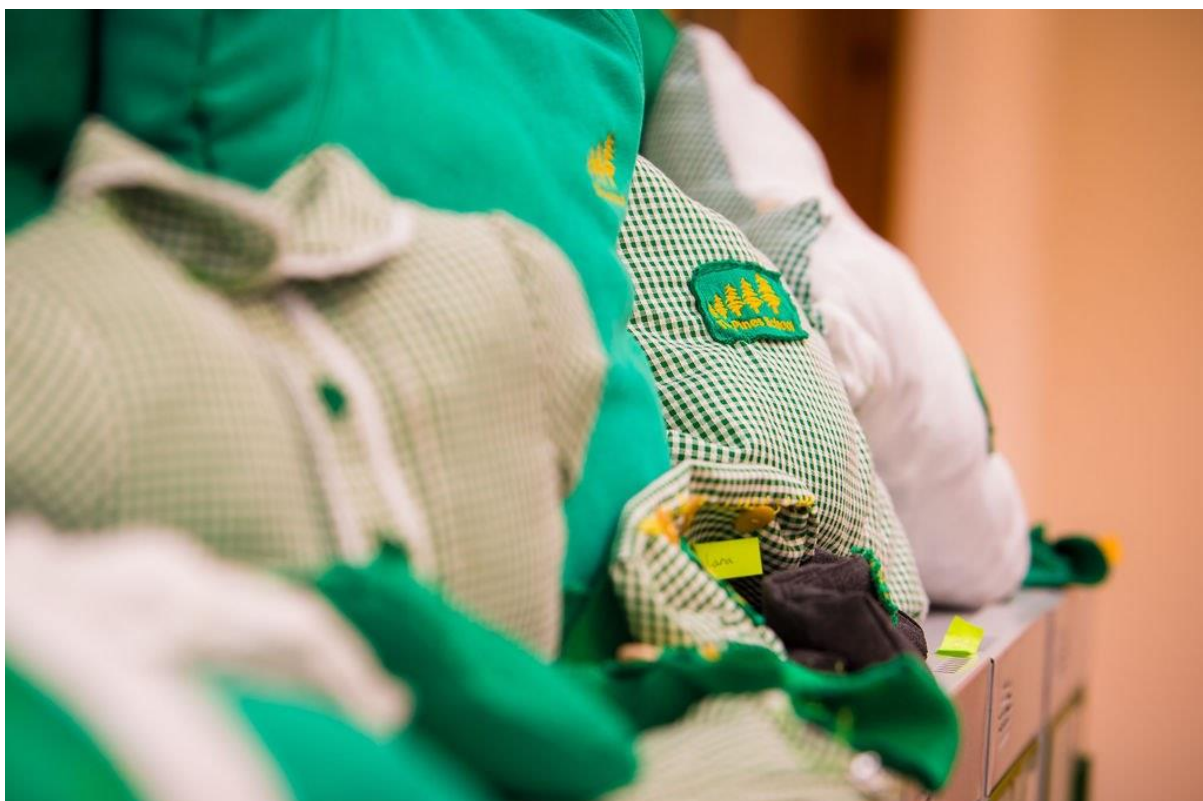




Final Newsletter July 2026

Last newsletter of this academic year (if you would like a paper copy please ask)



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Introduction from Mrs Davies

Dear Parent/Carers,

Sit down, grab a nice cold drink or a well deserved ice-cream and enjoy reading all the highlights from across this academic year.

Staffing Updates:

Mrs Corrigan

Mrs Corrigan has been working at The Pines for 27 years. She is the most wonderful human who cares deeply about every child who crosses her path. Her dedication and hard work is to be commended. Mrs Corrigan is also a wonderful role model for our younger staff; she has high expectations and quietly supports and helps other to be their best. Mrs Corrigan has the most brilliant sense of humour and there are an array of funny stories always linking back to her!

Sue - we wish you all the very best for your retirement. You will be truly missed and we thank you so much for your contribution to our school. Please make sure you come and visit as much as you possibly can - you are always VERY welcome.

