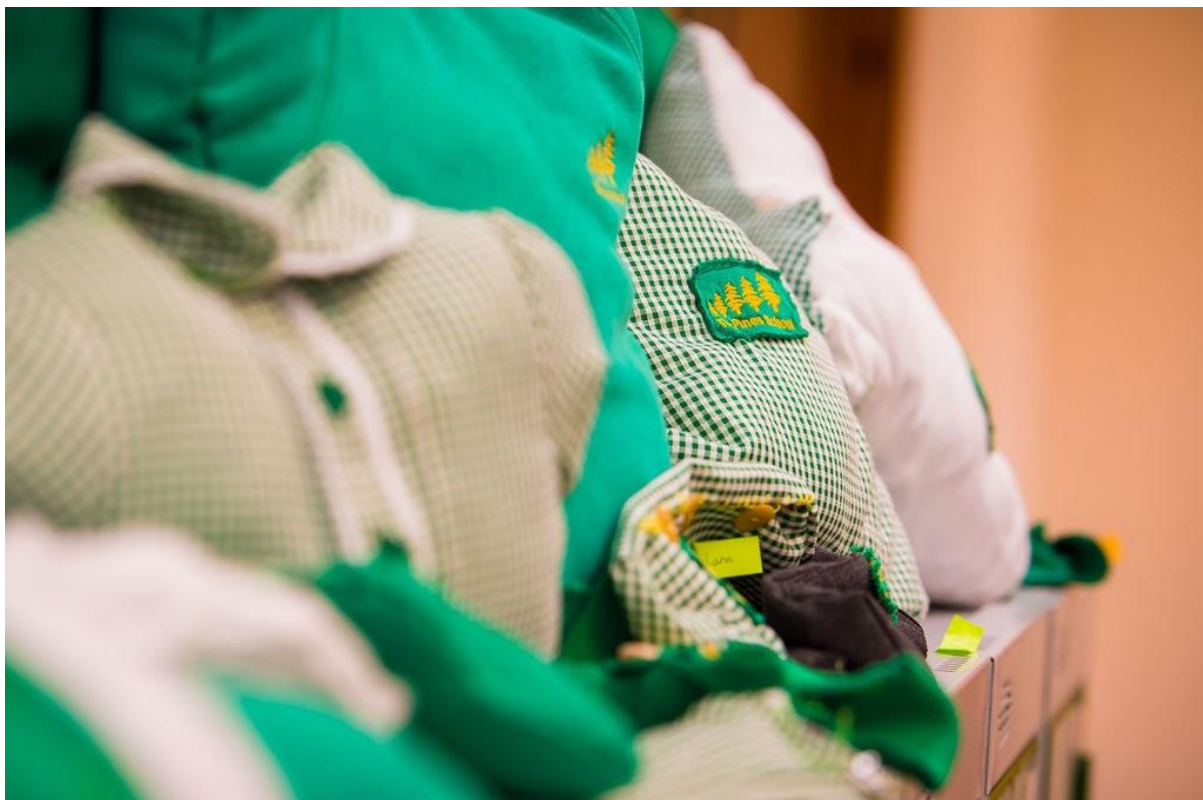




Weekly Newsletter

Week End 11.09.26 (If you would like a paper copy please ask)



This edition will contain: -

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- *Introduction from Mrs Davies*
 - *Head Teacher Awards*
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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

I have been so impressed with how everyone has started this academic year. It is a real joy to walk around the school and see consistency in teaching, excellent behaviour for learning and high quality provision. I have been very impressed by how the children have settled so quickly.

We have introduced a slightly changed timetable from previous years and are doing My Happy Mind on a Monday morning - this proved to be very successful this week, with all of the children learning facts about the brain! We are now holding our assemblies on a

Tuesday and a Friday morning. I am also really excited about our Friday enrichment afternoons. I know all of this information has been shared already but we would really welcome feedback once it is up and running and we can't wait to share photos with you all.

Staffing

Mrs. Elkins has now commenced maternity leave - we wish her all the very best with her new arrival. Mrs. Windsor-Baines is leaving and her last day is today. We wish her all the very best for her new venture.

We held interviews this week for 2 TAs. One to support with more specialist interventions and one as a more general class TA. We have successfully appointed two excellent people who will join us later in the term.

