



Newsletter 19 – 7th July 2023

‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

The rain held off for our Reception Class sports morning. It was fantastic to see the children’s enthusiasm for the games. The Pines values were demonstrated in abundance with excellent examples of Character, Communication, Citizenship, Creativity, Collaboration and Critical Thinking being demonstrated throughout the morning.



It’s not just the children who are winners!

We are delighted to announce that our Site Manager, Phil Bradley, was the well-deserved winner of the Anglian Learning Half Term Staff Walking Week challenge. He walked over 50 miles and as a result of this, The Pines also won the whole school award! Well done Phil – he has set the bar very high. Please follow [Anglian Learning](#) on Facebook to keep up-to-date with all our Trust news.

Harnessing the sun!

You may have noticed that scaffolding has appeared on the main building and the pre-school this week. We are delighted to announce that solar panels are being installed next week which will reduce our considerable energy bill as well as support our desire to become as environmentally friendly as possible. The installers will be based in the staff car park and will not have access to the playground so there will be no impact on the running of the school.

Well Being Café Summer Celebration

On Thursday we held our last Wellbeing Café for this academic year. Thank you to all who joined us for our 'Summer Social' and were lucky enough to try out our very own 'Pines Paradise' mocktail !!!!

We will be back in September with more opportunities to meet up, along with a SEND cafe and parent workshops. We also now have links to the school nursing team who can also offer support to our school community.

Our cafés are very informal and everyone is welcome, whether you need advice and support or not. We would love to see some new faces.

Watch this space for dates and check out our wellbeing hub, which can be accessed through the school website for the most up to date information.

Thank you for your continued support,
Rachael - Family Wellbeing Lead

End of term

The summer holidays draw closer and there lots of events still to come, including our first ever Leavers' Assembly. We appreciate that this is a very busy time of the year for everyone but please do continue to keep us informed if there are any changes of contact details (addresses and telephone numbers) so that we can update our records. Also, if you have not already done so, please can you return the photo and video consent forms to the office as soon as possible.

Attendance Reminder

Attendance at school is a legal requirement and we therefore are unable to authorize holidays during term-time. The Pines school attendance is monitored by our governing body, trust, Suffolk local authority as well as by the Department for Education. Unfortunately, under the legal guidance Covid related holiday issues are not considered to be 'Exceptional Circumstances' and therefore cannot be authorized.

If you need to travel abroad for visa and/or passport issues, please attach evidence to leave request form.

We have a legal obligation to follow the attendance policy to help promote positive attendance.

More information on our attendance policy and the leave request forms can be found [here](#).

Headteacher Awards

Our recent proud recipients:



Dates:

Tuesday 18th July
Thursday 20th July

Move-Up morning
Last Day of Term