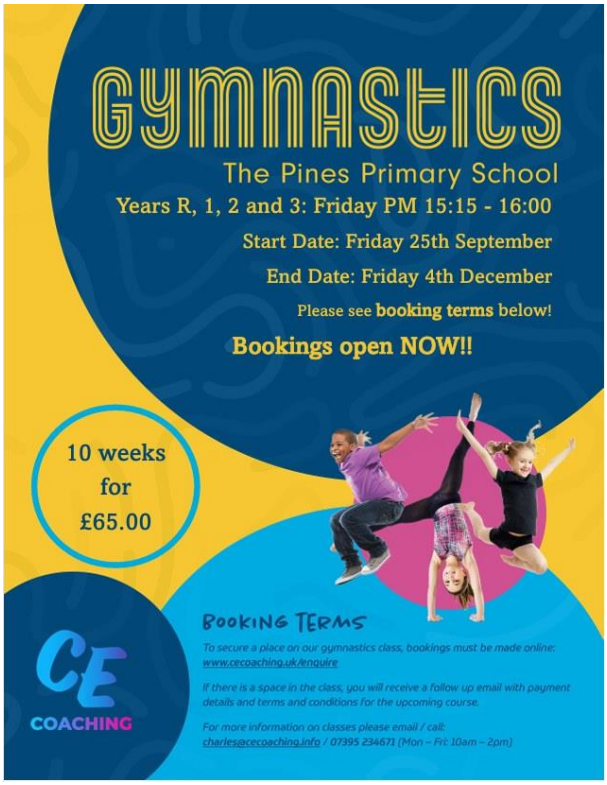
Thursday's | 3:15-4:15pm | Years 2-6 | £6

07711160179 hello@dancexite.co.uk



Lunch Time Playworker

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We are looking for an enthusiastic, motivated and committed Lunch Time Play Worker to join our friendly hard-working team. Our Lunch Time Play Worker will work within our Nursery Provision, encouraging children to eat their lunch together, provide a safe, fun and inclusive play opportunities. Ideally the candidate will be paediatric first aid trained or be happy to undertake this training soon after the appointment.

We have also recently introduced OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) into our lunchtimes. The successful candidate will join a team who are passionate about engaging and inspiring young people in their learning. You will need to be committed, have a sense of humour and have boundless energy.

Our children would like someone who:

- *Makes us feel safe and understands us*
- *Is kind, even if we make the wrong choices*
- *Has high expectations for us*
- *Who helps us to feel confident to take risks, to challenge ourselves and who believes we can achieve*

If this is something that may be of interest to you or if you know of someone who you think would like to apply for this job, please encourage them to apply online via Bracknell Forest website ***https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/jobs***