Miss Philpotts

She maybe small but she is mighty! Miss Philpotts has only been with us for a year but her impact will be felt for many years to come. She has been an excellent Deputy Head and has transformed several initiatives. She has massively developed OPAL and now all of our children will benefit from this excellent play provision. Miss Philpotts has introduced our staff positivity culture, is supportive with our staff and parents, has run countless meetings, led singing assemblies and is generally a lovely person to have around. I (and I am sure the staff) will miss her greatly. Miss Philpotts - I wish you all the very best for your future and I really hope you stay in touch.

Mrs Molloy

Mrs Molloy has expertly supported our EYFS pupils for many years, led NELI and SALT interventions and supported our breakfast club. We thank Mrs Molloy for her hard work and wish her all the very best for her future.

Mr Edwards

Mr Edwards has worked tirelessly with OPAL and has transformed the provision. He has also worked across EYFS and the SRP and has built wonderful relationships with our pupils. We thank Mr Edwards for his hard work and wish him all the best for the future.

Parent Workshops

Mrs Williams has been a superstar this year, organising many workshops that have reached a huge amount of our parents. To celebrate, I wanted to share just how many things have gone on at The Pines. Well done to all the parents and carers who have attended these. We had over 140 attendees across these workshops.

Busy Bags , Maths, Magic Pebbles, English , Separation Anxiety, Story Writing, Stay and Play, Brain and Behaviour , Maths , 5 To Thrive , Messy Writing , Brain and Behaviour (p.m. session) , Understanding Behaviour and Year 6 Transition.

My Happy Mind

I am delighted to announce that we have brought into a new programme called My Happy Mind. The children will access weekly lessons to teach them (in an age appropriate way) about brain development and how to keep calm. The programme will help teach and support children with the skills to learn. There is also an amazing parent app, with loads of useful information that we will be launching in September.

OPAL

*We have been awarded the **PLATINUM** award! This is incredible and we are now the second school in Bracknell to have received this award. I am so delighted and proud of everyone's hard work, especially Miss Philpotts and Mr Edwards! Huge congratulations.*

There have been lots of wonderful things to celebrate this year. Our wonderful Reception children have done extremely well with their learning (especially their writing). Nursery children continue to amaze me with their language! Our Year 6 children won the Maths Olympics that took place at Sandhurst school earlier in the year. Our Tri-golfers came second and were invited to a regional competition. Our Year 4 children have improved on last years MTC data. Our Year 6 children have put on an amazing performance and despite the staff being worried that they may forget the lines, the children were phenomenal and pulled it off!

ECT (Early Careers Teachers)

A huge congratulations to Mrs Worn and Miss Owen who are now fully fledged teachers. They have both very successfully passed their ECT years! This is a lot of hard work and testament to their commitment to The Pines. A very big thank you also goes to Mrs Whitehouse and Mrs Drury who have been excellent mentors.

Trips

We have had some amazing trips to Mill on the Brue, Winchester Science Museum, Marwell Zoo and I am sure I have forgotten some! Reception have enjoyed the story suitcases (which will continue for our new Reception cohort next year).

Reflections

This year has been another busy and jam-packed year! We have collaborated with Herts 4 Learning to help leaders work on the development of our maths and reading curriculum. This year we have continued to make improvements to our teaching -we are now a StepLab school that focusses on instructional coaching and developing teachers to hone their craft. It is hard to cast my mind back to September last year but it feels like we continue to accomplish a lot. One thing that every visitor who comes into our school talks about is the "feel" of our school. We have such amazing feedback from parents and professionals who walk through our doors, saying that our school is calm, is a place where every child is valued, where there is mutual respect and a place where children can thrive.

I am incredibly proud that we have created a true community school where every child is valued, celebrated for their individuality, and encouraged to be their authentic self. Our staff care deeply about each child, nurturing strong relationships and providing opportunities for them to thrive not only academically, but also socially and emotionally, ensuring they develop into confident, resilient, and successful young people.

Thank you's

Firstly, thank you to our amazing staff team who go over and above every day - you are amazing and fully deserve a rest over the holidays!

Our amazing children who continue to inspire me, challenge me and generally make the school what it is!

Our parent community who have been endlessly supportive, especially with the recent weather challenges.

Our governors - they carry out the role voluntarily, however their contribution to the strategic direction of the school is invaluable.

