

Weekly Newsletter

Week End 06.11.26 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



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Introduction from Mrs Davies

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Dear Parent/Carers,

*What a brilliant return to school after half term! The children continue to be amazing. I have been really impressed with learning across the school. In **Nursery** I have seen the children talking about fires and how to keep safe. In **Reception**, I have watched great phonics and it was amazing to see so many parents at the busy bags workshop today! Great work. In **year 1** - I watched a group of boys taking real care with their drawings and they are hoping to turn them into characters. In **year 2** - they have been showing off some amazing counting! In **year 3** - the writing has been brilliant and the children were telling me how they are using the checklists to help them. In **year 4** - they had a great time meeting our Australian visitor and asked some very sensible questions. In **year 5** - the maths work on multiples has been really high quality and in **year 6** the writing has been particularly impressive. In **The Orchard**, the children have come back and really focussed especially on their phonics and writing.*

A huge well done to the children and adults.

Friday Enrichment

Our Friday enrichment new cycle starts today. If your children are doing bushcraft, this will take place outside. Please make sure they have appropriate clothing for all weathers. They can get changed into old clothes at lunchtime.

*If your children are cooking, please provide a container so they can take home what they have made - **this must be named.***

Staffing Updates

Mrs Rundle our HLTA PPA/Cover will be leaving The Pines, her last day will be on Tuesday 10th November, Mrs Rundle has worked at The Pines for just over 7 years and has worked with many of our children. Mrs Rundle is going to be taking up a new position in a local secondary school. We would like to thank her for her hard work and wish her all the very best for her future. We are delighted to announce that Mrs Lodge is returning and will be teaching Year 3 on a Thursday afternoon and a Friday morning.

Mrs Cox (SRP Support) has decided to leave The Pines to pursue other interests, her last day will be on Friday 20th November. We have already secured someone to replace her who is already known to us. Well done Mrs Evans on turning this around so quickly for our children!

Open Morning

We had a great open morning this week with our house captains touring the parents! Thank you to them for their hard work and excellent skills. If you know of any parents looking for a reception place in September 2027 - please pass on our details so they can book onto the school tours.

Lastly, I would like to thank Jaxson in Elm Class Dad who came to our school last Sunday and swept the path outside Gate A so it was easier for parent/carers to access with prams and the children on their scooters, we really are so grateful for having such a great school community - thank you!

Have a great weekend

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 - **Rocco***

*Maple - **Frankie***

*Sycamore - **Ella***

*Willow - **Nikita***

*Oak - **Jacob***

*Cedar - **Theo***

*Hazel - **Carson***

*Rowan - **Ingrid***

*The Orchard - **Noah***

*Congratulations to **The Year 5 Tidy Team** 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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Spotlight on Learning



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We were very lucky to welcome Saskia from Eton College the last week before half term who delivered some fantastic outreach sessions for our pupils! Year 1 explored a range of traditional toys, including Jacob's Ladder, a spinning top and a wire hoop. They even had the opportunity to make their own skittle to take home!

Year 2 recapped their learning about plants and thoroughly impressed Saskia with their knowledge. They also enjoyed playing a fun group game called Flower Power!

Year 3 travelled back in time to the Stone Age! They explored the resources available during each stage of the Stone Age, considered the different weapons people used and had the exciting opportunity to handle some real stone tools.

A huge thank you to Saskia for these sessions. Visits like these really do bring our classroom learning to life!

Mrs Taylor

Spotlight on Attendance

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Thank you to everyone for supporting us with the new opening and closing times of the gates. Gates will close at 8:50a.m. in the morning and open at 3:15p.m. in the afternoon.

In light of these changes if a pupil is late there will be a change to the attendance codes, as follows.

A pupil who arrives late (after 8:50a.m)

- *Before the register has closed (9:10a.m.) will be marked as late, using the appropriate code 'L'*

- *After the register has closed (9:10a.m.) will be marked as absent, using the appropriate code 'U'*

Class with the highest attendance of the week

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*The class with the highest attendance this week is **Cedar Class** with **100%.***

*Well done **Cedar class!***

Best House attendance of the week

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*The best house attendance this week is **Emma Watson** with **96.34%.***

Well done - who will it be next week?

