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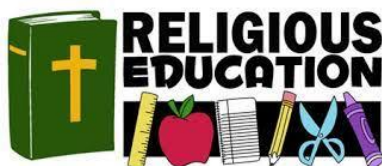


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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

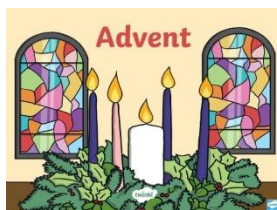
Teaching and  Learning



Religious Education (RE) is a subject taught at primary and secondary levels that aims to develop children's understanding of the world's religions. Through religious education, children will learn about different religions and their traditions, practices and beliefs.

**High-quality RE has the following features:**

- A consideration of the knowledge that pupils build through the RE curriculum, because accurate knowledge about religion and non-religion can be beneficial for achieving different purposes and aims for RE.
- High expectations about scholarship in the curriculum to guard against pupils' misconceptions. What is taught and learned in RE is grounded in what is known about religion/non-religion from academic study (scholarship).
- Carefully selected and well-sequenced substantive content and concepts.
- 'Ways of knowing' are appropriately taught alongside the substantive content and are not isolated from the content and concepts that pupils learn.
- A consideration of when pupils should relate the content to their own personal knowledge (for example, prior assumptions).



Linked to our RE curriculum, this week we have looked at Advent through our whole school assembly.

Advent is a season observed in most Christian denominations as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year in Western Christianity.

The word Advent derives from the Latin *adventus*, which means an arrival or visit.

The Advent season reminds us about the importance of Christ in our lives, prepares us to celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas, and refers to his second coming at a future time.

**Mrs Muirhead Leads RE at Pinehurst**



Flu Immunisation Follow Up Visit

4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

School Contact Number 07858 739336 for Emergencies only



Reception Admissions

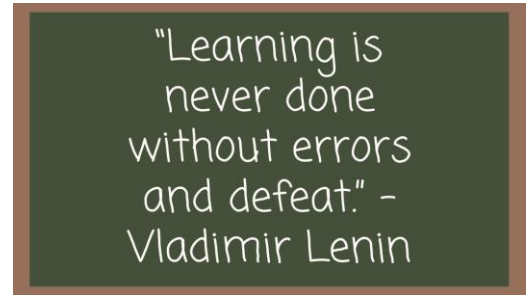
15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Please note there is no automatic admission into Reception from Nursery.

## Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance %	Minutes Late
R	Ash	92.5%	581 😞
R	Oak	88.1%	359
1	Elm	95.3% 😊	252
1	Cherry	85.2%	220
2	Fir	94.4%	520
2	Yew	90.3%	122 😊
3	Cedar	87.7%	183
3	Hazel	79.0% 😞	428
4	Chestnut	88.2%	309
4	Holly	91.9%	219
5	Maple	95.2%	210
5	Sycamore	82.9%	220
6	Birch	90.2%	324
6	Willow	88.9%	296
<b>Whole School Attendance....</b>			<b>89.27%</b>

Come to school next Thursday in your Christmas jumper with a 50p donation to Save the Children



A reminder that the children should not be using the climbing frame or trim trail equipment at the end of the school day. These are only for use during the school day when supervised by school staff. Once you have collected your children please keep them close by and under supervision.

Thank you.

### Dismissal on FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER for Christmas Holidays

In keeping with tradition the children will start their Christmas Holiday during the afternoon of 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

Please collect your children at the time below from the allocated gate

1.40pm	Reception EYFS Gate	Year 1 Main Gate	Year 2 Little Acorns Gate	
1.50pm	Year 6 Little Acorns Gate	Year 5 EYFS Gate	Year 4 Main Gate	Year 3 Kitchen Side Gate

Please arrive and leave promptly.



### Christmas Plan

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner  
Thursday 7th December

EYFS Nativity at St Columba's Church  
Tuesday 19th December – Afternoon  
Parent / Carer invite to follow (limited numbers)

Christmas Carols and Crafts Day  
Christmas Breakfast  
Wednesday 20th December  
Parent / Carer invite to follow (limited numbers)

Christmas Party Day  
Including Party lunch  
Thursday 21st December

Finish for Christmas Holidays  
Friday 22nd December at 1.40pm or 1.50pm

Nursery closes Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

### Punctual Pick Up

Please be reminded of collection times for pupils

Nursery 11.45 and 3.30

Reception 3.15

KS1 3.20

KS2 3.30

Please be on time to collect your children and call the school office if you encounter difficulties and are going to be late.