The many visitors and external support we have had: Coach Ben, Jack (rock steady), story suitcases, The LA , Prestige, Play Ball, Propeller Trust and many more people who have helped us this year. Thank you so much!

September

As we look ahead to September, we will be entering a year where we will be expecting Ofsted.

We were last visited 4 years ago in January. We really want to be able to showcase all the hard work that has taken place. We will be spending time looking at our school development plan and will be sharing this with you in September. This will help you to know the areas that we are focussing on.

I hope that you all have a great summer and can enjoy the time with your children. There are lots of free and low cost activities that are taking place across Bracknell and surrounding areas. Please make the most of these.

I look forward to seeing everyone back - bright and early on Wednesday 2nd September at 8:40am.

Mrs Davies

Headteacher

Best Awards



Be Your BEST
Believe - Excellence - Safe - Team

Congratulations to the following children, who were awarded with our Best Award this term:

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- Nursery - **Nora**
 - Elm - **Felix**
 - Maple - **Ellie-Mae**
 - Sycamore - **Ben**
 - Willow - **Ava**
 - Cedar - **Alby**
 - Oak - **Carson**
 - Ash - **Alannah**
 - Rowan - **Harry B and Kaden**
 - Juniper - **Aria**
 - The Orchard - **Amber and Mason**
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Progress Awards



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Congratulations to the following children, who were awarded with our Progress Award this term: -

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- Nursery - **Fay**
 - Elm - **Maisie**
 - Maple - **Harlow**
 - Sycamore - **Ronnie**
 - Willow - **Charlie B**
 - Cedar - **Caleb**
 - Oak - **Jack**

- *Ash - **Dakota***
 - *Rowan - **Annabelle***
 - *Juniper - **Ava-Jayne***
 - *The Orchard - **Charlie and Jaxson***
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Outstanding Achievement Awards



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Congratulations to the following children who were awarded with our Outstanding Achievement Awards this term: -

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- *Nursery - **Poppy***
 - *Reception - **Frederick***
 - *Year 1 - **Timur***

- Year 2 - *Eric*
 - Year 3 - *Jennifer*
 - Year 4 - *Hayley*
 - Year 5 - *Skylar-May*
 - Year 6 - *Bobby*
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Remarkable Journey Awards



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*Congratulations to **Charlie** and **Darcey** in The Orchard who were awarded with a remarkable journey award at The Pines School!*

Class with the Highest Attendance of the Year



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*The class with the highest attendance of the year is **Cedar** with **96.07%**.*

Congratulations!

Best House Attendance of the Year



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*The best house attendance of the year goes to **Emma Watson** with **94.85%***

Congratulations!

Important Dates



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- 23.07.26 to 31.08.26 — *Summer Holidays*
 - 01.09.26 — *Inset Day*
 - 02.09.26 — *Term starts for Children (8.40am)*
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Information sent out this week



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- *What we are learning in Nursery this week*
 - *Year 6 BBQ Reminder*
 - *Year 6 Tomorrow (Tuesday 21st July)*
 - *Ice Cream PTA Treat (Tuesday 21st July)*
 - *Food Bank in School*
 - *End of Term Reminders*
 - *Missing cycle helmet*
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Statutory Results

Well done to all of the children who have taken part in statutory tests this year. Our Year 6 children worked so hard and made huge amounts of progress over the year. Year 4 have taken MTC (Multiplication Times Tables Checks) and our Year 1 children took phonics assessments. Results will be published on our website.

Year 6

The Class of 2025-2026

As I look at this Year 6 cohort preparing to leave us, I do so with a mixture of immense pride, affection and, if I'm honest, a little relief at times too. You have challenged me in ways I wasn't always sure were possible! There have been moments when you have tested boundaries, questioned decisions, and pushed me to think differently. Yet through every challenge, you have helped me grow as a leader just as much as we have helped you grow as young people. The greatest journeys are rarely the easiest, and our shared journey together has certainly been one to remember.

What makes this cohort particularly special to me is that we started at The Pines together. You arrived as children taking your very first steps into primary school, and I arrived at The Pines at exactly the same time. Over the years, we have shared successes, setbacks, laughter, celebrations and lessons learned. More than that, many of you have inspired some of the most important developments in our school. You helped shape the vision that led to the creation of our Specialist Resource Provision, and through your individuality, determination and diverse needs, you have helped me realise my ambition of creating a truly inclusive school where every child is valued, supported and celebrated for who they are.