School Admissions

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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 is now open! 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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Apply for a school place!

The admissions process to apply for a Reception school place from September 2027 is now open.

The application process is open from 5 November 2026 - 15 January 2027

Visit www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforprimary or use the QR code to apply



Does your child's date of birth fall on or between 01 September 2022 - 31 August 2023

for more information.
Bracknell Forest residents only.

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Open Mornings

Have you booked on to our Open Mornings yet?
If you have a little one starting reception next September, get in touch!



We have a warm and welcoming Reception class just waiting for a new year of adventurers.

Will your child be an artist, an archaeologist, a scientist, a musician? Perhaps a baker, a gardener, a chef?

The opportunities are endless in our wonderful school!
We'd love to show you around.

Open Mornings Dates:

- Saturday 14th November at 10am
- Tuesday 1st December at 10am
- Tuesday 12th January at 10am

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



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Coffee Morning



*Our next coffee morning will be on **Friday 13th November** after morning drop off, please come to the lower building where Mrs Williams will meet you. Ring the breakfast club doorbell and she will come and greet you.*

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.

*Please save the date on Wednesday **13th January** we are having a coffee morning about Sleep Hygiene. Please look out for more information about this.*

Information sent out this week



- *Remembrance Poppies*
- *What we are learning in Nursery this week*
- *What we are learning in Reception this week*
- *Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting*
- *Christmas Card Designs (Reminder)*
- *Busy Bags Workshop 06.11.26*
- *Outcome of Parent Governor Election*
- *Remembrance Assembly - Tuesday 10th November*
- *Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby Megafest*
- *Year 3/4 English Workshop 20.11.26*

- *Harrisons supply issues*
- *Applications for primary (reception) September 2027*
- *Kindness Disco*
- *Children in Need 2026*
- *Busy Bags Workshop 06.11.26*
- *Year 1 History Module*
- *Y1 Windsor Castle Trip - Thursday 28th January 2027*
- *Year 6 CGP Workbooks for English and Maths*
- *Reception Intake September 2027 - Expression of Interest*

Important Dates



- ***09.11.26*** *- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting 2:45pm - 3:05pm in Top Hall*
- ***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)*
- ***12.11.26*** *- Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby Megafest / The School Council will be holding a bake sale for Children In Need in the upper hall at 3:15pm*

- ***13.11.26*** *- Children in Need - Please may children come in pyjamas or their own clothes. We are asking for a £1 contribution for this cash or payment on the school gateway*

- ***14.11.26 -*** *Open Morning for Reception Sept 2027 at 10:00am*

- ***16.11.26*** *- Boccia Competition*

- ***19.11.26 -*** *YR to Y3 Kindness Disco 3:30pm - 4:30pm / Y4 to Y6 Kindness Disco 4:40pm - 6:00pm (tickets can be purchased via the school gateway app within the payment section)*

- ***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*

- ***03.12.26*** *- The Pines Christmas Fair 5:00pm - 7:00pm*

Children in Need 2026



We are excited to be supporting ***Children in Need*** *this year. Our School Council would love to help raise some money for Children in Need and will be holding a Bake Sale on* ***Thursday***

12th November at 3:15pm in the upper hall *where cash or a donation can be made on the school gateway within the payments section.*

If you are able to bake a cake or donate a cake, it would be much appreciated. Please make sure your cakes are named and an allergy form (attached or available in the school office) is completed. Please drop them off to the office on the morning of Thursday 12th November.

On ***Friday 13th November*** *children are invited to wear pyjamas, or their own clothes for a £1.00 donation. Contributions can be paid within the payment section on the school gateway or in cash on the day.*

Throughout the day there will be a range of activities for children to take part in, including a sponsored run at lunch time seeing whether they can run 26 laps in 10 minutes. For every lap that they run they will earn a stamp.



