

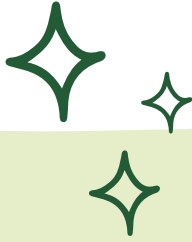


SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 1

12TH SEPTEMBER



'Transforming lives through inspirational learning'



WELCOME BACK

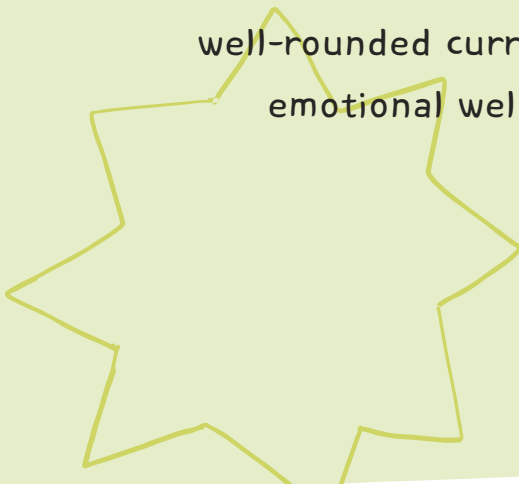
What a brilliant start to the term it's been! The children are buzzing with excitement in their new classes, and we've loved hearing all the lovely stories about their summer adventures.

A big, warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us this week. It's been wonderful to see how quickly your children have settled in and become part of our school family. I've enjoyed visiting classrooms and witnessing this first-hand.

ENGAGE AND EMPOWER DAYS

We welcomed the children back with our special
'Engage and Empower Experience Day'.

Here at The Pines, we're passionate about offering a well-rounded curriculum that supports both your child's emotional well-being and their academic growth.



Each Engage and Empower Day is carefully designed to help children transition smoothly back to school after their time with family. These days include an exciting 'hook'—a fun and inspiring activity linked to the term's theme—that sparks curiosity and sets a positive, energetic tone for the learning adventures ahead:

Reception: I wonder what makes me unique?

Year 1: Where did toys begin? The amazing adventures of toys through time...

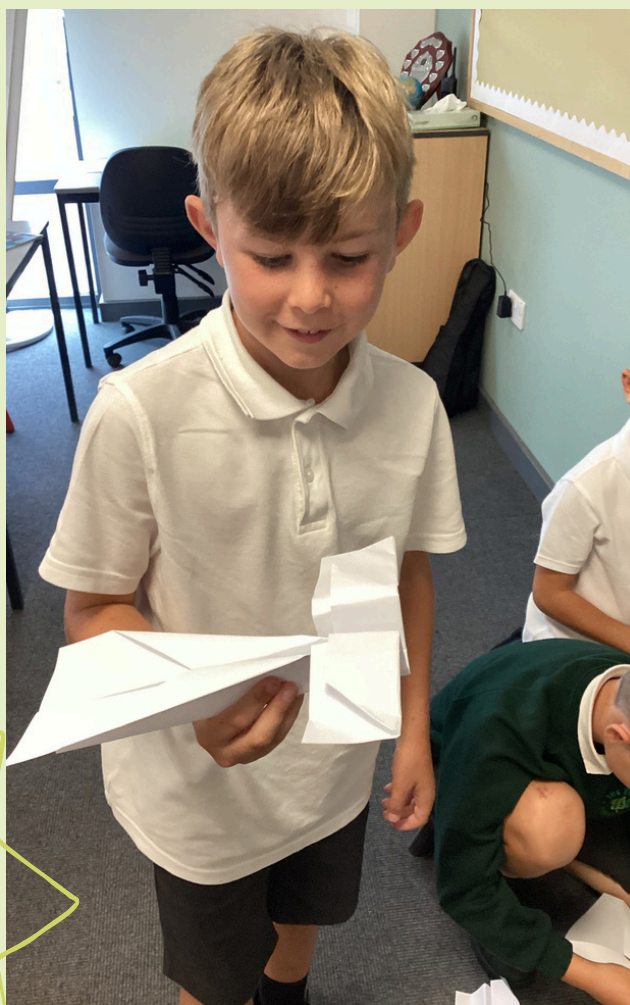
Year 2: What happened in the Great Fire of London?

Year 3: From Stone Age to Iron Age

Year 4: Where does our food come from and where does it go?

Year 5: Who were the Maya and where have they gone?

Year 6: The Great Air Race!



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY — A QUICK REMINDER

You might have heard that the government is asking schools to focus on making sure children come to school every day and on time.

Just a couple of things to remember:

- School starts at 8:55am and the gates close at 9:00am.
- If your child arrives after 9:00am, they'll be marked as 'Late'.
- If they arrive after 9:30am, it counts as an 'Unauthorised Absence'.
- Please remember, holidays during term time won't be authorised, and fines will be issued if children miss school for this reason.

