

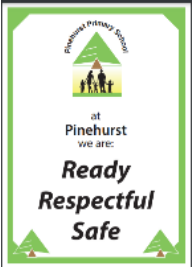


THE PINEHURST PRESS

Experience ~ Excel ~ Enjoy

A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

Teaching and Learning



At Pinehurst, we emphasise the importance of being ready, respectful, and safe to create a positive and supportive learning environment. Being ready means coming to school prepared to learn, with the right materials and a focused mindset. Being respectful involves treating classmates, staff, and the school environment with kindness and consideration. Lastly, being safe means following school rules and making responsible choices to protect ourselves and others. These values help foster a productive and harmonious atmosphere, ensuring that all students can succeed and feel valued at school.

Let's continue working together to uphold these principles!

Miss Thomas leads Behaviour at Pinehurst.

Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance %	Minutes Late
R	Ash	94.7	119
R	Oak	94.9	155
1	Elm	94.8	49 😊
1	Cherry	95.9	238
2	Fir	98.0	88
2	Yew	99.0 😊	119
3	Cedar	94.6	92
3	Hazel	95.1	220
4	Chestnut	93.9	50
4	Holly	93.1 😞	85
5	Maple	94.3	120
5	Sycamore	94.1	211
6	Birch	94.3	139
6	Willow	93.9	289 😞



If your child isn't well enough to attend school then you must call EVERY DAY to provide a reason. We must know why children are not present on a daily basis as part of our safeguarding duty.

If your child is persistently absent or has a history of persistent absenteeism medical evidence will be requested to confirm the reason for their absence.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Whole School...
Attendance this week is ... 95.04%
Remember our Target 97+%

quote of the week

Never stop
learning, because
life never stops
teaching.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance Top Tip 9

Whatever the weather, attendance at school is so important. Be sure to have a warm coat and umbrella to hand so as not to be put off by a wet start to the day.



This term ends on Friday 20th December

Christmas break: Saturday 21st December to Sunday 5th January 2025

Children return: Monday 6th January 2025



Please ensure that the office has the **correct numbers for 3 emergency contacts.** This is part of our safeguarding policy to ensure we can reach someone in the event of an emergency.



Our Christmas Plan

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Thursday 12th December

Christmas Crafts
Monday 16th December

Christmas Party Day
Including Party lunch and a special visitor
Tuesday 17th December

EYFS Nativity at St Columba's Church
Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Carols at St Columba's Church
Wednesday 18th December
Thursday 19th December

Finish for Christmas Holidays
Friday 20th December at 1.40pm or 1.50pm
Nursery children in Little Acorns and Little Pine Cones
will finish on Thursday 19th December

Children in Need

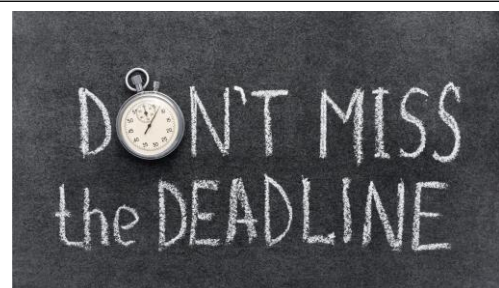
Thank you for your support.



It was a SPOTacular DAY!

Total raised £343.00

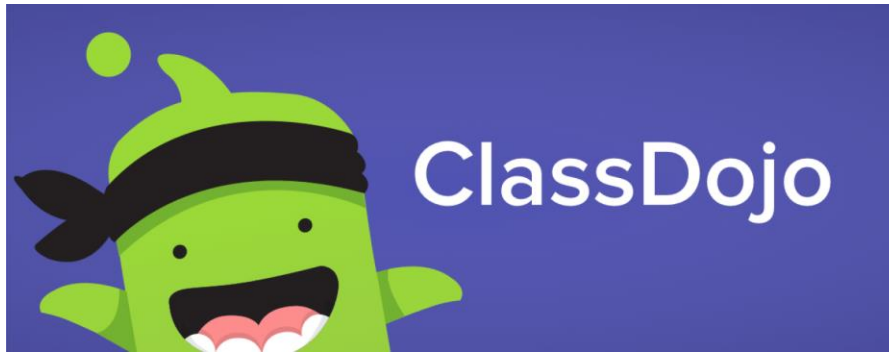
Thank you for your generosity.



Applications for Reception Admissions

All Little Acorns Nursery Parents and Carers must apply

Closing Date: 15th January 2025



To ensure effective communication and maintain a healthy balance for both families and staff, we would like to share some guidelines for contacting teachers through ClassDojo.

Contact Times

- Teachers will respond to messages during school hours, typically between **8:30 AM and 4:00 PM**, Monday to Friday.
- Please allow up to **24 hours** for a response to your message. If your inquiry is urgent, we recommend contacting the school office directly.

Message Etiquette

- **Purpose of Messages:** Use ClassDojo for questions, quick updates, or non-urgent concerns regarding your child's learning or well-being.
 - **Professional Tone:** Kindly keep all communications respectful and concise.
- **After-Hours Messages:** While you may send messages outside of school hours, please note that teachers will address them during the next working day.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in making ClassDojo a helpful and positive tool for communication.

Thank you for supporting our staff as they focus on providing the best education for your children.

Remember staff are available at pick up at the end of the school day to speak with and if you need a longer conversation a meeting at a mutually convenient time can be arranged.



To ensure a smooth and safe start to the school day for everyone, we kindly ask for your cooperation with the following drop-off guidelines:

Drop-Off at the Gate: Please leave your child at the school gate and allow them to walk independently into the school. This fosters confidence and ensures a steady flow during drop-off.

Pass Messages to Staff on Duty: If you have important information to share, kindly speak with the staff members present at the gate. They are happy to assist and relay messages as needed.

School Access: Parents and guardians should not enter the school building unless accompanied by a staff member. This helps maintain security and minimizes disruptions during the morning routine.

Avoid Blocking the Gate: Please be mindful of others by not lingering near the gate. This helps keep the area clear and accessible for all.

Be Considerate: Drop-off time is busy. Be aware of other families and children, and ensure everyone can access the school safely and efficiently.

Your support is invaluable in creating a positive and safe environment for all students. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



We're thrilled to share that our school has been awarded the prestigious Gold Badge in recognition of five amazing years of using TT Rockstars! This exciting milestone highlights the dedication of our students, staff, and families in boosting timestables fluency through this fantastic platform.

TT Rockstars is proven to significantly improve children's recall of timestables, a foundational skill that supports their confidence and success across all areas of maths. To maximize these benefits, we encourage parents to support their children in completing 30 minutes of "Garage Mode" at home each week.

Our evidence shows that students who consistently engage with Garage Mode see incredible progress in their speed and accuracy with timestables, helping them tackle complex maths challenges with ease.

Thank you for being part of this journey and for continuing to support your child's learning. Let's keep rocking! 🎸

Term Dates



2024 / 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Ends: Friday 20th December

Christmas break: Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January

Spring Term 2025

Starts: Monday 6th January

Pupils Return: Monday 6th January

Half term: Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Pupils Return: Monday 24th February

Ends: Friday 4th April

Easter break: Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April (Bank Holiday)

Summer Term 2025

Starts: Tuesday 22nd April

May day: Monday 5th May

Half term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

INSET: Monday 2nd June

Pupils Return: Tuesday 3rd June

Term ends for Pupils: Friday 18th July

INSET: Monday 21st July

INSET: Tuesday 22nd July

Ends: Tuesday 22nd July



ASDA CASHPOT REMINDER – Ends Soon