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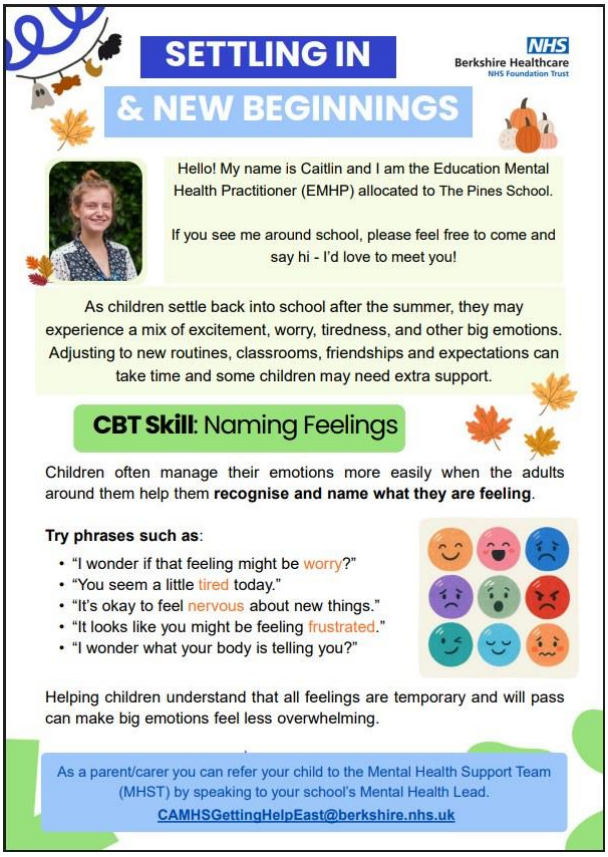
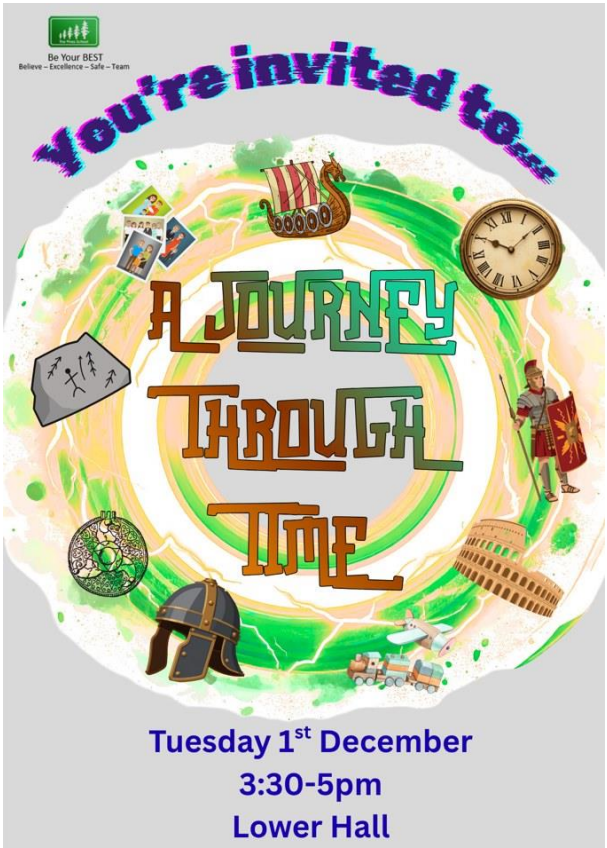

SETTLING IN
& NEW BEGINNINGS
NHS
Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust
Hello! My name is Caitlin and I am the Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) allocated to The Pines School.
If you see me around school, please feel free to come and say hi - I'd love to meet you!
As children settle back into school after the summer, they may experience a mix of excitement, worry, tiredness, and other big emotions. Adjusting to new routines, classrooms, friendships and expectations can take time and some children may need extra support.
CBT Skill: Naming Feelings
Children often manage their emotions more easily when the adults around them help them recognise and name what they are feeling.
Try phrases such as:
• "I wonder if that feeling might be worry?"
• "You seem a little tired today."
• "It's okay to feel nervous about new things."
• "It looks like you might be feeling frustrated."
• "I wonder what your body is telling you?"
Helping children understand that all feelings are temporary and will pass can make big emotions feel less overwhelming.
As a parent/carer you can refer your child to the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) by speaking to your school's Mental Health Lead.
CAMHSGettingHelpEast@berkshire.nhs.uk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You're invited to...
A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME
Tuesday 1st December
3:30-5pm
Lower Hall

Myshellartstudio!

October Holiday club!

Primary years 2-6

Come and join us for

Arts & craft - Halloween themed!

Music - trying different instruments and working on how to construct your own song.

film - Learning Short stop-motion film,

Circus skills, Crochet & Drama!

Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th

St Paul's C of E Junior School
Murray Rd (Creay gate)
Wokingham
Berkshire
RG41 2YJ

Full day £35! 8.30am - 4.30pm

Half day Morning £23! 8.30am-12pm

Half day Afternoon £23! 1pm -4.30pm

To book -please visit our events page. Or Scan the QR code. ®

https://www.myshellartstudio.com/events

For mulitple bookings please email us:
Myshellartstudio22@gmail.com
Looking forward to creating with you!
Michelle & Tom 07437 879 473

