



# THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

## Teaching and Learning



Phonics is a way of teaching children how to read and write. It helps children hear, identify and use different sounds that distinguish one word from another in the English language.

Written language can be compared to a code, so knowing the sounds of individual letters and how those letters sound when they're combined will help children decode words as they read.

Understanding phonics will also help children know which letters to use when they are writing words.

Phonics involves matching the sounds of spoken English with individual letters or groups of letters. For example, the sound k can be spelled as c, k, ck or ch.

Teaching children to blend the sounds of letters together helps them decode unfamiliar or unknown words by sounding them out. For example, when a child is taught the sounds for the letters t, p, a and s, they can start to build up the words: "tap", "taps", "pat", "pats" and "sat".

Phonics is led by our Reading Leader Miss K Thomas

## Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance %	Minutes Late
R	Oak	94.2%	142
R	Ash	93.9%	108
1	Elm	89.0%	106
1	Cherry	88.0%	97
2	Fir	94.7%	184
2	Yew	88.7%	387 😞
3	Hazel	87.2%	213
3	Cedar	96.0%	172
4	Holly	85.2%	107
4	Chestnut	84.2%	31 😊
5	Maple	96.9% 😊	152
5	Sycamore	85.6%	176
6	Willow	90.0%	293
6	Birch	83.5% 😞	243
Whole School			89.8%

quote of the week

**Motivation**  
is what gets you started;  
**Habit**  
is what keeps you going.

97+% Attendance  
Target

What is your attendance?

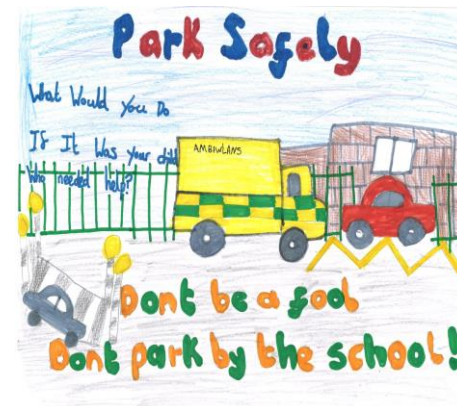
Attend today, succeed tomorrow



School Contact Number for Emergencies 07858 739336



Well done to our Year 1 children who have completed their Phonics Screening Check this week.



Please can we remind parents and carers to park away from school and walk the last 5 minutes if at all possible. This helps to keep the roads immediately around school safer and clear of parked cars and traffic. Thank you for your support.



Our Health and Well Being Day is coming up on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June.



Please remember to send your child into school with a sun hat and apply sunscreen if we are lucky enough to have some warmer weather.

### Maths Challenge



This week's maths challenge ...

$2 + 4 = 6$   
 $4 + 4 + 5 = 13$   
 $3 + 4 + 3 = 10$   
 $4 - 2 + 3 - 1 = \square ?$

### Self-Care & Mental Health for Kids

- Share your own feelings to encourage self-awareness.
- Find social groups that help them feel like they belong.
- Set aside time for low-stress or solo activities.
- Practice self-care for yourself to set the standard.
- Focus on articulating feelings. "I am angry," "I am sad."
- Encourage your child to focus on the moment.
- Establish a self-care routine.
- Recognize toxic stress events.
- BlessingManifesting
- Cultivate interests and hobbies.

Reception to Year 6 break up for Summer Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Nursery finish for Summer on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July



Next week is Refugee Week...

## Showing we Care

The theme of Refugee Week this year is compassion.

We are collecting for Refugee Week to show we care and donating goods to Asylum Link Charity in Liverpool.

Please send in essential new toiletry items e.g soap, shower gel, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo.  
Thank you for your support.