

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 17

12TH JUNE 2026



‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’ ✨

We have had a very positive start to the term, with children enthusiastically beginning their new themes. Our Engage and Empower Days provided an exciting opportunity to launch learning and helped ensure a successful start to the final term of the academic year. This is an important term for all pupils, and over the coming weeks children will be working with different teachers and adults across the school to support a smooth transition into their next year groups.

For our Year 6 pupils, there is an especially exciting term ahead, with the residential visit, end-of-year performance and Leavers’ Assembly all to look forward to. These events provide wonderful opportunities to celebrate their achievements and create lasting memories before they move on to the next stage of their education.

We are sure this term will fly by, and we are committed to ensuring that it is a happy, successful and memorable end to the academic year for all our children, filled with positive experiences and special moments to remember.

Engage and Empower!

Hedgehog Class - Reception

“Can we sail the Seven Seas?”



To introduce our new theme “Can we sail the Seven Seas?”, we went into Forest School and found a large treasure chest waiting for us. Inside the chest were some maps. In groups we looked at the maps and realized it was showing us where treasure could be hiding in Forest School. We investigated where the X marks the spots were and found various items relating to our new theme. These items led to lots of critical thinking and excitement. In the afternoon we became engineers, designing and building boats. Some children chose to work together and others alone. They were tasked to design the boat first, thinking about what to use and why. They then followed their plan and made their boats. As a class we watched them launch their boats and see if they floated.

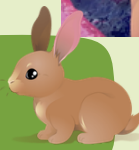


Squirrel Class - Year 1 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside'

Year 1 had a wonderful Engage and Empower Day and have now been immersed into their new learning theme of 'Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside'. Dressed for a day at the beach, the children were immediately captivated by a collection of seaside objects from the past and present. They also spent time learning about the story of Grace Darling and considered why she is remembered today. In the afternoon, the children enjoyed a mindful moment while painting seashells. To finish our beach day, we had a paddle in the pool, played in the sand and, of course, enjoyed a delicious ice cream!



Rabbit Class - Year 2 The Coast



Year 2 are learning about coasts this half term. We looked at the book Flotsam on our Engage & Empower day and described the magical images that the boy found. We also made sea turtles and created a seaside collage with different materials.

Nightingale Class - Year 3 "Settlements"



This half term Year 3 are focusing on settlements, we were exploring the difference between a village, city and town. We created our own settlement out of Lego, building blocks and recycled materials. We also thought about our dream homes and the children came up with lots of creative ideas.



Fox Class - Year 4 Kindness and Inclusion

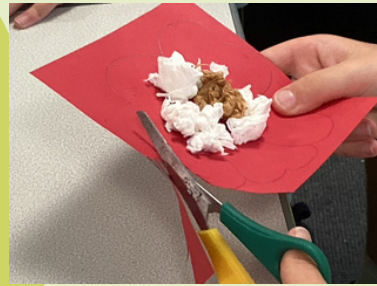


On Monday, and throughout the week, Year 4 have been reflecting on kindness and inclusion, thinking about how people show us kindness and how to demonstrate it to others. Our current book is called 'Float', which is about a boy and the paper boat he has made - we made and tested our own paper boats. We also took part in team building activities, working together in order to succeed.



Owl Class - Year 5

The children were introduced to the Tudor period through a range of engaging and practical activities. They worked together to place key events on a timeline, explored how Henry Tudor became king after the Battle of Bosworth, and discovered how the Tudor dynasty began. Through teamwork challenges, historical investigations and creative tasks, the children developed their understanding of how the Tudors came to power and built a strong foundation for the learning that followed throughout the unit.



Stag Class - Year 6 'The Grand Finale'



This half term, our theme is The Grand Finale. The class spent time on Monday reflecting on their time in primary school and how they feel about moving up to secondary school. We did a small drama activity where the children wrote a short script and acted out their very first day of school. The class also talked and wrote about successes from their time at The Pines, the things we are excited for in the future and advice to give to the next year 6 class on how to handle a busy year.

NEW LUNCH ORDERING SYSTEM

Our new lunch ordering system, School Grid, will launch on
Tuesday 16th June.

- Please make sure you have responded to the setup email.
- If you haven't received it, kindly contact the office, and they will resend the email.

The new system is designed to be much more user-friendly than the previous platform. You can now place lunch orders on the same day, up until 8:55am. If your child forgets their packed lunch in the morning, the class teacher will arrange a school dinner for them unless they do not like the available options. In that case, we will contact you to bring a packed lunch.

If you have any remaining credit in your IFG account, they will issue a refund directly.



THE PINES' GOT TALENT! 🌟🎵🎭

Auditions will take place in school during the week beginning 22nd June. Children who would like to participate should prepare a short performance to share with their class. Performances should be appropriate for a school audience and should be no longer than a few minutes.

