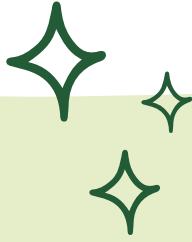




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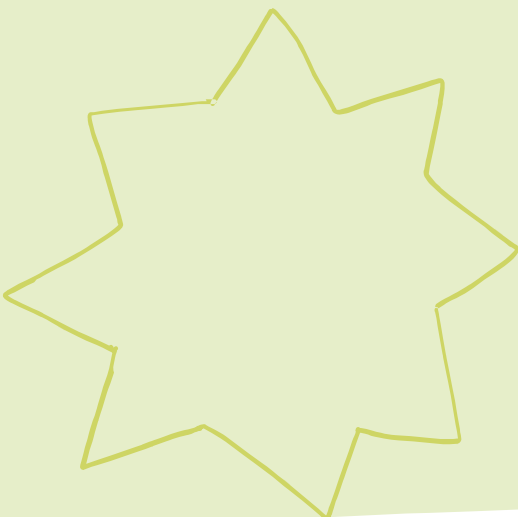


‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

The final half of the summer term is already upon us, and it's hard to believe how quickly the year has flown by. As we reflect on the journey so far, it's clear that our school community has achieved so much with many unforgettable shared experiences.

This final stretch of the year promises to be just as exciting. Our calendar is packed with a wide range of inspiring learning opportunities, enrichment activities, and whole-school events that showcase the talents, creativity, and enthusiasm of our pioneers.

Over the coming weeks, we look forward to sharing highlights from these experiences with you, celebrating the successes of our children, and keeping you informed about the many wonderful things happening across the school. As always, thank you for your continued support and involvement – it makes a world of difference.



LEARNING THEMES



Our new learning themes are now in full swing, and what an exciting start we've had.

From rivers being carefully constructed in Forest School, to the delicious aroma of freshly baked bread wafting through the upper corridors, the day was packed with memorable experiences. Children enjoyed imaginative adventures on pirate ships, savoured ice creams by the 'seaside', and threw themselves into hands-on learning with enthusiasm and joy.

This immersive start has truly ignited a love for learning across the school, and we can't wait to see how these themes develop in the weeks ahead. Watch this space for more updates and highlights!

Reception: How can I sail the Seven Seas?

Year 1: 'Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside!'

Year 2: What is it like to live by the coast?

Year 3: Proud of our place.

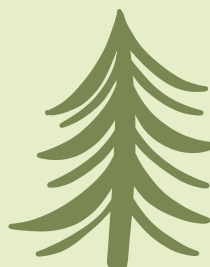
Year 4: Going with the flow...

Year 5: Tremendous Tudor Life!

Year 6: The Grand Finale!



Individual class newsletters have also been sent out today. In some year groups, we are trialling a new design to improve how we share information with you. We would greatly value your thoughts, so please do take a moment to share your feedback via the survey link that has been sent directly to those years involved.



NETBALL GLORY

On Wednesday 21st May, a team of Year 6 girls competed in the Forest Heath netball tournament.

They won all of their group matches, semi-final and narrowly lost in the final (2-1) to Great Heath.

The girls played really well, displaying amazing team work, fabulous netball skills and good sportsmanship.



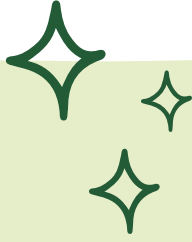
OPAL AND LANDSCAPING UPDATE: JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATION SESSION!

We are excited to invite all parents to a special OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) information session on Tuesday, 17th June, from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the school hall.

This is a fantastic chance to discover all the exciting future changes happening in our school playground and learn about the wonderful benefits OPAL brings to our children's play and learning experiences.

We warmly encourage as many parents as possible to come along. To help us plan refreshments and seating, please let the school office know if you'll be attending.

Thank you for your ongoing support—we can't wait to share this exciting journey with you.



GREEN FINGERS AND CAKES!

On Thursday 22nd May, we proudly hosted our very first Well-Being Garden Café, led by Rachael Cox and Ms Saunders, with fantastic support from our Gardening Club and a team of wonderful volunteers.