Children in Need

Thursday 12th November

Childs Name: _____

Childs Class: _____

Please tick all allergens that are present in your cake below. Nuts and peanuts are already crossed out as we are a nut free school and so bakes should not contain these.

If you are unsure of the allergens, please just record all the ingredients below.

						
Celery	Cereals containing gluten	Crustaceans	Eggs	Fish	Lupin	Milk

						
Mollusc	Mustard	Nuts	Peanuts	Sesame seeds	Soya	Sulphur Dioxide
		X				

Please list the ingredients in your bake (don't worry about the quantities)

Many Thanks,

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Christmas Jumper Donations / Swap



We would really appreciate any Christmas Jumper donations that your child may have outgrown as we would like to run a stall at our Christmas Fair on Tuesday 1st December whereby you can either purchase a new jumper or you are welcome to bring a jumper with you on the night of the event to do a swap.

Should you have any that you wish to donate, please can you kindly bring to the school office.

Thank you for your support.

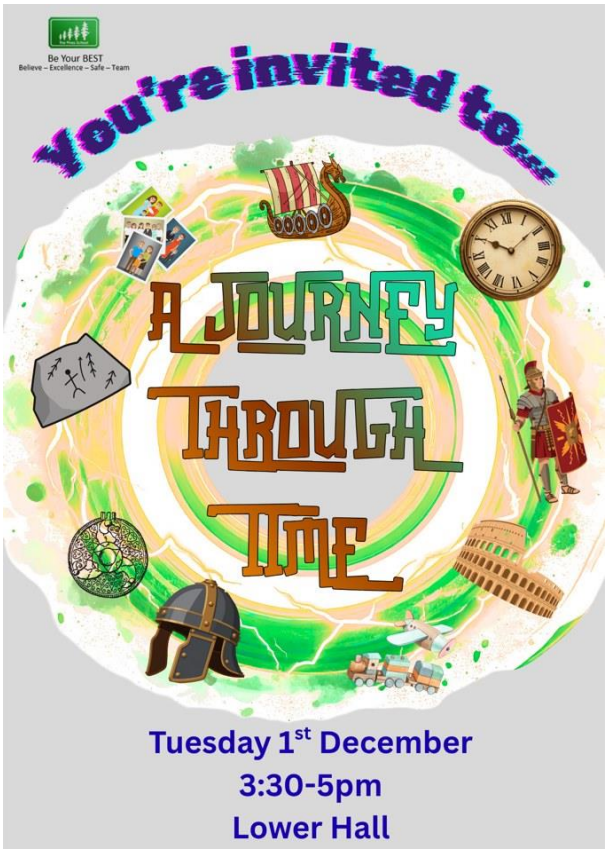
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Good Vibes
Kind People
KINDNESS DISCO
Dance ♥ Be Kind ♥ Make a Difference
R, Y1, Y2 & Y3:
3.30 - 4.30
Tickets cost £5.00
(includes drink & 2 snacks)
Y4, Y5 & Y6:
4.40 - 6.00
Tickets cost £3.00
Tuck shop open. CASH only
Children bring money at their own risk
Tickets on sale via the school gateway app
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Tuesday 1st December
3:30-5pm
Lower Hall



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Christmas fun

Free holiday activities and food (HAF) for children and young people entitled to Targeted Free School Meals (FSM).

Bracknell Forest Council is working closely with local companies to help support a wide range of children's Christmas holiday clubs.

The holiday clubs provide:
- sports
- music and drama
- swimming
- arts and crafts

and so many more fun activities!



Booking is available from **Monday, 2 November 2026** for children registered for Targeted Free School Meals.