Being in class on time every day really helps your child get the most out of their learning — thanks so much for your help with this!

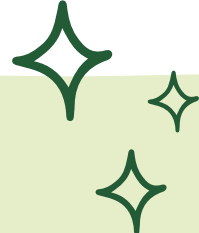
AFTER SCHOOL COLLECTIONS

If someone different is picking up your child after school, please let the office know beforehand. That way, we can make sure your child is ready and safe to go with the right person.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US

With more families joining The Pines, here's a quick reminder about how to contact us:

- If you have a worry or question about your child, start by chatting with their class teacher — they know your child best and can often help straight away.
- You can also email or call the office at office@pinesprimary.org and we'll pass on your message as quickly as possible.
- And remember, Rachael Cox, our Family Well-being Lead, is here to help too. She'll be running the Well-being Café again this term. You can find more info on our Well-being Hub on the [website](#).



SHARING SHED

We're excited to introduce our new Sharing Shed — a place for families to share everyday essentials. The shed will be open each morning and afternoons, and everyone is welcome to take what they need or donate items they no longer use.

If you would prefer to donate or receive items confidentially, please contact Rachael Cox at rcox@pinesprimary.org



THE PINES BREAKFAST CLUB

Start your child's day off right with our Breakfast Club! Open from 8am each morning until the start of school, our Breakfast Club provides a warm and welcoming environment where children can enjoy a nutritious breakfast before school starts. With a variety of healthy options available, children can fuel up for their day of learning while playing with friends in a relaxed atmosphere. Our friendly staff ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.



To book sessions please go to MCAS and look under 'Wraparound'.

PREMIER EDUCATION AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND WRAP AROUND CARE

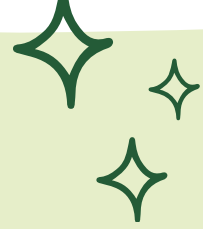
Our After-School Clubs continue to be a big hit, with lots of fun, active sessions running from 3:15pm to 4:30pm, alongside our wraparound care provision. Each day offers something different:

- Monday: Nerf Fun
- Tuesday: Multisports
- Wednesday: Dodgeball
- Thursday: Football
- Friday: Gymnastics

There are still spaces available! To book your child's place, please visit:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/22896/>

EXCITING PLAYGROUND LANDSCAPING UPDATE!



We're thrilled to share that the main playground landscaping work has started and should be complete within two weeks. We can't wait to reveal the new design!

During this time, there will be workers and equipment on site. While this won't affect the children during school hours, please ensure your children stay with you and avoid playing near the work zones during drop-off and pick-up times.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to enjoying the new all-weather areas together very soon.

PHOTO AND VIDEO CONSENT

As part of our yearly safeguarding and data protection procedures, we kindly ask all families to complete the Photo Consent Form for the upcoming 2025/2026 school year.

We are required to renew consent each year to ensure we have your most up-to-date preferences regarding how images and videos of your child may be used by the school (e.g. on our website, social media, or in newsletters).

Please complete [this form](#) by Tuesday 16th September.

If we do not receive a completed form, we will assume that you do not give consent for your child to be photographed or filmed.





Wellbeing & SEND Café

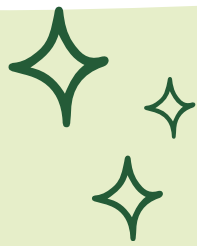
**with Rachael (family Wellbeing Lead)
and Clare Warwick (SENDCO)**

**Come and join us for a
brew & a biscuit
Thurs 9th October
from 9am**

in the school hall

**Everyone welcome
including little ones**





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The PFA are in need of volunteers to help at events. If you are able to spare some time please email 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

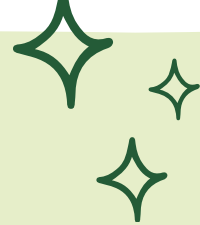
7/11 Tuck Shop
14/11 Adult Disco
21/11 Tuck Shop
27/11 Themed non uniform day
for donations for winter fair

DECEMBER

5/12 Winter Fair
12/12 Tuck Shop



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



15th
Sept

Tea and Tissues for New Hedgehog Class

18th
Sept

Flu Vaccinations - Please make sure you give or decline
consent [here](#)

19th
Sept

Choir Cancelled

25th
Sept

School Photos
4-5pm - Pine Cones / Hedgehogs Event

26th
Sept

PFA Tuck Shop after school

3rd
Oct

PFA Parent Bingo

9th
Oct

9-10am SEND/ Wellbeing Cafe
PFA Tuck Shop after school

