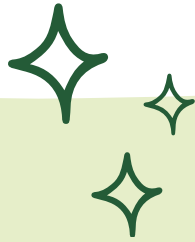




SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 14

4TH APRIL



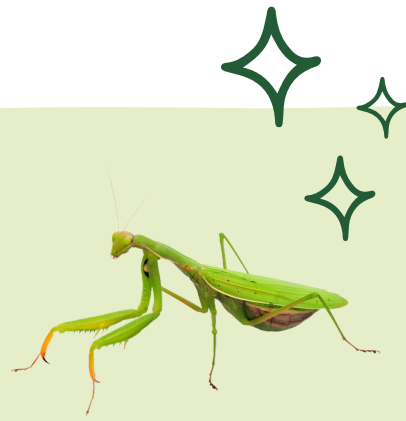
‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

As we wrap up an inspiring Spring Term, filled with engaging learning experiences and memorable community events, we want to extend our warmest wishes to all our families for a restful and enjoyable Easter break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 23rd April for another exciting term ahead, starting with our ‘Engage and Empower’ day.

HI-LIGHT OF THE WEEK

Year 5 captivated us with stories from their recent trip to Felixstowe, where they learned about the detrimental effects of plastic pollution on our marine environment. Thankfully, the Year 5 team took action to support our ecosystem by participating in a beach clean-up. Despite their efforts, they still had plenty of time for games and other seaside adventures, even managing to enjoy a picnic on the sand—though it was still March!





This week, Year 4 have been very busy with their learning, making presentations about saving the Amazon rainforest, creating clay birds and investigating food chains – not to mention meeting the police! We also spent time in the Forest School area, finding out which living things inhabited the different habitats there.








BOOK FAIR


We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our School Book Fair. Thanks to your generosity, we raised over £700, which will be used to purchase new books for our school. In this current financial climate, this support is incredibly valuable, and we are truly grateful to everyone who participated. A special thank you goes to our wonderful volunteers who helped run the event and made it such a success

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

This term, our KS2 students have participated in a wide range of sports tournaments, from netball to multisports. What has truly stood out in every event is the exceptional sportsmanship displayed by all our Pines pupils. They have consistently embodied our 6 C's, particularly character, collaboration, and citizenship, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements. A special thank you goes to Mrs Boston, Mr Cocks, and all the parents who supported these events and helped make them possible.

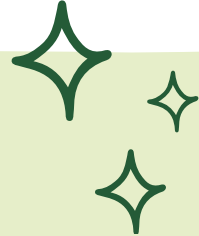


YEAR 1 NEWS



Yesterday, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Miss Kavanagh, who has been an invaluable member of the Year 1 team alongside Mrs Hawes. We wish her all the best in her new role and would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the fantastic contribution she has made to The Pines during her time with us.

We are also thrilled to welcome back Mrs Poynter from her maternity leave. She will be returning to teach Year 1 from Monday to Wednesday, while Mrs Hawes will continue to teach on Thursdays and Fridays.



VE DAY

Our VE day celebrations will be on Friday the 9th where children will be invited to attend school wearing red, white and blue. We will send more information regarding this after Easter.

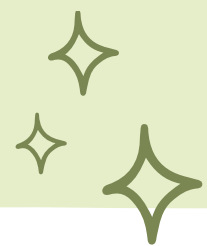
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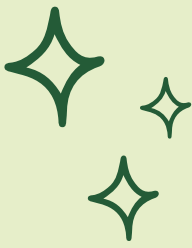
Our entire staff works tirelessly to meet the needs of all our pupils and their families, often going above and beyond to create a positive and supportive environment within our school community.

We are grateful for the majority of our parents who actively support our school and collaborate with us to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children. However, on rare occasions, a small minority of individuals may engage in communication that does not align with the respectful and constructive atmosphere we strive to maintain. We kindly remind everyone to uphold respectful communication, both in writing and in person, with all of our staff.

We take great pride in our open-door policy, and we are always here each morning to greet and welcome everyone into the school. It is important to note that we will not tolerate any form of hostility or aggression directed at any member of our community, including our dedicated staff.

Thank you for your continued support.





On Thursday 8th May we would like to invite all parents in to find out more about OPAL and join your children for a whole school playtime so that you can see it in action.

All parents are invited to our school hall to hear our OPAL mentor tell you about OPAL and for Louise Scott and Maddie Saunders to tell you about our journey so far.

We have made lots of progress and seen how play has evolved, and there is so much joy during our playtimes. We are excited to share this experience with you.

If you are able to join us please register your interest [here](#).

We are currently trying to raise funds for an outdoor shed for OPAL and to support this we will be holding a bake sale during the afternoon of this event.

Please provide any donations to the school office by the morning of the 8th May. We would like to request that all baked goods do not contain nuts, and please let us know if any are gluten and/or dairy free. Donations do not need to be homemade and can be shop-bought.





DIRECTOR OF PRIMARY EDUCATION



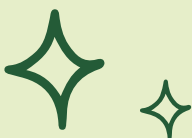
As our pupils and their families get set for the Easter break, I would like to take this opportunity to share some key highlights of the work Anglian Learning has undertaken during an empowering Spring term.

I begin with a warm welcome to Clare Community Primary School, based in Clare, Suffolk, who joined Anglian Learning alongside Stour Valley Community School on 1st March 2025. One continued focus across our primary schools has been school improvement. At the start of the Spring term, we were pleased to appoint Laura Rawlings, Deputy Director of Primary Education, who has been supporting our ongoing primary school improvement work, driven by a clear focus on progress, attainment, and targeted support.

