



THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

Teaching and Learning



Supporting Your Child's Learning at Home

Following the valuable information shared during this week's Parents' Evening and insights from ongoing assessments, we would like to remind and encourage all parents and carers to continue supporting their child's learning at home. Small, consistent efforts can make a big difference!

Here are some practical ways to get involved:

- ✓ **Regular Reading Practice** - Set aside time to hear your child read regularly. This improves fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension skills. Discussing the story afterwards also enhances understanding.
- 📅 **Good Attendance and Punctuality** - Ensure your child attends school consistently and arrives on time. Good attendance helps maintain continuity in learning and fosters positive routines.
- 🎡 **Enrichment Through After-School Clubs** - Encourage your child to participate in after-school clubs, which offer opportunities to explore new interests, develop skills, and build confidence.
- 📄 **Supporting with Homework** - Take time to go through homework with your child, ensuring they understand and complete tasks. This reinforces classroom learning and encourages independence.
- 🏛️ **Visits to Libraries and Museums** - Explore local libraries and museums during weekends and holidays. These outings make learning fun and introduce your child to new ideas and experiences.
- 🗣️ **Engaging in Conversation and Turn-Taking** - Have meaningful conversations with your child. Encourage them to express their thoughts, listen actively, and practice turn-taking, which helps develop communication and critical thinking skills.

By working together, we can ensure that every child thrives and reaches their full potential.
Thank you for your continued support!

Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance %	Minutes Late
R	Ash	90.7%	161
R	Oak	89.3%	139
1	Elm	95.2%	188
1	Cherry	77.8% 😞	240 😞
2	Fir	94.4%	71
2	Yew	95.2%	185
3	Cedar	85%	162
3	Hazel	90%	143
4	Chestnut	91.9%	61 😊
4	Holly	87.8%	156
5	Maple	91.9%	125
5	Sycamore	93.3%	160
6	Birch	97% 😊	147
6	Willow	90.7%	104
Whole School		90.7%	



Oakfield's Attendance Ladder

0 Days off School	100%	Fantastic
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	School is slightly concerned
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	School is concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	School is very concerned



Spring Break and Easter Holiday Approaching ...

We break up for Easter next week on Friday 4th April.

In keeping with tradition, the children will start their Easter Holiday Spring Break during the afternoon of Friday 4th April.

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	
	Year 5 EYFS Gate	Year 6 Little Acorns Gate	Year 3 Kitchen Side Gate	Year 4 Main Gate

Little Acorns and Little Pine Cones will break up on Thursday 3rd April. There will be no Nursery sessions on Friday 4th April to allow for induction sessions for new starters. Thank you for your support.



Pinehurst Easter Bonnets

Thursday 3rd April

Children are invited to come to school on Thursday 3rd April and take part in our annual Easter Bonnet Competition.

There will be some prizes for the winning entries.

Get crafty and creative, we can't wait to see your beautiful designs.



Total amount raised £168.03! Thank you for your support.



After School clubs have finished this week for the Spring Term.

The only clubs next week are Year 6 SATS.

Thank you to all of the staff who have given up their time for clubs this term.

Our next Family Wellbeing morning is next week on Wednesday 2nd April 9.15-11.15am. Come along for coffee, a natter and advice. Ms Wigelsworth looks forward to seeing you there.



We are continuing to ask parents and carers to be considerate at drop off and pick up times.

Parking a short distance from school and walking the last 5-10 minutes is helpful to reduce congestion around school.

Please do not park on the kerbs, pavements or verges and be considerate of our neighbours.

Parking enforcement is in place by LCC.