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# THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

## Teaching and Learning



### The Power of Reading Together

At Pinehurst, we believe that fostering a love of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children. Reading not only supports academic success but also nurtures imagination, curiosity, and a lifelong passion for learning. Research consistently shows that children who read regularly—and are read to—develop stronger language skills, improved concentration, and a deeper understanding of the world around them. Reading together at home strengthens the parent-child bond and builds positive associations with books and stories.

#### Home Reading Routine: Small Steps, Big Impact

We encourage all families to make reading a daily habit! Setting aside even 15-20 minutes a day can make a world of difference.

Here's how you can support your child's reading journey at home:

Read together: Take turns reading aloud or enjoy a cozy storytime before bed.

Ask questions: Chat about the characters, story, or facts in the book to deepen understanding.

Model reading: Let your child see you enjoying books, newspapers, or magazines.

#### Returning Books & Reading Records

Our home reading program is designed to help your child grow as a reader. Please remember:

Return books regularly: To ensure every child has access to a variety of books, please return borrowed books on time.

Sign home reading records: These records help track progress and celebrate your child's achievements. Be sure to sign them daily after reading together.

#### Celebrating Success

We love celebrating reading milestones at Pinehurst! When your child completes a book or achieves a reading goal, let their teacher know—we're always excited to cheer them on.

Thank you for being a part of this important journey. Together, we can build confident, enthusiastic readers who are ready to take on the world! Happy Reading Everyone.

## Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance	Minutes late
R	Ash	92.8%	153
R	Oak	95.8%	181
1	Elm	90.9%	263
1	Cherry	95.4%	339 😞
2	Fir	91.2%	199
2	Yew	92.8%	90 😊
3	Cedar	94.6%	140
3	Hazel	94.1%	211
4	Chestnut	90.4% 😞	118
4	Holly	93.1%	285
5	Maple	93.2%	106
5	Sycamore	94.6%	181
6	Birch	97.8%	156
6	Willow	98.2% 😊	92

Whole School Attendance this week ... **93.9%**

quote of the week



School Contact Number

07858 739336 for Emergencies only

# MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

## Attendance Top Tip

Good **sleep** is essential

Recommendations are:

Children aged 3-5 years = 10-13 hrs inc naps  
Children aged 5-12 years = 9-12hrs

Make sure you are setting a suitable bedtime and have a routine to help with a good night's sleep

To help with getting to sleep try :  
A bedtime story or audio book  
A warm drink  
A hot bubble bath



Important reminder:

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO INFORM SCHOOL  
IF YOUR CHILD IS UNABLE TO ATTEND  
SCHOOL ON A DAILY BASIS.**

Please call the school office by 9.00am to advise if your child is going to be absent and the reason why.

It is important for Safeguarding reasons that we have contact every day.

## Some sad news...

One of our former teachers Mrs Stanton passed away last week following a long illness.

Mrs Stanton taught at Pinehurst for many years and will be fondly remembered by former pupils, parents and staff.



## CONTACT DETAILS

Please keep the school office informed of any change of address, telephone number or email.  
It is essential that we hold the correct information for you. Thank you



Coming up ... Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

We will be celebrating Number Day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February with a 'Rockstar theme'.

Children can come dressed in a rockstar, NUMBOT or number themed outfit on the day.

Please provide a donation of 50p if possible for the NSPCC to celebrate 'Number Day 2025'.

Children will be celebrating their love of numbers and all things mathematical on this day.



Please contact us if you require any help at all during these ongoing challenging times.

We are here to help.



If your circumstances have changed and you think you may now be entitled to Free School Meals please ensure that you apply to Liverpool City Council and inform school of the outcome of your application.

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Every moment in school counts, and days missed add up quickly. The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and achieve in the future. Please support us with our drive to improve pupil attendance. Remember each child's attendance target is 97%. If you wish to discuss your child's current attendance please contact Mrs McCabe Hunt to arrange a convenient time to speak with the Attendance Team in School.

