

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 12

13TH MARCH 2026

‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

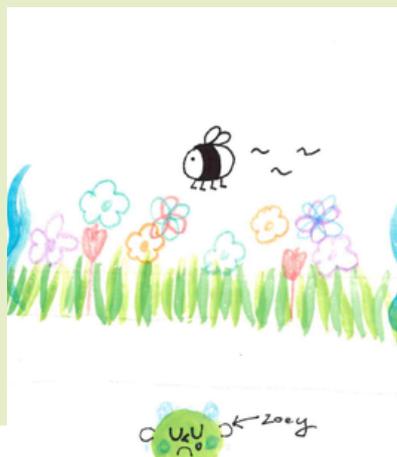
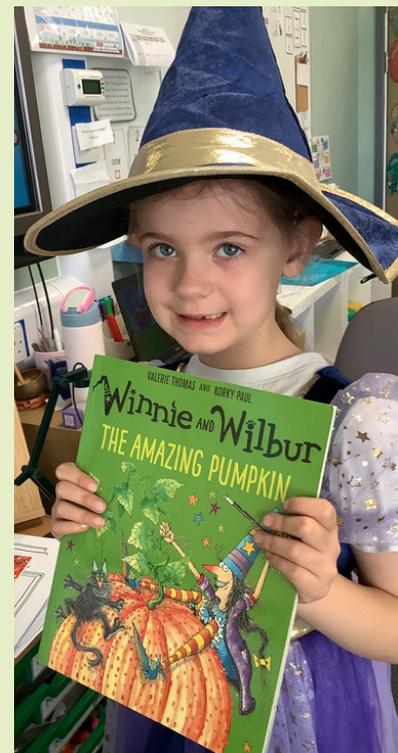
We have had a busy couple of weeks at The Pines. Children across the school have continued exploring our learning themes, discovering more about the world around us and important moments in history.

Last week, we celebrated World Book Day and enjoyed seeing the children come to school dressed as their favourite characters or in their pyjamas. In class, the children explored different stories and had the opportunity to create and write their own.

Thanks to the support of our amazing PFA, we also held illustration workshops across the school. During these sessions, the children explored emotions and learned how to draw characters and scenes. Also, a big thank you and well done to all the children who took part in the Reading Bingo challenge. You received a phenomenal amount of sponsors which will support our PFA in providing more wonderful opportunities for our children.

At Pine Cones the staff and children worked together to create their own story book. In the afternoon they spent time with Hedgehog class reading in Forest school





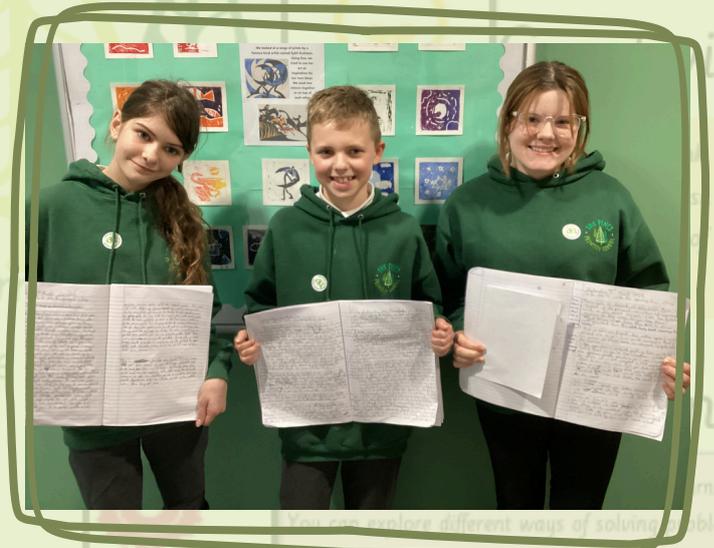


# Our Values



This fortnight at The Pines, we have been focusing on the values of Character and Critical Thinking.

It's been wonderful to see pupils showing kindness, honesty, and resilience, while also asking questions, solving problems, and thinking creatively. We are so proud of how thoughtful and considerate the children are.

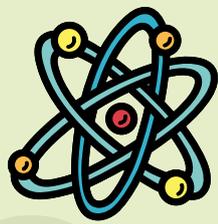


## PARENT FORUM

26th March

6-7pm

This is our first parent forum where we will be sharing our Wellbeing and Behaviour Policy. We will send the planned agenda next week.



## SCIENCE WEEK

The children were introduced to Science Week on Monday with our hook,  
Curiosity: What's Your Question?

Throughout the week, children explored science through exciting and engaging classroom investigations, posing thoughtful and imaginative questions along the way.

On Wednesday we held our STEM Day. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to David Doherty, David West, Grant Hobbs and Rianne Bruty for bringing STEM to life at The Pines. Pupils loved learning about railway engineering, genetics, manufacturing and printing using CAD, and how good and bad cells work in our bodies. Watch this space; our Science week has really inspired our pupils to wonder about a future job in STEM.