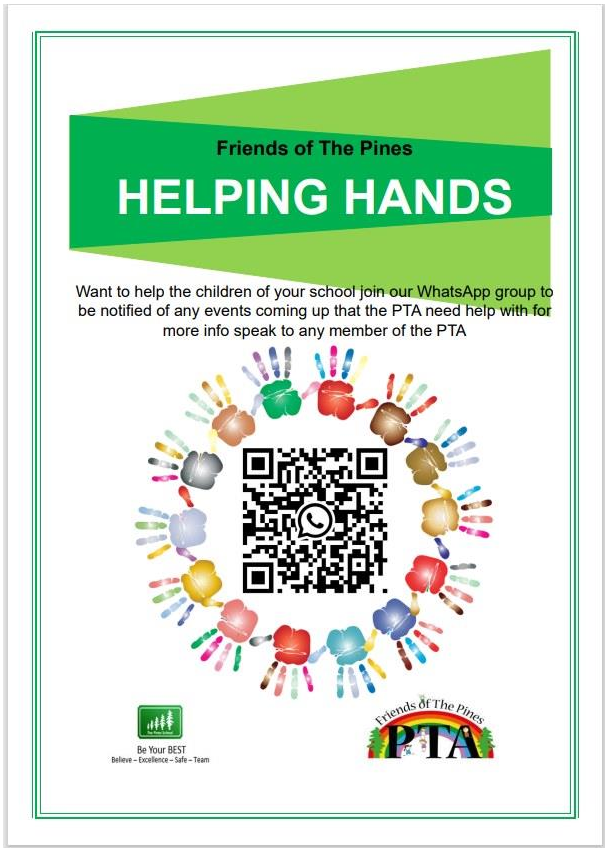
Most clubs provide a healthy meal and snacks. Check the clubs booking page for more information.

The holiday activities and food programme is a Department for Education funded programme to support children aged 4-16 years (Reception - Year 11) in receipt of Targeted Free School Meals.



Register for Free School Meals:
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals
Book your place on the HAF programme: eequ.org/bracknellforesthaf


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FIVE PART SERIES
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FRI 20TH NOV
FRI 4TH DEC
FRI 8TH JAN
FRI 22ND JAN
FRI 5TH FEB
5 DATES
5 SESSIONS
5 SHOWDOWNS
LED BY SOPHIE MEISTER
6 National Titles
Herts Teacher of the Year 2026
England Netball Teacher of the Year 2023
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Sophie Meister


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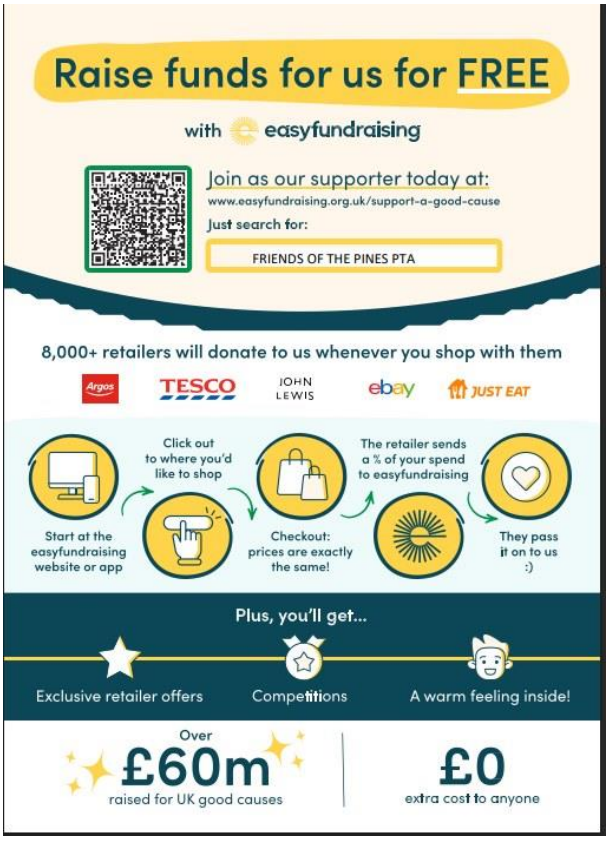
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Did you know we have a school lottery?

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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Our Vision and Values