Visitors enjoyed a delicious selection of cakes while taking in the beauty of our school garden, which has been lovingly cared for by our dedicated gardening team. The event was a brilliant celebration of citizenship, collaboration and character.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along and supported this special occasion.

We're also thrilled to share some exciting news: thanks to the hard work of the Gardening Club and the dedication of Ms Saunders, we have been awarded the RHS Level 4 Gardening Award! This fantastic achievement comes with some wonderful prizes, including:

- A £100 National Garden Gift Voucher
- A copy of RHS Gardening School, a brilliant gardening book
- A selection of seeds from Mr Fothergill's

Well done to everyone involved—your green fingers have truly made a difference!

EARRINGS AND PE – A HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDER

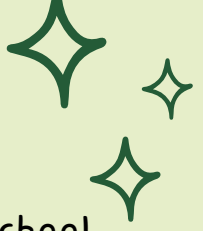
For health and safety reasons, we kindly remind parents that children should not wear earrings during PE lessons. Removing earrings before school is the safest option, as taped earrings still pose a risk of injury during physical activity. If your child is unable to remove their earrings themselves, please ensure they come to school without them on PE days.

Thank you for your support in keeping all our pupils safe and active.

More information on Jewellery in PE can be read in our policy [here](#).



LET'S KEEP ATTENDANCE ON TRACK!



At The Pines, we know how important it is for every child to be in school, every day. Good attendance helps children feel part of the school community, keeps their learning on track, and supports their well-being.

As school attendance is a legal requirement, we're not able to authorise holidays during term time. While we completely understand the pressures many families are facing with the cost of living, unfortunately, financial reasons are not classed as 'exceptional circumstances' under national guidance—so holidays taken in term time must be recorded as unauthorised. Fines are issued by Suffolk Local Authority and are paid directly to them.

Attendance at our school is regularly reviewed by our Trust, Suffolk Local Authority, and the Department for Education. We are required to follow our attendance policy, which helps us support all children in getting the most from their education.

A couple of friendly reminders:

- If your child is absent and we don't hear from you, the absence will be marked as unauthorised.
- If we suspect that an absence is due to a holiday—even if it hasn't been declared—it will still be recorded as unauthorised.

You can find more details about our attendance policy, and download leave of absence request forms [here](#).

Thank you for working with us to support great attendance and help every child thrive. If you ever have any questions or worries about attendance, please get in touch—we're here to help!



OUR SHARING SHED IS OFFICIALLY OPEN EVERY AFTERNOON FROM 3PM

(NEAR THE KS2 BIKESHED)

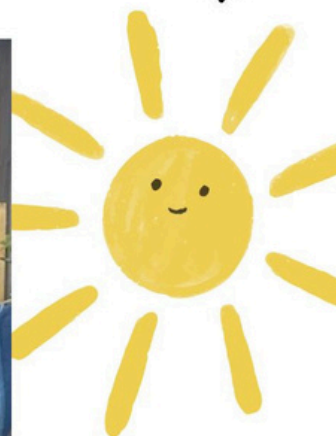
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The PFA are in need of volunteers for both the Easter Family Fun Day and Red Lodge Music and Beer Festival. If you are able to spare some time please email pfa@pinesprimary.org

BYOB event

Cash Prize

THE PINES PFA QUIZ NIGHT

ADULTS ONLY
6:00-8:30

Friday
13th June
doors open 6:00 pm
quiz starts 6:30 pm
The Pines Primary School Hall
Raffle available
feel free to bring your own adult beverage and nibbles

£5 per person
Maximum of 6 people per team

Pre- booking essential to be guaranteed a table for your team.
Pfa@pinesprimary.org

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



11th
June

Y6 Residential Parent Information Meeting

13th
June

PFA Quiz

17th
June

OPAL Info Evening

18th
June

Y3 Trip to Ely Cathedral

23rd -25th
June

Y6 Residential Trip

25th
June

Y5 Kentwell Hall Trip

27th
June

Y2 Wandlebury Trip

22nd
July

Last Day of Term