Working closely with school leaders, we have analysed data forecasts based on progress and attainment over the Autumn term. This has allowed us to reflect on trends, celebrate successes, and identify areas for further development. Alongside this, we have reviewed the excellent work that schools have undertaken towards achieving their academy improvement plan priorities, ensuring a strong alignment between strategy and impact. In addition to Trust-wide priorities, we have also worked directly with school leaders on bespoke school improvement work, providing tailored support to meet the specific needs of individual academies.

I wish all families a restful Easter break and thank you for your continued support. For more information on our Trust's activities, please visit our website www.anglianlearning.org, or follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Rachael Johnston, Director of Primary Education





PFA EGG DECORATING CONTEST

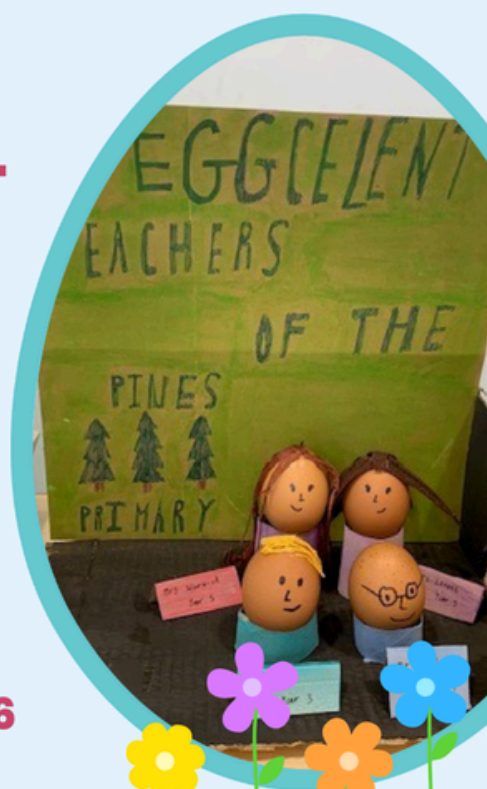
DESIGN AND DECORATE A BOILED EGG OVER THE EASTER BREAK.



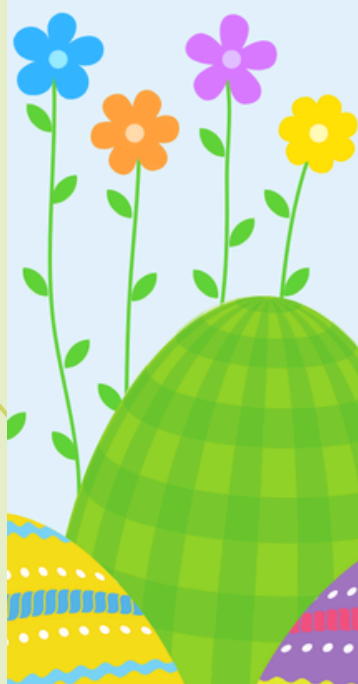
23RD APRIL

£1 TO ENTER

**1ST AND 2ND
PRIZES TO BE
WON**



RECEPTION- YEAR 6



PFA NEWS



RED LODGE
MILLENNIUM
CENTRE



EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY
12TH APRIL 2025
1:00PM - 5:00PM



The PFA are in need of volunteers for both the Easter Family Fun Day and Red Lodge Music and Beer Festival. If you are able to spare some time please email pfa@pinesprimary.org

RED LODGE BEER & MUSIC FESTIVAL

REAL ALES | CIDERS | COCKTAILS
BBQ | ICE CREAM | TUCK SHOP
BOUNCY CASTLES | MAGICIAN | CRAFTS | GAMES
NEW FOR 2025 - GEARED ENTERTAINMENT PHOTO BOOTH

PERFORMANCES BY :

- 3 OG's + Special Guest
- The Sixteenths
- Akimbo
- The Arkies
- Surge
- Ed Sheeran Tribute
- Ska-Dust
- The Gigmasters

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May, 2025

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MILLENNIUM
CENTRE
Lavender Close
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Start At
12 NOON
—
12 MIDNIGHT

For ticket purchases and other information please visit:
www.lineupnow.com/event/red-lodge-beer-music-festival-2025



TICKET INFORMATION

ADULT TICKET (Over 18s) - £13 (Online in Advance) / £15 (On Day)
(includes 4 half pint vouchers to be used a real ale & cider bar)

SENIOR CITIZENS TICKET (Over 65s) - £10 (Online in Advance) / £12 (On day)
(includes 4 half pint vouchers to be used a real ale & cider bar)

CHILDREN & YOUNG PERSONS GO FREE (Under 18s)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

WE APPRECIATE EVERY
VOLUNTEER!

Our charity is urgently seeking volunteers to assist with planning, organising, and running events. If you're interested in contributing in any way, please get in touch.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



7th
April

Easter Break

22nd
April

PD Day - Pupils not on site

23rd
April

Easter Egg Competition

28th &
29th April

Y4 Parent Consultations

5th
May



May Bank Holiday

8th
May

OPAL Visit - Play with Parents

9th
May

VE Celebration - Wear Red/ White/ Blue- More details to follow



12th
May

Y6 SATS Week

26th-30th
May

Half Term