After all auditions have taken place, the children in each class will vote for their favourite act. One act from each class will then progress to the next stage of the competition.



At the end of this summer term, we will be undertaking our final OPAL audit and are looking forward to achieving our OPAL accreditation.



Both staff and pupils have worked incredibly hard this year to develop and enhance our lunchtimes. After a successful year of implementing OPAL, we now need to replenish some of our play resources. To help with this, we have launched another OPAL Bingo Challenge for each class.

Please find attached a Bingo sheet containing a list of items we are looking for. Any donations, big or small, would be greatly appreciated and will help us continue to provide exciting and engaging play opportunities for all children. We would be grateful if you could also share this request with friends and family who may be able to help.

Items can be brought into school as soon as you are able



OPAL
'Every child has the right to play'



Can you please check your homes, locally and with anyone you know if you have some or one of these items you would be willing to donate to contribute towards our successful lunchtimes!

Small World



little people
dolls
super heroes
toy animals
toy houses/ farm sets.

Loose Parts



Guttering
large plastic tubes
cable reels
blocks
cardboard boxes

Dressing Up



Scarves
hats
wigs
microphones

Wheeled Toys



push chairs
cars
car mats
bikes
scooters

Please support one of our fantastic school dads as he takes on a fundraising challenge to help raise money for new playground equipment for our children.

Every donation, big or small, will make a difference and help us continue to improve our outdoor play opportunities.

Thank you for your support and good luck from everyone at The Pines!

If you would like to donate please follow this [link](#)

PEDAL FOR THE PINES!

THE PINES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Martyn is cycling **25 MILES A DAY FOR 7 DAYS!**

to raise funds for new playground equipment for the Reception Class at The Pines Primary in Red Lodge.

PLEASE SPONSOR MARTYN!

Every penny will help make playtime even better! ♥

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Johnson Matthey will MATCH FUNDS RAISED up to £1,000!

SCAN HERE TO SPONSOR!

TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE!
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/martyn-carter>

PFA NEWS



TEDDY DONATIONS!



The PFA will be taking part in the Red Lodge Round Up Fun Day on 20th June at the Sports Pavilion. We will be running a Teddy Tombola! Please send us your teddies and stuffed toys in a carrier bag so that we can repurpose them as prizes by Thursday 18th June.

Thank you!

SUMMER DISCO – FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

Tickets will be on sale in the playground Mon, Tues, Weds 15th to 24th June.

Please help us reduce admin by completing the

Summer Disco Permission Form

and purchasing tickets as soon as possible.

Volunteers! We need 2 more volunteers for each session to enable the disco to run safely - please use the Volunteer Sign Up form.

TUCK SHOP!

When the weather is expected to be nice, keep an eye out for freeze pop treats in addition to our regular favourites!

Future Tuck Shop dates:

3rd July

10th July

TUCK SHOP

YEAR 5 UPCOMING TRIP

The PFA were delighted to provide £200 towards the upcoming Y5 trip to Kentwell Hall, thus reducing the overall costs to parents. Thank you!

SUMMER OF FUN....

Friday Fun Music - Every Friday lunchtime on the playground

15th - 17th June - Y6 Residential

16th June - Y3 Denny Abbey Trip

WC 22nd June - Pines' Got Talent Auditions

26th June - Y5 Kentwell Hall Trip

26th June - PFA Summer Disco

1st July - 9.15am-12.30pm - Y1-Y6 Sports Day

3rd July - Y1 Felixstow Trip

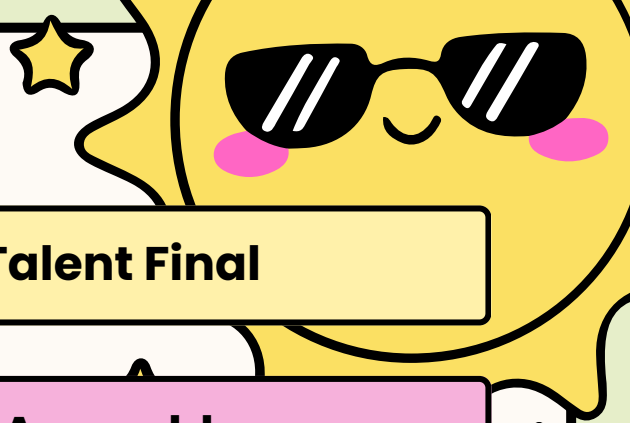
8th July- Reception Sports Day!

8th July - Y5 & Y6 Performance 2pm

9th July - Y5 & Y6 Performance 6pm

Hello
Summer!

SUMMER OF FUN....



10th July - Pines' Got Talent Final

10th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly

 13th July - Reception Class Pirates and Mermaids Day

15th July - Move Up Day

*Hello
Summer!*

17th July - Last day of term

1st & 2nd September - PD Day - No pupils on site