Fidget Tools

Moving forward, we are introducing a consistent approach to fidget tools in school:

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- Fidget toys will only be provided where a need has been identified through discussion between the class teacher and SENCo.*
 - Pupils who require a fidget tool will be offered one of two school-approved options: a netted marble or a Tangle, supplied by the school.*
 - Current Occupational Therapy guidance indicates there is limited evidence that fidget toys/tools improve learning or concentration.*
 - Children should not bring alternative fidget toys/tools into school.*
 - Any non-approved fidget toys/tools brought into school will be placed in the child's bag or kept safely by staff until the end of the school day.*
 - Our aim is to ensure the use of fidget toys/tools is purposeful, consistent and supportive of learning.*
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Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Head Teacher Awards



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

Elm - Reggie

Maple - Robyn

Sycamore - Mabel

Willow - Crystal and Frankie B

Oak - Charlie B

Cedar - Josie

Hazel - Lily

Rowan - Owen

The Orchard - Oscar

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 is **Cedar** 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 **98.24%**.*

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>



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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: -

- 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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Coffee Morning



*Our first coffee morning this term will be on **Wednesday 16th September** 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.

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.

Foodbank Items

Over the summer we have received lots of food donations from the church at The Pines, for which we are very grateful.

We also have things such as toothpaste, shower gel, soap etc. If you would like anything please let Mrs Williams know and she can fill up a bag for you fsa@thepinesschool.org.uk

Information sent out this week



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- *What we are learning in Nursery this week*
 - *Year 5/6 STEM Workshop*
 - *Residential Update*

- *Elm Class - Date for your diary 06.11.26*
 - *Bikeability Reminder*
 - *The Orchard PE Day*
 - *Food Bank Items*
 - *Rowan Class - Walking to school on their own*
 - *Nursery and Reception Free Parenting App*
 - *Oak Class PE Days*
 - *Mrs Windsor-Baines*
 - *Year 5 Hazel - Enrichment Afternoon*
 - *Bikeability Training - Year 6*
 - *Year 6 Leavers Hoodies*
 - *Nasal Flu Vaccination - Reception to Year 6*
 - *Extra curricular clubs - Autumn Term*
 - *Music Club Flyer*
 - *NCMP Height and Weight checks - Year 6*
 - *Phonics Success*
 - *Year 6 Assessments*
 - *My Happy Mind*
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Important Dates



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- **12.09.26** - Opening Day for a secondary school place (Year 7) September 2027
 - **16.09.26** - Coffee Morning
 - **21.09.26 to 24.09.26** - Year 6 Bikeability Training
 - **25.09.26** - Macmillan Coffee Morning
 - **29.09.26 at 10:00am** - Open Morning for Reception Sept 2027
 - **30.09.26** - Individual and Siblings School Photos
 - **01.10.26 at 5pm**- Census Day (more information to follow) / Friends of the Pines School PTA Annual General Meeting (more information to follow)
 - **07.10.26 9:00 10:30** - Parent Workshop Yr 5/6 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)
 - **14.10.26** - Y6 National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) Height and weight check
 - **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



**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
CODE
MFB310

9AM-3PM - £30 PER DAY
OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS REC - YEAR 6
QUALIFIED COACHES

TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT
[HTTPS://PRO-PLAYER-CENTRES.CLASS4KIDS.CO.UK/](https://pro-player-centres.class4kids.co.uk/)

OCTOBER HALF TERM



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MON 26TH - FRI 30TH OCT 2026

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QUALIFIED COACHES
FRIDAY SPECIAL ACTIVITY

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3rd Bracknell Chess Club Family and Children Chess Course.



Learn the moves, rules, basic techniques and tactics of chess each Thursday 6.15 pm – 7.15 pm from 1st October 2026 to the 19th November 2026 at the Hanworth Community Centre, Hanworth Road, Bracknell RG12 7RF. Lessons are given by an experienced Chess Coach. **£40 per family for an 8-week course.**
Contact info@bracknellchessclub@btinternet.com for further information and to register for the course.
 Also visit bracknellchessclub.co.uk.

BRACKNELL CHESS CLUB

OPEN EVENING

17th SEPTEMBER 2026

Bracknell Chess Club will be holding an open evening of chess on **Thursday 17th September 2026** from 7 pm to 11 pm.
 Bracknell Chess Club play at the Hanworth Community Centre, Hanworth Road, Bracknell RG12 7RF.

Meet members of the family and children group & adult members

Take part in a quiz at 7.30 pm

Play friendly games of chess

See our trophies and celebrate our achievements!

The deputy mayor of Bracknell will be present as we parade our trophies for divisional wins in the Surrey Border League and Berkshire Chess Association League, (plus Plate trophy) and ECF Small Club of the Year Award 2025.

Learn about membership of this friendly club that offers opportunities for family and children, casual players and competitive adult chess, plus a **beginner's course** starting 1st October for eight weeks.
Anyone, of any ability at chess, is welcome.

Contact info@bracknellchessclub@btinternet.com for further information.

www.bracknellchessclub.co.uk

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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






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. ITS 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@thepinesschool.org.uk



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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Join as our supporter today at:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause

Just search for:

FRIENDS OF THE PINES PTA

8,000+ retailers will donate to us whenever you shop with them



Start at the
easyfundraising
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



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

