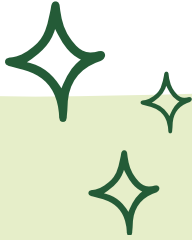




'Transforming lives through inspirational learning'



HI-LIGHT OF THE WEEK

This week's celebration assembly was filled with excitement, and Year 2 truly stole the show. They proudly displayed their stunning artistic moth designs and wowed us all with their imaginative story poems, each one inspired by an incredible journey.



Another highlight was the amazing choir performance on Thursday. The children captivated the audience with their talent, energy, and enthusiasm as they performed a unique and beautiful medley of songs! A huge thank you to our fantastic choir leader, Mrs. Kuckelhaus, for her dedication, time, and energy in helping our talented pupils deliver such memorable musical masterpieces

SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES...



Last Friday, the whole school took part in an exciting day of science activities to celebrate Science Day. Each class enjoyed a live, interactive session and participated in a range of hands-on experiments and learning experiences.

Reception Class started the day by exploring the fascinating world of shadows. They had lots of fun creating their very own shadow puppets, learning how shadows are formed, and experimenting with light and dark.

Key Stage 1 students investigated which materials are waterproof after learning about the famous Macintosh coats. They tested different materials using oil, wax, and glue to find out which would be best for keeping dry in the rain. To everyone's surprise, oil turned out to be the winner!

Key Stage 2 explored the concept of friction by designing and building their own marble runs. Their challenge was to create the "slowest" run possible by experimenting with different materials and angles. It was a fun and creative way to see how friction affects movement.

Science Day was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to get hands-on and explore the world of science in a fun and engaging way.



COMIC RELIEF

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Comic Relief event today! It was fantastic to see the usual sea of green replaced with a sea of red across the Pines. Just a quick reminder: unfortunately, we are unable to accept cash donations. However, if you'd like to contribute, please click on the link [here](#).



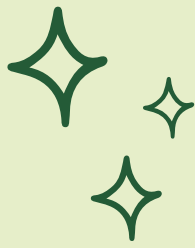
BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair is here until after school on Monday. If you are unable to pop in please feel free to browse the [online site](#) and order direct. The books will then be delivered to your child at school and you are still raising money for our library.





OPAL UPDATE



The scooters and suitcases continue to be a huge hit with our children and this week saw the introduction of steering wheels. Many thanks for the kind donations already received from our most recent appeal.

Just a reminder that we are looking for:

- Plastic milk crates, supermarket delivery crates, or plastic bread trays
- Road signs and cones
- Tools such as small spades, shovels, trowels, and brooms
- Tubes of various sizes and materials
- Buckets
- Nets and thick ropes
- Non-functioning items like keyboards, torches, laptops, calculators, mobile phones, desk phones, webcams, and cameras
- Fabric, including large sheets or brightly coloured fabric
- Cable drums
- Guttering
- Pool noodles

Before the Easter holidays, our aim is for each child across the school to have their own pair of Wellington boots for lunchtime use. We kindly ask that these boots are clearly labelled inside and on the sole with your child's full name.



MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a focused and safe learning environment for our entire school community, we would like to kindly remind you of our school's policy regarding mobile phones.

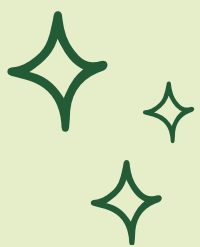
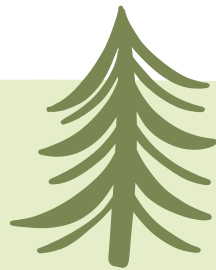
While we encourage pupils to leave their phones at home whenever possible, we want to ensure that both children and staff remain fully engaged in their learning and that the school environment stays secure and supportive.

Therefore, we kindly ask that children refrain from using mobile phones anywhere on the school site. This includes the school playground, as well as during drop-off and pick-up times. We have informed the classes that phones should be turned off and put away before they enter the school grounds.

Should any mobile phones be brought to school, they will be securely stored during the day. We would like to reinforce that, ideally, phones should not be brought into school at all. We also encourage parents to monitor their children's use of mobile phones and to ensure they are only using age-appropriate apps.

We sincerely appreciate your support in helping us maintain a respectful and distraction-free environment for all our pupils.



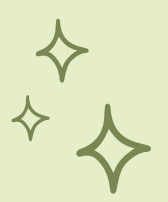


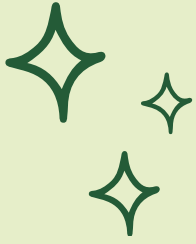
**Would you like to meet
your local
Red Lodge Community
Police Officers?**

**Coffee
with a
Cop**



**Tuesday 25th March
from 2pm
in the library**





PFA NEWS



Volunteers needed

The PFA are in need of more volunteers. If you are able to spare some time and help organise and run events, please get in touch with them by emailing; pfa@pinesprimary.org

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The PFA are in need of volunteers for the Red Lodge Music and Beer Festival. If you are able to spare some time please sign up [here](#).



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



19th-
24th
March

Book Fair - Card Payment Only

25th
March

Y5 Trip to Felixstowe

25th
March

Meet and Greet your Community Police Officer - 2pm in
the school hall

26th
March

Reception Visit to Sedgwick Museum

7th
April

Easter Break

22nd
April

PD Day - Pupils not on site

23rd
April

Easter Egg Competition - More info to follow

5th
May

May Bank Holiday

12th
May

Y6 SATS Week