And whilst you may be remembered for keeping me on my toes, you will also be remembered for your extraordinary talents. We have watched you shine on the stage through your love of dance and theatre, most recently in your fantastic Year 6 production, where your confidence, creativity and teamwork were on full display. We have celebrated your sporting achievements, witnessing your determination, skill and sportsmanship both in school and when representing The Pines. Whether on a stage, a sports field or in a classroom, you have shown us that success comes in many forms and that every one of you has something special to offer.

What I will remember most about this cohort is not simply what you have achieved, but the impact you have had on our school. You have helped shape The Pines into the inclusive, nurturing and ambitious community it is today. The Pines is a better school because you have been part of it.

As you move on to the next chapter of your lives, I hope you leave knowing how proud we are of you. You have grown from curious young children into confident, talented and resilient young people. You will always hold a special place in my heart because our stories at The Pines are so closely connected. Thank you for the memories, the laughter, the challenges, the inspiration and the countless moments that have made this journey so special. Wherever life takes you next, remember that you will always be part of The Pines family, and we cannot wait to see what the future holds for each and every one of you.

Mrs Davies



External Sporting Success

Congratulations to Olivia in Year 6 who competed in the British Gymnastics Competition in Telford recently and came 1st with her aero dance group 'The Wizard of Oz' which got her team a gold medal and title British Champions!

A huge congratulations goes to Letty in Year 4 who enjoyed incredible success at the Dance World Cup 2026, where more than 11,500 dancers from over 60 countries competed in Dublin. Performing with Berkshire Dance Academy, she took part in 11 group dances across five action-packed days. The team won two bronze medals, one silver and an amazing gold, becoming World Champions in the Children's Large Group Showstopper category against 30 other groups. Their winning performance also earned them an invitation to perform again at

the exclusive Theatrical Gala at the end of the week. Their teamwork and dedication throughout the year certainly paid off - well done, Letty and BDA!

Oliver in Year 3 has been awarded with a Blue Peter Badge for kickboxing - congratulations!

Oliver started kickboxing 2 weeks before his 6th birthday in April 2024. He has smashed through his belts not missing a grading and in 2 years has made purple belt, soon to take his brown belt. That's 7 belts and his orange was awarded with a green strip which is Honours on his score.

Oliver trains 4 to 5 hour sessions a week. Oliver is also working to become a junior instructor -he will be one of the youngest. He helps the 4-6 year olds in lessons before his own training sessions. Not many become junior instructors or even adult instructors. Oliver's goal is to hit black belt before April - his 3 year mark! To go from brown to black belts involves the most work and the biggest jump. Once black is reached, they earn strips which is different instructor levels.





Thank You



All of the staff would like to thank you for your very generous gifts. We all feel very appreciated and are looking forward to a bit of a rest and recharge.

Flyers

Please find below a selection of online safety resources that we wanted to share with our parents and carers ahead of the summer holiday period to help keep children safe online.

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- TVP: Online harm [Resources for education settings, parents and carers - Thames Valley PCC](#)
 - CEOP: [Parents and carers | CEOP Education](#)
 - NSPCC: [Keeping Children Safe Online | NSPCC](#) [Online safety for children with SEND | NSPCC](#)
 - Barnardo's: [Keeping children safe online: advice for parents and carers | Barnardo's](#)
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What time does the offer run?

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Is the offer available at all Morrisons cafés?

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Do I need to buy anything to get the free breakfast?

No purchase is required. Simply ask for a "Kellogg's Breakfast."

Is this only for families, or can adults without children take part?

It's open to everyone, not just families or children. Adults can claim it too.

Is this linked to Kellogg's school breakfast club programme?

Yes, Morrisons' free holiday breakfasts extends Kellogg's long running school breakfast club support, which has been running since 1998.

Are there other kids' meal deals running at the same time?

Yes, Morrisons also offers one free kids' meal with any adult main meal costing over £5. This runs every day, for children under 16.

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2.5–4 years

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Junior

4–6 years

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Sportmix

6–9 years

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Active

8–11 years

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Camp

4–11 years

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Our Vision and Values

