



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 3

4TH OCTOBER



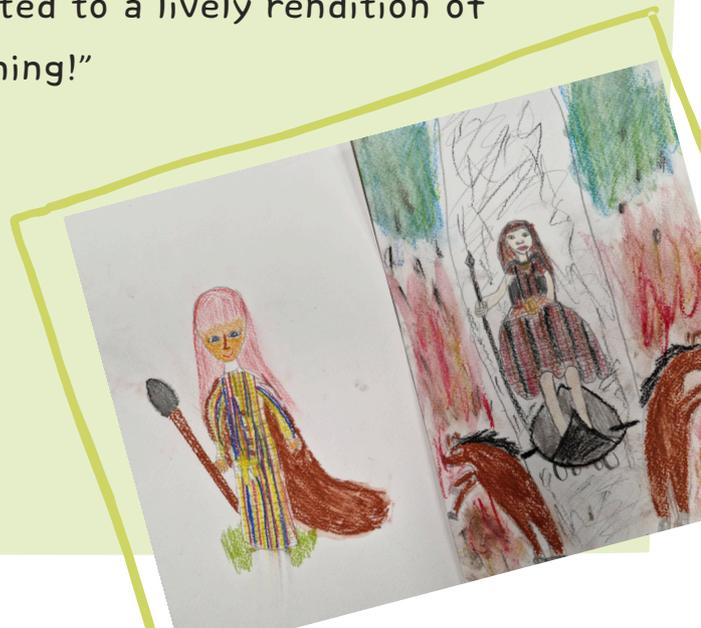
‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

As the nights begin to draw in and the leaves transition into their vibrant autumn hues, we are thrilled to announce that The Pines is bustling with a variety of exciting learning opportunities! From phonics events and school trips to seasonal celebrations, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

HI-LIGHT OF THE WEEK!



Last Friday, we had the pleasure of enjoying a remarkable display of artwork from Year 4, where students showcased their historical knowledge of Boudica through their impressive portraits. This week, Year 2 captivated us with their presentations on the Great Fire of London, featuring their creative firetruck models. To top it off, we were treated to a lively rendition of “London’s Burning!”





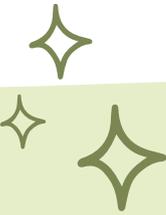
PINECONES COMMUNITY EVENT

Thank you to all of our Pine Cones families (and not forgetting the handful of Hedgehog parents) that came along to support our first ever preschool family welcome event last Thursday. Although small in numbers we have received some great feedback and really hope this will become an annual event.

Along with the Health Visitor and Lightwave Community Church, we also had EPIC dad's, a taster menu provided by our school catering service, Innovate, and a cooking demonstration by our very own incredibly talented Miss Saunders. All parents who came along, not only had the chance to meet our wider school community but also received a bag of ingredients and a recipe card to take away.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make this event so special and another big shout out to our wonderful PFA who kindly funded the cost of the ingredients and kept us topped up with tea and coffee throughout.





PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We are excited to announce that, following the success of last year's parent consultations, we will be hosting another session in the school hall (please enter through the hall doors). While you wait, you will have the opportunity to explore some of your child's work. The appointment system, available through MCAS, will go live on Monday 7th October at 6 pm. As space is limited, we kindly request that you do not bring children to this event.

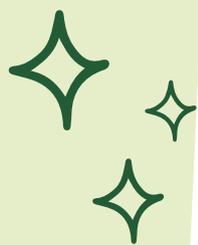
PACKED LUNCHES



As part of our commitment to promoting healthy eating and ensuring the safety of all students, we kindly ask that parents refrain from including fizzy/sugary drinks and nuts in their children's packed lunches. Fizzy/sugary drinks can contribute to unhealthy dietary habits, while nuts pose a significant allergy risk for some of our pupils. By choosing healthier beverage options and avoiding nuts, we can create a safer and more nutritious environment for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us maintain the well-being of our school community.

SCOOTING/CYCLING ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

We would like to remind everyone that cycling or scooting on the school grounds is strictly prohibited. The school site is frequented by many individuals, including those who may be vulnerable to falls. In the past, we have experienced several accidents involving children who have fallen or collided with others while riding or scooting. Your cooperation in ensuring a safe environment for all is greatly appreciated



CREATIVE MUSIC SESSIONS:

Over the last few weeks some of our Key Stage 2 children have had the opportunity to explore the wonders of music with Mrs Kuckelhaus.

All three sessions were planned around a specific style of music and designed to explore sound, tone, beat, rhythm and different musical arrangements. Lots of discussion has taken place as to how music makes us feel and the emotions that it can evoke.

I am sure you will agree the children have created some amazing pieces of artwork; and these will be displayed in our library for everyone to see before the children get to take them home.

Whilst our small group sessions have come to an end, we do have a couple of whole class sessions for both Year 5 and Year 6 to look forward to.

A huge thank you to Mrs Kuckelhaus, who has volunteered her time and brought these sessions to life with so much energy and enthusiasm.





EARLY YEARS OPEN EVENING

If you have a child who is set to start Reception class in September 2025, we invite you to our Open Evening on Wednesday 1st November, from 5 pm to 6 pm.

During this event, you will have the opportunity to hear a brief introductory talk, followed by a chance to explore the Reception learning space and engage in conversation with our team.



EARLY YEARS OPEN EVENT

Is your child due to start school in September 2025?
Join us for our open event to meet our dedicated teachers, explore our school and get a glimpse of the exciting curriculum we offer.



Date : Thursday 7th November 2024



Time : 5pm (lasting approx 1hr)



Location : The Pines Primary School, Manor Wood, Red Lodge



No reservation needed, children welcome!

PFA NEWS



We are delighted to announce that there are a series of fabulous events on the horizon planned by our wonderful PFA:

HALLOWEEN DISCO

25th October, 2024
Pine cones-2:15-3:00
Reception/KS1 session- 3:15-4:00
KS2 session- 4:15-5:15

Sibling discount available
Price includes, non-uniform day, disco and treat bag

HALLOWEEN DISCO PRICE LIST

Pine Cones £2
1 x child ticket £4
2 x siblings tickets for £6
3 x siblings tickets for £8

1. Please pay via sum up link or QR code
2. Take screenshot of 'payment accepted' screen
3. Send screenshot with your child/children's name to pfa@pinesprimary.org or Facebook message
4. Please make sure to fill out permission form

25th October 2025
Non-uniform day

Pupils are welcome to wear their costume*/ own clothes £1 included in price of disco if not attending disco and would still like to wear own clothes donation of £1 can be given to class teacher or using the sum up link / QR code

*no masks or props please

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



16th Oct

Harvest Celebration Assembly - please bring donations to the office

17th Oct

Reception Phonics Info Evening 5-6pm

18th Oct

Y5 Maya Trip to MAA

21st Oct

Y6 Trip to Mildenhall Museum

22nd Oct

Y3 Stone Age Trip

23rd &
24th Oct

Parents' Evening - booking goes live 6pm on 7th Oct

24th Oct

Hedgehog Pebble Laying at 2.45 pm



25th Oct

Halloween Fancy Dress day and PFA Disco



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



28th Oct

Half term

7th Nov

Early Years Open Evening