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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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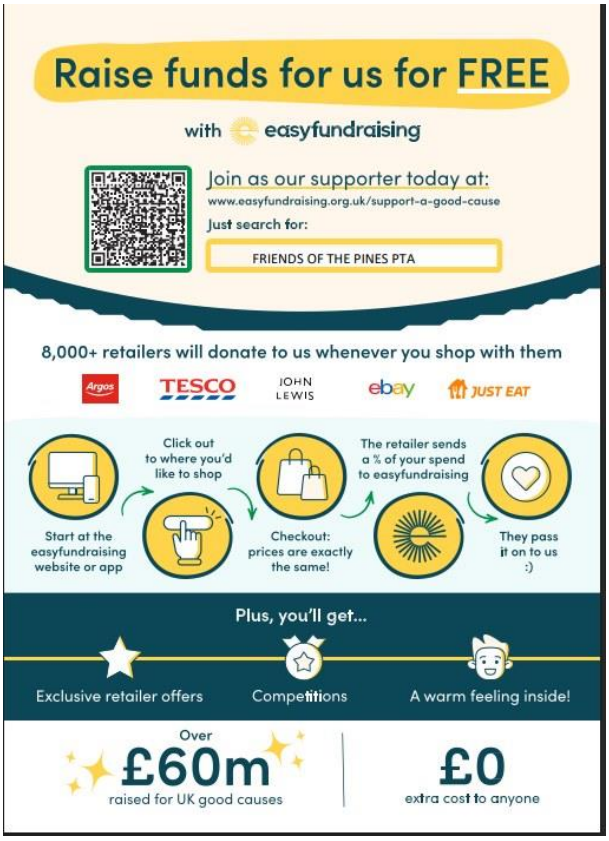
Did you know we have a school lottery?

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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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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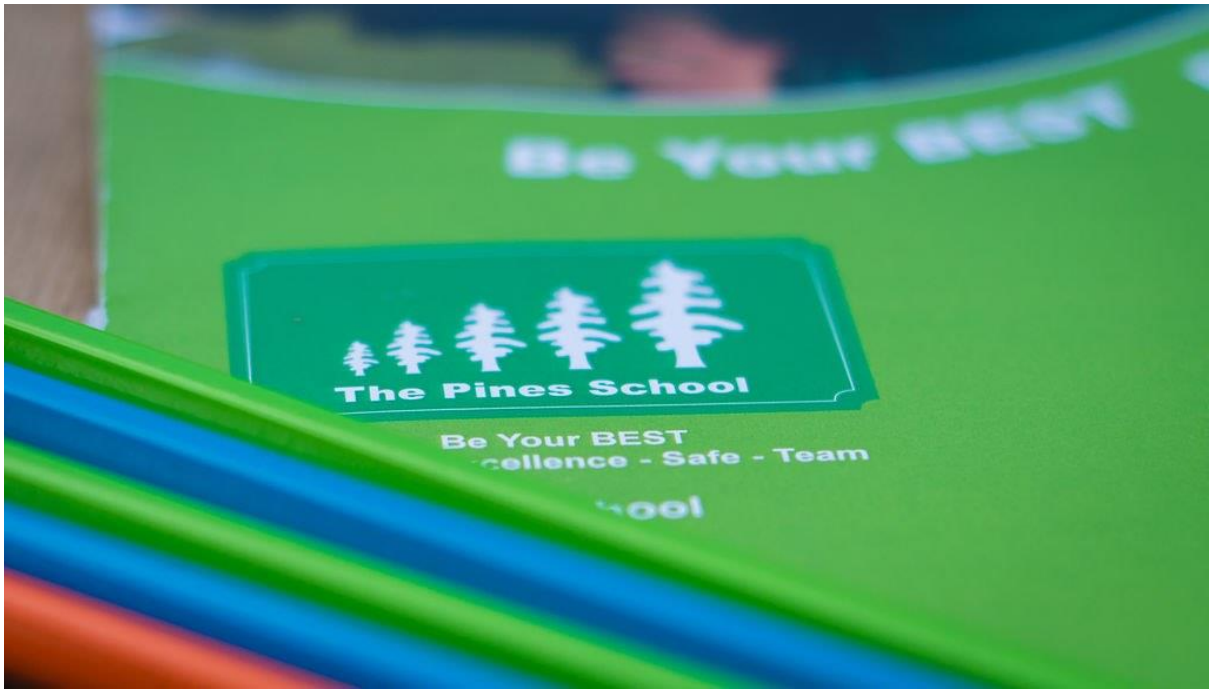
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