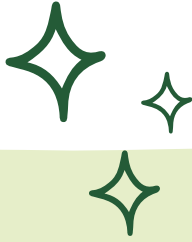


SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 7

12TH DECEMBER 2025



‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’



THANK YOU TO THE PFA

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to our wonderful PFA for organising another amazing Winter Fair. Events like this make such a difference to our school community, and we are truly grateful for everything you do for The Pines and our children.

It was lovely to see so many families attending and enjoying the festivities... lots of fun and happy memories were made! The PFA will share an update about the total amount raised and how the funds will be used.

POLAR MUSEUM VISIT

Year 3 were fortunate enough to visit the Polar Museum in Cambridge this term. This fantastic opportunity brought their learning about Antarctica to life. The children discovered more about this extraordinary part of the world and even saw some of Captain Scott's clothing from his expedition to the South Pole. They also learned about Sir Ernest Shackleton, who famously raced Scott in the quest for Antarctic exploration.





CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Yesterday, our school choir performed for children and parents, dazzling us with their beautiful singing. It was a joy to watch, and opportunities like this are invaluable for building the children's confidence and helping them feel part of something special.

A huge thank-you to Mrs Kuckelhaus, who has led our choir since our very first year and continues to volunteer her time every week to make this possible. Thank you, Mrs K!

REMINDER – KS2 CANDLE SERVICE

A reminder for parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: please remember to bring a battery-powered tea light for the carol service on Wednesday 17th December at 3:30pm.



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!





PLAY CHAMPIONS

This week, our Play Champions have been busy spotting wonderful examples of positive play and kindness during lunchtime. They shared that creativity and collaboration have been central themes, with children putting on their own performances and working together in our new sand area.

As we move into the new year, we look forward to continuing to share how our OPAL play provision is developing.



Update from Jonathan Culpin

Dec 2025



As CEO of Anglian Learning, the school Trust which supports your child/ren's school, I would like to share some key highlights of the work undertaken in the last few months. These activities have benefitted the pupils, workforce and communities of our Trust.

Perhaps the main highlight of the term involving our primary schools was Inspire 25, held at Stapleford Granary in south Cambridge. Combining music, art, the spoken word and light, pupils from across our Trust came together for this immersive experience to create unforgettable memories, and an example of the power of an organisation like Anglian Learning to support access to the arts.

Following our successful Platform 25 event, which publicly showcases secondary school pupils' artwork, I am pleased to see the launch of the Primary Platform 26 exhibition, where pupils' artwork from across our primary schools will be selected for a public exhibition in Sawston.

We also launched Anglian Learning's long-term strategy, which has three main areas of focus: Belonging by Design, Great Schools and Connected Communities. Next term, I will share with you more information about this strategy. We have already started to drive forward in each area, including the launch of webinars to support parent, carer and pupil wellbeing as part of Belonging by Design and working in partnership with the Foundation for Young People's Mental Health. More details can be found here.

We have also been supporting the development of our school estate, using government funding to invest in EV chargers, refurbishing numerous classrooms, toilets and play facilities and, most ambitiously, working alongside the Department for Education to start the remodelling of Sawston Village College.

Lastly, in January, we look forward to welcoming three new primary schools to our Trust: Kennett Primary School, The Shade Primary School and The Weatheralls Primary School. The three schools' visions and values align well with Anglian Learning's, making them a perfect fit for our community. We look forward to learning from each other and inviting their pupils to take part in our Trust-wide events, such as the Primary Platform 26 Exhibition.

I wish all families a restful break, and thank you for your continued support as we work together. For more information on our Trust's activities, please visit our website www.anglianlearning.org, or follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Jonathan Culpin, CEO



PFA NEWS



Did you know? The Pines PFA is a Registered Charity (Number: 1187692). If you or family members are thinking about donating to a charity over the festive period, please consider our school. Feel free to share the following link for donations: [The Pines PFA Charity Bucket](#)

Wow! The Winter Fair has raised a whopping **£1308!**

This is an incredible achievement and will go towards the purchase of new playground ride-on toys for all ages. We will also be giving each class £100 to support the cost of class trips. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Winter Fair, we hope the children enjoyed themselves!



PFA NEWS

VOLUNTEERS!

We couldn't have made the Winter Fair a success without you and there was a lovely community spirit seeing so many families involved! Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles, older siblings and school staff!

THANK YOU for helping build games, set up, run games, make food, sell tickets and treats and clear away!

A final thank you goes to our wonderful sponsors for their generous donations to the Raffle; it is much appreciated, and we hope the winners were pleased with their prizes! There are still a few prizes unclaimed so please check The Pines PFA Private Family Group for the outstanding tickets.

NEXT TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

We have lots to look forward to next Term, please see below for our current list of PFA events:

Friday 16th January - Tuck Shop

Friday 30th January - Tuck Shop

Friday 13th February - Tuck Shop

Friday 27th February - Tuck Shop

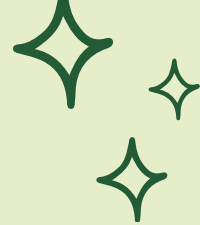
Friday 13th March - Tuck Shop

Friday 20th March - School DISCO

Monday 23rd March - Decorate an Egg Competition

Friday 27th March - Tuck Shop

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

YR, Y2 & Y5 Animal Experience
Last Day of Term

5th
Jan

PD Day - No pupils in School

6th
Jan

Pupils Return to School

Term dates for 2026/27 are now on the website [here](#)

