



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2

## 20TH SEPTEMBER



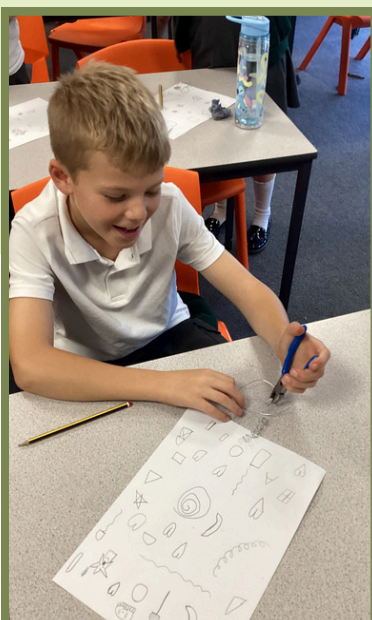
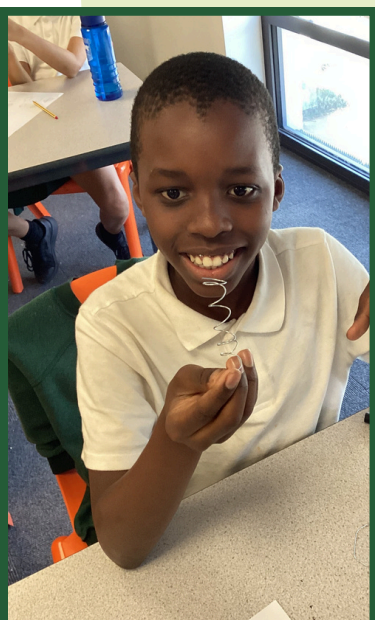
‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

It has been another phenomenal few weeks of learning and growth at The Pines and we are delighted to share some of the highlights with you in this week’s Newsletter.

### OUR CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Our weekly Friday Celebration Assembly is getting a fresh makeover, and as part of this process, the Headteacher’s Awards have been temporarily paused.

In the meantime, we’ve been highlighting the week’s achievements. Last Friday, Year 6 wowed us with their wire models, showcasing their skills in manipulating wire to bring their designs to life. In today’s assembly Year 5 shared their learning about creating a Mayan creation story using both descriptive language and drawing.





## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

A heartfelt congratulations to all our pioneers who participated in the Library Services Summer Reading Challenge! We truly enjoyed celebrating with the proud recipients during last week's assembly. As Dr. Seuss wisely said, "Books are a uniquely portable magic," and this wonderful sentiment embodies the joy and wonder that reading brings to our lives. Thank you for embracing this magical journey!



## PINE CONES GARDEN



We are thrilled to announce the completion of Phase 1 of the Pine Cones garden! The garden was officially opened on Monday, and it has already become a vibrant outdoor learning space for the children. They have enthusiastically embraced this new environment, eagerly exploring and engaging with nature.






## ONLINE SAFETY


After the success of our online safety course for parents last year we would like to remind you that there is lots of helpful information on our webpage [here](#).

Keeping safe online is one of the biggest challenges facing our children today and we all must do everything we can to keep them safe in a rapidly evolving digital world. We are hoping to run another online session for parents this year and will provide further details when we have a date.

## OUR OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE



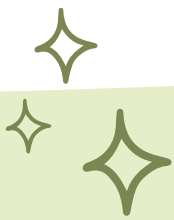
In the coming months, we are excited to announce the beginning of the redevelopment of our playground. The initial phase will involve reseeded a portion of the school field, which will require us to temporarily fence off certain areas. We will share more details as the project progresses.



In the meantime, we kindly ask for your cooperation in keeping our site safe. Please ensure that students and their siblings refrain from cycling or skating on the premises. We have had past incidents where children have been injured, and your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Additionally, we request that children do not play on the outdoor equipment or use the climbing structures before and after school. Our risk assessment clearly states that this equipment is to be used only under the supervision of school staff and it is not suitable for younger children.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we work to create a safer and more enjoyable space for our pupils.

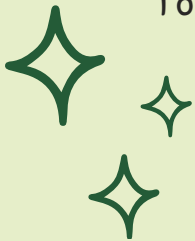


# THE PINES BREAKFAST CLUB

Start your child's day off right with our Breakfast Club!

Open from 8am each morning until the start of school in the Pinecones building. Our Breakfast Club provides a warm and welcoming environment where children can enjoy a nutritious breakfast before school starts. With a variety of healthy options available, children can fuel up for their day of learning while playing with friends in a relaxed atmosphere. Our friendly staff ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

To book sessions please go onto MCAS and look under 'Wraparound'.



## ATTENDANCE

Our updated Attendance Policy can be found on our website [here](#) and a letter outlining the major changes was sent out at the end of last term, however you may find the following information useful:

Changes to codes mean you may see different marks on your child's attendance certificate. e.g. the H code for authorised term-time leave (holiday) has been removed. Headteachers can no longer authorise term-time leave unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Headteachers may issue an attendance penalty notice if there are five or more days of unauthorised absence.

In addition, your child's attendance data will be shared with the Department for Education (DfE) and the Local Authority every day. This will be live data. This allows the DfE to provide schools with the tools to monitor and see improvement in attendance and will allow the Local Authority to provide advice, support and Early Help services.



**Do you have a question  
about  
Special Educational  
Needs?**

**Come along to our wellbeing and  
SEND cafe**

**With School SENCO  
Mrs Warwick  
&  
Rachael  
Family Wellbeing Lead**

**9am Wednesday 2nd October  
Tea & coffee available  
All welcome, little ones too!!**



# PFA NEWS



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## Stronger Starts

Vote now!

Helping children thrive

Vote for the project that means the most to you.  
Each project will receive up to £1,500.

<p><b>Ely Baby Bank</b> Food and Formula</p> <p>Providing baby milk and food to local families in need. The demand for milk is high and we see it increasing.</p> <p>Ely</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote in-store until 30 September 2024</p>	<p><b>The Pines Primary School</b> Breakfast Club</p> <p>A breakfast club to meet the increasing needs of our school community and to improve academic performance, attendance, and overall wellbeing.</p> <p>Bury St Edmunds</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote in-store until 30 September 2024</p>	<p>Working with </p> <p><b>Stepping Stones Pre-School</b> Nature Garden Project</p> <p>Creating a nature garden to grow and produce fruits and vegetables promoting healthy eating and to support the children and families with fresh produce.</p> <p>Faring</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote in-store until 30 September 2024</p>
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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



23rd  
Sept

School Photos

2nd Oct

Wellbeing Café

18th Oct

Y5 Maya Trip

21st Oct

Y6 Trip to Mildenhall Museum

22nd Oct

Y3 Stoneage Trip

23rd &  
24th Oct

Parents' Evening - booking details to be sent out soon

28th Oct  
- 1st Nov

Half Term