# BOOK FAIR

**SCHOLASTIC** TRAVELLING BOOKS

Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

# COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!

**DOG MAN** Big Jim Believes  
**DIARY of a Wimpy Kid** PARTYPOOPER  
**PESKY PETS** MEGA EVOLUTION HANDBOOK  
**Tom Gates** PESKY PETS PARTIES  
**The Scarecrows** Wedding  
**Charlie and Lola**

DATE: **19<sup>TH</sup> - 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** TIME: **AFTER SCHOOL**  
LOCATION: **THE LIBRARY**

**GO ALL IN.**

We are excited to be hosting our Scholastic Book Fair at school from Thursday 19th - Tuesday 24th March. The book fair will be open after school each day, with a fantastic selection of books suitable for all ages, and prices starting from just a few pounds.

If your child hasn't already used their World Book Day token, these can be used at the book fair too.

Every purchase helps to support our school, as we receive rewards that can be used to buy new books for our classrooms and library. We hope you will be able to pop in, have a browse, and support this great event. Thank you for helping us keep reading at the heart of our school!



**THANK YOU SP LANDSCAPES!!!**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the team at SP Landscapes. Not only did they top up our den-building resources but they also supported the school by removing any damaged or waste items. We are so lucky to have such a supportive community!



## STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Our local Police team has asked schools to remind children and families about using social media safely and responsibly. While most social media platforms have age restrictions that mean our pupils should not be using them yet, we know that children can sometimes come across online messages, group-chats or posts through games, messaging apps or shared devices.

We encourage our pupils to think carefully about how they interact online. Sometimes messages or posts can lead to misunderstandings or disagreements, and things shared online can spread very quickly.

As always, we encourage children to speak to a trusted adult if anything they see online makes them feel worried or uncomfortable. It can also be really helpful for families to talk regularly with their children about how to stay safe and kind online.

Thank you, as always, for your support in helping our children develop positive and responsible habits online.

## A FEW REMINDERS...

A polite reminder to all families to help keep our school site safe and respectful for everyone:

 Please dismount scooters and bikes when entering the school grounds and walk them while on site.

 Dogs are not permitted on the school site. If you need to accompany your child onto the playground, please leave dogs at home. Dogs tied up outside the gates can sometimes bark and frighten our younger children, which is not the calm and relaxed start to the day we want for them.

 Please ensure you are parking respectfully and considerately of our neighbours when dropping off and collecting children.

 Mobile phones should not be used on the school grounds.



# PFA NEWS



## ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP

The PFA were delighted to fund two days of illustration workshops during World Book Day week, led by illustrator Lucy Stuteley. The total cost of the workshops was £1,148.00. Thanks to the generous support of families at PFA events, the whole school was able to enjoy this creative experience.

How can you help:

Spring Disco!

We need volunteers for the Spring Disco,

Friday 20th March.

Please complete this form if you can help:

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## PINE CONES PLAY FOOD

The PFA were delighted to support a request from Pine Cones to fund wooden play food, costing £31.91, helping to enhance the children's play experiences.

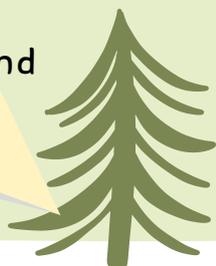
## SPONSORED READING BINGO CHALLENGE!

Thanks to your fantastic effort and enthusiasm - and some extra donations this week - the final amount raised reached an incredible £1,131.42.

A special congratulations goes to Year 2, who raised the most money. The children celebrated their achievement with an ice-cream treat!

We also held a random prize draw from all the submitted Bingo cards, and one lucky child in Reception was chosen to receive a lovely bag of goodies.

Thank you again to everyone who supported the challenge and helped make it such a success.



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## SPRING DISCO!

A reminder that the Spring Disco is next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Please don't forget to complete the Permission Form to secure your child's place. Tickets are £5 per child and will be on sale again Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 3pm in the playground.

## EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you for all the donations so far! Tickets are available via the Office and are £1 each. The raffle will be drawn on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. Good luck!

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Spring Disco  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Decorate an Egg Competition  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Egg Raffle  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Tuck Shop

## YEAR 2 SCHOOL TRIP

The PFA are pleased to be contributing £100 towards the Year 2 school trip in May, helping to lower the overall cost for parents.

The Pines Parents and Friends Association  
EST. 2019

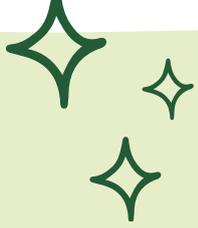
£1 ENTRY

## EASTER EGG DECORATING CONTEST

23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH

DESIGN AND DECORATE A BOILED EGG. BRING IT TO SCHOOL ON THE MORNING OF 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH. PRIZES TO BE WON

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



19th -  
24<sup>th</sup> Mar

Book Fair after school

24th  
Mar

2.30pm - Y1 Phonics Session

25th  
Mar

3.30pm - PFA Easter Egg Raffle Draw

26th  
Mar

Multicultural Day  
9.15am - YR Dinosaur Museum Visit  
6-7pm - Parent Forum

27th  
Mar

9.15am - Pine Cones & YR Petting Farm Visit  
2.30pm - Y2 Bug Hunt with Parents

30th Mar  
-10<sup>th</sup> Apr

Easter Break

13<sup>th</sup>  
April

PD Day

