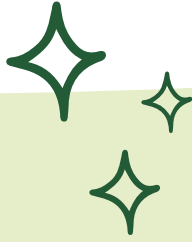




# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 20

## 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY



‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

As we wrap up the term, I'd like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all our parents and children for their continued support of The Pines community.

It's been an incredibly busy and exciting few weeks—full of productions, special events, leavers' celebrations, and even a pop-up art gallery and the odd pirate. I even got a soaking in the stocks!!

So many happy memories have been made, and that's all thanks to the dedication, creativity, and care of our wonderful staff team.

We wish all our families a restful and joyful summer—hopefully filled with sunshine, laughter, and plenty of time to recharge.

## **EXCITING STAFF UPDATE: WELCOME TO OUR NEW SITE MANAGER**

We are delighted to announce that Ms. Maddie Saunders will be stepping into the role of Site Manager. Maddie has been a valued member of our school community, and we are thrilled to welcome her into this new position.

Maddie's appointment marks an exciting step forward for our school, and with this in place, we are now able to finalise our support staff team for the upcoming school year and should be able to share this with you next week.

We look forward to working together to ensure a smooth, well-supported environment for all our pupils and staff.



## SATS RESULTS

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children and all they have achieved during their time at The Pines. Whether they started with us in Reception or joined along the way, each one has left their mark and made us proud. Their performance of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies was a brilliant showcase of talent, teamwork, confidence, and humour - an unforgettable production that had us all laughing in the aisles! Alongside their creative achievements, they demonstrated impressive determination and resilience in their SATs, with results that truly reflect their hard work and positive attitudes. As they move on to the next chapter of their education, they do so as confident, capable young people, full of potential and ready to shine.

### RESULTS:

Subject	Expected Standard (%)	National (%)
Reading	86%	75%
Writing	75%	72%
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammer	79%	73%
Mathmatics	71%	74%
Science	82%	82%

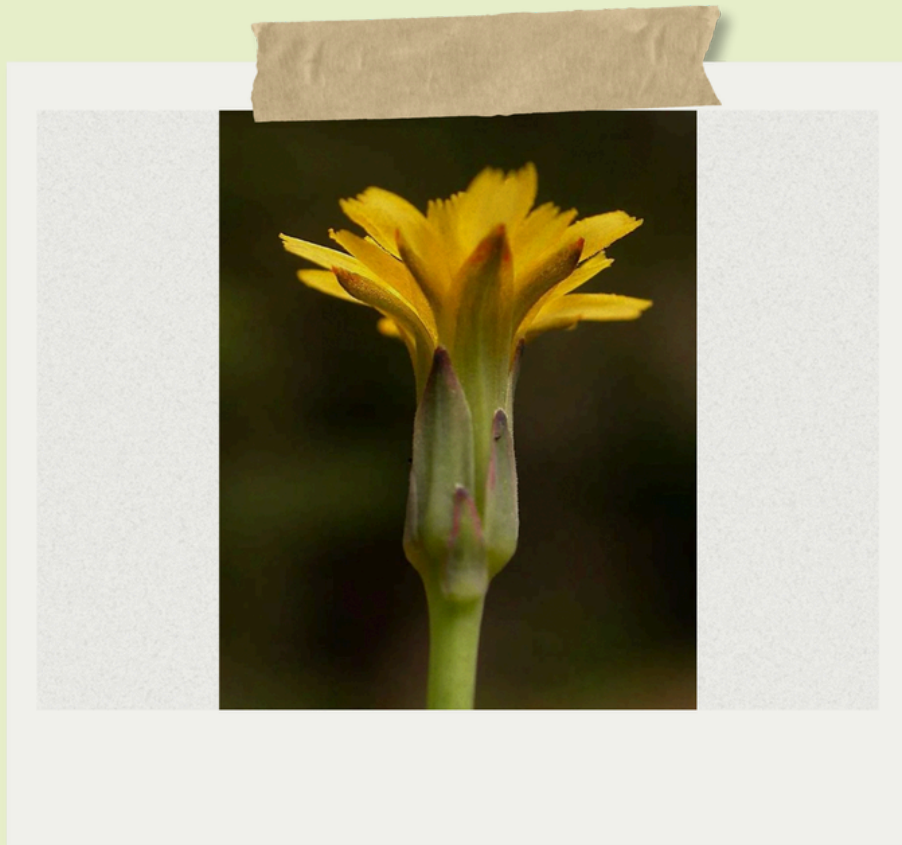
## RARE FLOWERS DISCOVERED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

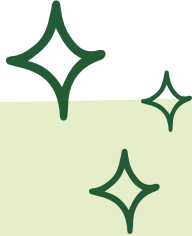
As part of our ecological planting survey conducted this week, we made an exciting discovery - rare Breckland plants are growing right here on our school grounds (Bur Medick *Medicago Minima* and Smooth Cat's-ear *Hypochaeris Glabra*)!

This is fantastic news for both our school community and local biodiversity. Looking ahead to next year, we hope to launch a special conservation project involving our pupils alongside other environmental organisations. The aim will be to enhance and protect these natural Breckland habitats, which are crucial for the survival of several rare insect species.

We're proud to play a vital role in preserving these unique ecosystems, and even more delighted that our pupils will be part of it. Simply by playing in and around these areas, they're already helping with natural seed dispersal!

Stay tuned as we grow this initiative together, one flower at a time...





