

6<sup>th</sup> September 2024



# THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

Teaching and **L**earning

**WELCOME**  
  
**SCHOOL**

Wellcome back to our Pinehurst Family. It has been a super first week back at school, well done everyone.

All of the staff have had a great week getting to know the children in their new classes. Remember that they are available to speak with you briefly at the end of the day or on the telephone at a mutually convenient time. Ms Wigelsworth, our Pastoral and Family Safeguarding Lead, is also available if you call the school office and ask to speak with her 0151 263 1300.

We make a great team and we are lucky to have such fantastic children, parents, carers, staff and governors in our Pinehurst Family. Well done everyone on working together and making it a great start to the Autumn Term and year ahead. Mrs Glynn ☺

## Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance	Minutes Late
1	Elm	95.6	2 ☺
1	Cherry	93.3	117
2	Fir	100.0 ☺	15
2	Yew	91.9	142 ☹
3	Cedar	96.3	33
3	Hazel	93.1	40
4	Chestnut	99.1	51
4	Holly	95.6	126
5	Maple	98.6	42
5	Sycamore	90.2 ☹	39
6	Birch	92.6	53
6	Willow	98.1	47
Whole School		96.03%	



A very warm welcome to those staff who have joined the Pinehurst Family this September.

Miss Goodwin

Miss Sweeney

Mrs Stewart

Mrs Jones

Attendance this week has been ... 96.03%

Remember that our target is 97%+ every day.

We cannot wait to have our first class with 100%.



Breakfast Club has reopened, please book in with the school office. At the present time we do not have an after school care facility.

### School Uniform

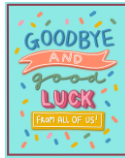
Please ensure that your child attends in full school uniform.

Navy jumper or cardigan

Yellow polo shirt

Grey trousers, shorts, skirt, dress

BLACK shoes



After 22 years in the Pinehurst Family, today we say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Garrett.



Many of the children past and present have spent a lot of time with Mrs Garrett.

We say a HUGE thank you for all that she has done to support the Pinehurst Family both in the classroom and in the wider school community.

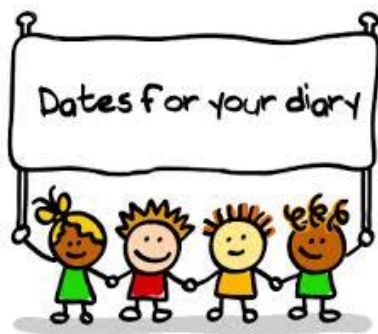
We wish her every happiness and success as she starts her new chapter.



School Lunch Menu – Week 2 next week. Mr Cain will text each week to remind you of the menu.

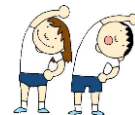
If your child is choosing to have a packed lunch please ensure this is a healthy choice and does not contain any sweets.

A reminder that children may bring a bottle to school containing water to keep them hydrated through the day. No juice or other drinks please. KS2 children may also bring a healthy snack for playtime – fruit, yoghurt, breakfast bar etc.



Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September is an INSET day.  
School is closed to Pupils on this day.

We break up for October Half Term on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Children return on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November



### PE KITS

On PE days please can children attend school in their full Pinehurst PE kit to avoid having to change in school. They require a yellow Pinehurst t-shirt, navy shorts or a pair of navy joggers and their Pinehurst sweatshirt or cardigan. They will require pumps or trainers as suitable footwear. Thank you.

PE Timetable:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM		EYFS			LPC LA
PM	Year 2	Year 5 & Year 6	Year 4	Year 1 & Year 6 Swimming	Year 3



*Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching.*

**Emergencies ONLY: Off Site Number: 07858 739336**

If you have concerns about a child or a family please email: [safeguarding@pinehurst-primary.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@pinehurst-primary.co.uk)

# MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.



At Pinehurst Primary, we are passionate about getting the best outcomes for our children so that they can be as successful as possible, in later life.

Research has proven that children who attend school regularly do better both academically and socially.

The minimum attendance that we expect at school is 97% and we want to work with our children and families to achieve this.

The chart below shows how important good attendance is to your child's progress.

<p><b>100%</b> Very best chance of success</p>	<p>99 - 97% Off to a flying start</p>	<p>96 - 93% Less chance of success</p>	<p>92 - 90% At risk of becoming a Persistent Absentee  (Harder to make progress)</p>	<p>Less than 90% Persistent Absentee  (Large amounts of learning and social opportunities missed)</p>
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We appreciate that children become unwell and may need time off from school but we are aware that too many days are missed, when children are actually well enough to attend.

If children **miss 10 unauthorised sessions** of school, parents may receive a **Notice to Improve**, which could result in a Penalty Notice, should attendance continue to be a concern.

If you have any further questions about attendance, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Steers



**BIG NEWS...** Help us raise money for our school with ASDA

It literally takes less than 2 minutes to set up and won't affect your own Cash Pot at all.

All you need to do is go onto your Asda Rewards app and tap on the picture of Joe Wicks titled 'Introducing Cash Pot for Schools'.

Click on that and put in our school postcode L4 7UF and select our school as the one you wish to donate to and confirm.

After that all you need to do is remember to scan your Rewards App every time you shop and we will benefit directly. Thank you for your support with this.

**Attention ALL Parents and Carers**

You can apply for Free School Meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

Income Support. Income based Jobseeker's Allowance. Income related Employment Support Allowance.  
Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.  
The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.  
Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit.  
Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).  
Universal Credit - provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month).

**This applies to ALL year groups and can impact on you being eligible for any FSM initiatives including food vouchers made available around holiday periods.**

Apply online: <https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/application-form/>

or visit the school office if you require assistance to complete the application.

## Term Dates



### 2024 / 2025

#### Autumn Term 2024

**Starts:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
**INSET:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
**Pupils Return:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
**INSET:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September  
**Half term:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
**Pupils Return:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
**Ends:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
**Christmas break:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

#### Spring Term 2025

**Starts:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
**Pupils Return:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
**Half term:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
**Pupils Return:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
**Ends:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
**Easter break:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April (Bank Holiday)

#### Summer Term 2025

**Starts:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
**May day:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May  
**Half term:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May  
**INSET:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
**Pupils Return:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
**Term ends for Pupils:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July  
**INSET:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
**INSET:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
**Ends:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July