



THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

Teaching and Learning



As we approach the festive season, it's a time to reflect on the power of community and the importance of supporting one another. This newsletter highlights the ways we are coming together as a school and local community to ensure that no one feels left behind during this special time of year.

On Thursday, 5th December, we were delighted to welcome MP Kim Johnson to Pinehurst Primary School. During the visit, MP Johnson met with pupils and staff to hear about our work, challenges, and successes. It was a great opportunity to showcase the wonderful things happening in our school and discuss ways we can continue to support our families.

We are so grateful for the ongoing support from St Columba's Church, which is providing a food pantry for families in need. The pantry is stocked with essential items to help during this time of year when finances can be particularly stretched. Don't forget that you can visit on Friday mornings and having a child at Pinehurst automatically entitles you to membership.

A big thank you to Ms. Wigelsworth, our Pastoral and Family Safeguarding Lead, who is always on hand to support families in our community. Whether you're facing challenges or just need someone to talk to, Ms. Wigelsworth is available to listen and help connect you with the right resources.

December can be a challenging time, and we want to remind everyone that support is available year-round, particularly during the holiday season. Let's continue to look out for each other. If you or someone you know needs help, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school or community resources. We're so proud of the incredible community spirit here at Pinehurst. Let's keep building a network of kindness and support as we move through December and into the new year.

Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance	Minutes Late
R	Ash	84.5% 😞	36 😊
R	Oak	94.4%	123
1	Elm	95.2%	150
1	Cherry	87%	334 😞
2	Fir	89.5%	116
2	Yew	89.9%	122
3	Cedar	84.6%	137
3	Hazel	94.1%	237
4	Chestnut	94.3%	140
4	Holly	95.8% 😊	238
5	Maple	94.6%	95
5	Sycamore	90.4%	205
6	Birch	92.7%	126
6	Willow	95.3%	168
Whole School Attendance ...		91.6%	

quote of the week

In this school we don't do **EASY.** We make easy happen through **HARD WORK & LEARNING!**



Reception Admissions

Deadline 15th January 2025

School Contact Number 07858 739336 for Emergencies only

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Attendance Top Tip

Plan ahead the night before: such as identifying and pre-prepping breakfast, get out uniforms and shoes the night before, and pack their bags with completed homework and snacks/water.

ASDA CASH POT TOTAL... £874.97

Thank you for your support

SAFE DISMISSAL - Please ensure that we are made aware if a different adult is collecting your child from school.



After school clubs FINISH next week

There will be no after school clubs in the final week of term

Our new offer for Spring Term will be published the first week back

Thank you to the staff who have offered their time to clubs this term



Christmas Diary Dates...

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Thursday 12th December

50p donation to Save the Children for Christmas Jumpers

Christmas Crafts

Monday 16th December 2.00-3.00pm 1 adult can attend

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

Nursery children in Little Acorns and Little Pine Cones will finish on Thursday 19th December

In keeping with tradition the children will start their Christmas Holiday during the afternoon of FRIDAY 20th December

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

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

Please arrive and leave promptly. Thank you

Little Pine Cones and Little Acorns closes for Christmas on Thursday 19th December

This is to enable preparation for new starters. Please note that there will be no Nursery sessions on Friday 20th December

A reminder that if you are struggling at this time of year we are here to help.
Contact Ms Wigelsworth in confidence if you require some support for your family.