## MUSICAL STARS IN THE MAKING...

The choir truly wowed us with their most magnificent performance to date. Their seamless blending of lyrics and harmonies created an amazing musical montage that captivated everyone. This outstanding achievement is a testament to Mrs. Kuckelhaus, whose dedication makes choir a joyful and dynamic experience for all the children. Her passion and guidance inspire the students to perform with such genuine enthusiasm. We are incredibly grateful for all that she does!



## SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 'MEET THE TEACHER' SESSIONS:

We would like to welcome you to meet the teacher in the classroom  
3.30 - 4pm on the following days:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September - Y5 & Y6

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September - Y3 & Y4

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September - Y2

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Y1

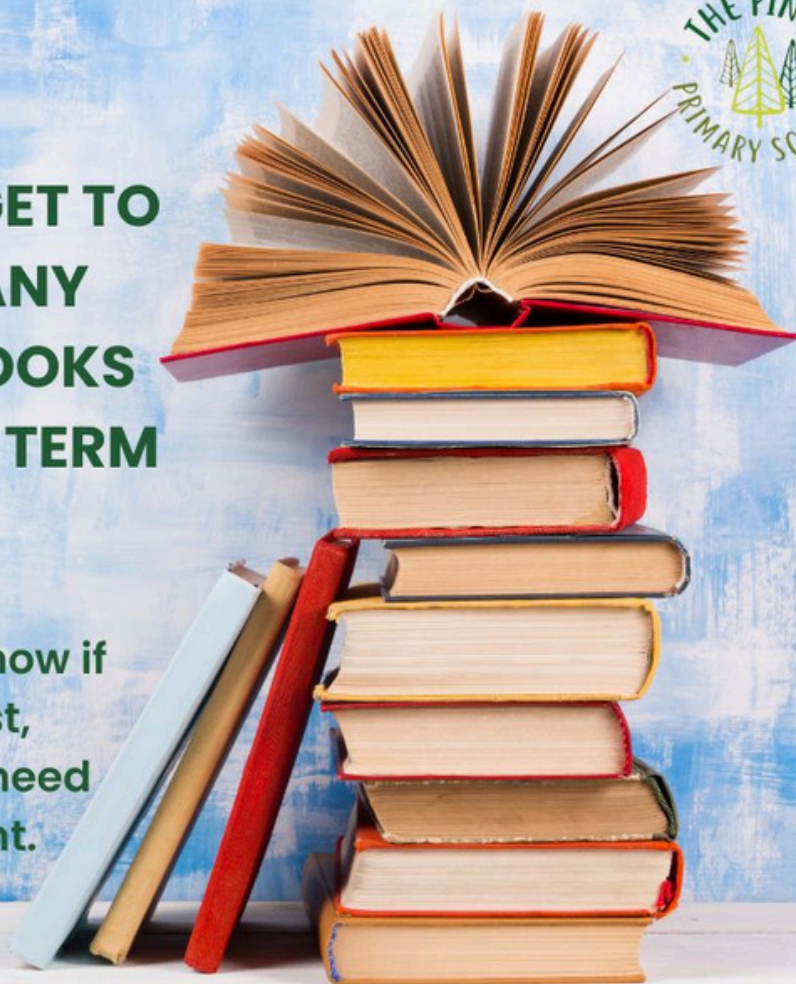






# DON'T FORGET TO RETURN ANY LIBRARY BOOKS BEFORE THE TERM ENDS!

Please let us know if  
they are lost,  
damaged, or need  
replacement.



## OUR SHARING SHED IS OFFICIALLY OPEN EVERY AFTERNOON FROM 3PM

(NEAR THE KS2 BIKESHED)

DONATIONS OF FOOD  
AND ESSENTIALS  
WELCOME



IT'S FOR EVERYONE  
SO PLEASE  
HELP YOURSELF



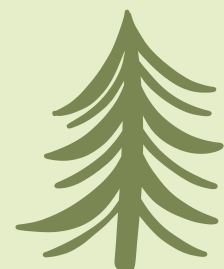
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REDUCE  
FOOD WASTE



SHARING  
IS  
CARING



TAKE WHAT YOU NEED, LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN



# PFA NEWS



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Quote Our Fundraising Number To Raise Funds For School

[WWW.STIKINS.CO.UK](http://WWW.STIKINS.CO.UK)

Use Code 36518

The PFA are in need of volunteers to help at events. If you are able to spare some time please email [pfa@pinesprimary.org](mailto:pfa@pinesprimary.org)

## THE PINES PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

10/9 AGM – all welcome  
12/9 Tuck Shop  
15/9 Tea and Tissues –  
Hedgehog parents welcome  
25/9 Welcome event for Pine  
Cones and Hedgehogs  
26/9 Tuck shop

### OCTOBER

3/10 Adult Bingo Night  
10/10 Tuck Shop  
17/10 Tuck Shop  
24/10– Halloween Disco /  
Dress up

### NOVEMBER

7/11 Tuck Shop  
14/11 Adult Disco  
21/11 Tuck Shop  
27/11 Themed non uniform day  
for donations for winter fair

### DECEMBER

5/12 Winter Fair  
12/12 Tuck Shop



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



21<sup>st</sup>  
July

Y3 End of Year Picnic at Red Lodge Pavilion 11- 1pm

Y4 Film of Highlights 2.45-3.15pm

Tea with the Teacher 3.30- 4.30 - weather and wasps permitting

22<sup>nd</sup>  
July

Last Day of Term

2.30 - Y6 Leavers Assembly

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sept

PD Day - No pupils in School

3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sept

Y1 - Y6 Back to School

w/c 8<sup>th</sup>  
Sept

Meet the Teacher week- see above for dates

18<sup>th</sup>  
Sept

Flu Vaccinations

25<sup>th</sup>  
Sept

School Photos

