

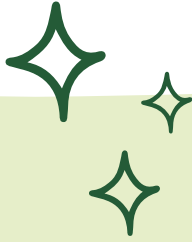


# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 15

## 2ND MAY



‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’



We are pleased to extend a warm welcome to all our families as we begin the new term. As the days gradually lengthen—and we hope the grass does too—we look forward to a summer filled with learning, inspiration and continued partnership with our school community.

## AN EXCITING START TO THE TERM: ENGAGE AND EMPOWER DAYS

We began the term with our ever-popular Engage and Empower days, which continue to be a highlight for both our pupils and staff team. In Key Stage 1, our young pioneers stepped into the roles of scientists, botanists, and even scentologists, immersing themselves in hands-on, exploratory learning. Meanwhile, Key Stage 2 pupils took on a variety of exciting challenges, including creating artwork inspired by nature, investigating ancient artifacts, planting cacti and creating desert art. These enriching experiences provided the perfect launchpad for a term full of creativity, collaboration, character, citizenship, critical thinking and communication.



## AFTER – SCHOOL CLUBS

We are pleased to announce that Premier Education have increased their after school club provision. More details can be found below (please note, the finish time is 4.30pm, and not 4.15pm as stated, and is in addition to the usual provision from 3.15pm – 5.30pm):



Starts w/c 28th April, Finishes w/c 14th July

### EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL...

Day:	Activity:	Year(s):	Time:	Price
Monday	Football	YR - 6	15:15 - 16:15	£6 per session
Tuesday	Rounders	YR - 6	15:15 - 16:15	£6 per session
Wednesday	Cricket	YR - 6	15:15 - 16:15	£6 per session
Thursday	Tennis	YR - 6	15:15 - 16:15	£6 per session
Friday	Gymnastics	YR - 6	15:15 - 16:15	£6 per session



We are pleased to inform you that we will be running the above listed clubs at your school this term for boys and girls of all abilities. Full details are available on our website.

To book, please follow these simple steps:

1. visit [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com)
2. search your postcode in 'book a course'
3. select your school and click BOOK NOW
4. complete your details and receive email confirmation of your booking.

Please note booking remains open throughout the duration of the course, the price will adjust on the payment page! If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, the payment can be paid for by the school. If your family circumstances have changed since being awarded the Pupil Premium grant and you feel you could make a contribution or pay the full payment, it would be very much appreciated.

Any questions email [info@premier-education.com](mailto:info@premier-education.com)

Premier Education is the UK's No. 1 provider of sport and physical activity to primary schools, improving children's health and wellbeing through active learning every day!





## VE DAY

On Friday 8th May, we will be commemorating 80 years since the end of World War II with a special VE Day celebration here at The Pines. To mark this important occasion, children are invited to come to school dressed in red, white, or blue—the colours of the Union Jack. (Please note: no football kits, thank you.)

As part of the day's activities, we are hoping to hold a wartime-inspired sing-along in the playground at 3:05pm, and would love to welcome parents and carers to join us. This event will be weather permitting, so fingers crossed for sunshine!

We're looking forward to a joyful afternoon of remembrance, community, and song.



## CHICKEN POX




We wanted to make you aware that we have had several recent cases of chickenpox within the school.

Chickenpox is a common childhood illness, but it spreads very easily. A person with chickenpox can be contagious from two days before the spots appear until all the spots have scabbed over, which usually takes about five days after they first appear. Because children are most contagious before any visible signs, it can spread quickly without warning with the spots usually appearing between 7 to 21 days after contact with the virus.

If your child develops symptoms, we recommend keeping them at home and consulting NHS guidance.

You can find more detailed information about symptoms, treatment, and when to seek medical advice here:

 [NHS Chickenpox Information](#)



## PE UNIFORM

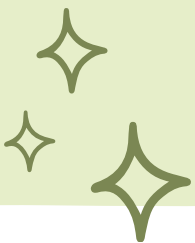
You may have seen in the news this week that the Department for Education has announced plans to reduce the number of compulsory branded items in school uniforms. At The Pines, we have always prioritised keeping uniform costs as low as possible, ensuring our uniform remains affordable and widely available and therefore these changes do not affect us directly.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the PE kit expectations for all pupils. Our PE kit can be purchased easily from most major supermarkets or online retailers and should consist of:

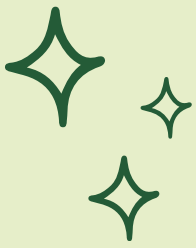
- Plain white T-shirt
- Navy or black shorts or cycle shorts
- Suitable trainers or plimsolls

On PE days, pupils should also wear their school jumper over their PE kit. Please note that branded sportswear, including football kits or logoed T-shirts, is not permitted.

If you are experiencing any difficulty in obtaining the appropriate PE kit—or any part of the school uniform—please do not hesitate to contact the school office in confidence. We are here to help.







# HELPING HANDS

SPORTS  
PAVILION  
RED LODGE



FREE DRINKS  
AND BISCUITS



BUDGETS  
JOB SEARCH  
FORM  
FILLING



FOOD BANK



SIT AND  
CHAT

**MONDAYS**

9:30-12:00



# PFA NEWS



## 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
- Akimbo
- Surge
- Ska-Dust
- The Sixteenths
- The Arkies
- Ed Sheeran Tribute
- The Gigmasters

**24**  
May, 2025

RED LODGE  
MILLENNIUM  
CENTRE  
Lavender Close  
IP28 8TT

Start At  
12 NOON  
—  
12 MIDNIGHT

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

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**MALARY**

The Cornish Family  
in loving memory of 'Snappy'

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### TICKET INFORMATION

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

CHILDREN & YOUNG PERSONS GO FREE (Under 18s)

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](mailto:pfa@pinesprimary.org)

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## RED LODGE MUSIC FESTIVAL RAFFLE

We're sending home 5 raffle tickets per family. Each ticket costs £1. Please fill out the stubs, and return to school with cash in an envelope by 20th May. If you'd like more, just reach out to the PFA! For information on prizes please see music festival details.

If you're not interested in buying tickets, please return them to the school.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



5th  
May

May Bank Holiday

9th  
May

VE Celebration - Wear Red/ White/ Blue and join us for a  
sing along in the playground at 3.05pm

12th  
May

Y6 SATS Week

12th  
May

Y1 Phonics Talk

22nd  
May

Reception Class visit to Lackford Lakes

22nd  
May

Wellbeing Garden Café

26th-30th  
May

Half Term

