

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 6

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‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’



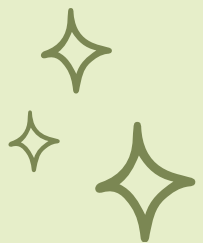
We have had a wonderful week in school. It has been extra special as we celebrated our annual Kindness Week. Each class has been looking out for random acts of kindness, observed by both adults and children. Whenever someone was spotted doing something kind, their name was placed into our Kindness Bucket.

We learned about how we can be bucket fillers by showing kindness to others - filling their invisible bucket and our own. Simple acts such as giving someone a smile, using good manners, or helping a friend or adult all make a big difference. We also talked about bucket dippers - using unkind words or actions that can empty someone's bucket and make us feel sad.

This week, our Play Detectives, Noel and Anna, noticed lots of lovely sharing and collaborative play during lunchtime. They also awarded the Golden Broom to Year 2 for their fantastic tidying.

Keep it up, Team Pines! 🌟

Have You Filled a Bucket Today?



WILDFLOWER PLANTING

Our school sits within the unique landscape of the Brecklands, an area known for its rare flora and fauna. As part of our planning consent, we are required to ensure a biodiversity net gain across the site. To support this work, we have partnered with a specialist from the charity Plant Life, who recently visited the school to survey the existing conditions and help guide the most suitable approach for our site. As part of these efforts, children from The Pines and Pine Cones have also been busy planting wildflowers to encourage more biodiversity and support local habitats.





CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES



With Christmas fast approaching, we would like to remind parents and carers to book their tickets for this year's Reception class Christmas Nativity and the Year 1 & Year 2 performances using the links previously sent out.

Each child is allocated two tickets to ensure all families have the opportunity to attend. If you require additional tickets, please add your name to the waiting list included in the booking links. Any spare seats will be allocated nearer the time.

Thank you for your support - we're very much looking forward to sharing these special performances with you.



CAROL SERVICE

On Wednesday 17th December at 3.15pm years 3 - 6 will be hosting a short carol service on the main playground.

More details to follow soon.....



A KIND CHRISTMAS GESTURE

As we look ahead to the festive season, we kindly ask that families do not buy Christmas gifts for staff. Your appreciation and support throughout the year means more than anything. If you would like to give something, we invite you instead to consider a donation to our local foodbank, Lightwave. They do incredible work supporting families in our community all year round, and this winter is proving especially difficult for many. Any contributions, big or small, will make a real difference to those who need it most.



Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity.

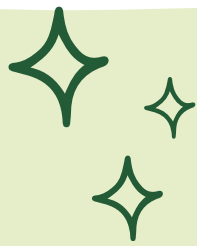
SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER – 17TH DECEMBER

Our school Christmas dinner will take place on Wednesday 17th December, and meals are now available to order on the IFG website.

Please remember that all lunches must be ordered before midnight on the Saturday for the following week.

We look forward to a festive and enjoyable meal for all the children!





PFA NEWS



Winter Fair

We are still in need of more volunteers, so if you can spare time to run a festive game for us (think 'Hook a Xmas Duck' and 'Knock an Elf off the Shelf'), it would be greatly appreciated. We wouldn't expect you to volunteer for the entire event. Here is a link to the form:

[Winter Fair Volunteers 2025](#)



Winter Fair Game Cards

These will be on sale in the playground next week. Game Cards will be priced at £3 for 6 games. When the children have played 6 games they can exchange their stamped card for a small prize!



Winter Fair Raffle

We have some INCREDIBLE prizes in this year's raffle; Keep an eye on the Facebook pages next week to hear what they are. Tickets can be purchased at the Winter Fair, and the raffle will be called around 5:00pm.

Advent Books

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets! We raised £68 and the winners were 2 lucky children. We hope you enjoy counting down the days to Christmas with your new books!



My Child's Art

We hope you have enjoyed seeing your children's festive creations on the My Child's Art website. Thank you to everyone who has purchased their Christmas cards and merchandise; so far this has raised £60 for the PFA!



Tuck Shop

We love to see the children so excited to purchase a treat on alternative Fridays. Our last Tuck Shop took an amazing £139.75! We will be back with Tuck Shop at the Winter Fair and the after school KS2 Carol Concert!

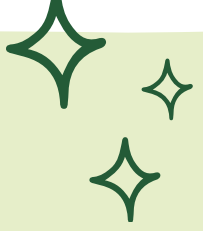
This is Me Day – thank you for your contributions towards the hampers, these will be assembled and raffled off during the Winter Fair!

Our next fundraising goal: We would like to build on the outdoor play opportunities by purchasing new ride on toys for all ages and giant garden games. In addition, we will be donating £100 towards each class to support transport costs for trips and therefore reduce the overall costs to parents.

We appreciate it is a busy time for everyone, with multiple requests for help, so we thank you for your continued support to raise funds for the school and create great primary school memories for the children.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



5th
Dec

PFA Winter Fair

11th
Dec

Virtual Dance Festival

15th
Dec

9.30am Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance
2.30pm - Reception Nativity

16th
Dec

9.30am Reception Nativity
2.30pm Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance

17th
Dec

Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Dinner Day
KS2 Carol Performance After School

19th
Dec

Last Day of Term

5th
Jan

PD Day - No pupils in School

6th
Jan

Pupils Return to School

