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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School

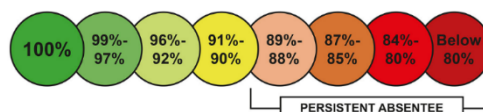
Teaching and Learning



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

Good attendance is essential for every child's learning and wellbeing. The DfE expects pupils to attend **97% or above**, which means **no more than 5 days of absence** across the school year. Even small amounts of time missed can lead to gaps in understanding and reduced progress.

Impact of Poor Attendance

Missing just one day every two weeks adds up to nearly a month of lost learning. Lower attendance can affect confidence, routine, and long-term achievement. Punctuality is equally important—arriving 10 minutes late each day adds up to over **30 hours of lost learning** a year.

Absence Procedures

If your child is unwell, please **call the school office before 8:45am** and provide a clear reason. The school may ask for evidence for medical absences longer than one day. Routine appointments should be made **outside the school day** where possible. If unavoidable, children should attend school **before and after** the appointment to receive their registration marks.

By working together, we can ensure every child at Pinehurst has the best chance to succeed. If you need advice or support with attendance, please contact Mrs Steers, our Designated Attendance Lead.

School Contact Number 07858 739336 for Emergencies only



Please be respectful of our neighbours and local area. Please **DO NOT** park on the **CENTRAL RESERVATION** on Pinehurst Avenue. This impacts on the grass and drainage. Please do not park on the **KERBS** in adjoining roads, as this makes the pavements unsafe for pedestrians.



Reception Admissions

15th January 2026

Please note there is no automatic admission into Reception from Nursery.

Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year Group	Class	Attendance %	Minutes Late
R	Ash	97.2%	55
R	Oak	94.1%	7 😊
1	Elm	96.3%	142
1	Cherry	93.8%	145
2	Fir	92.6%	300 😞
2	Yew	93.1%	152
3	Cedar	97.6%	107
3	Hazel	93.7%	96
4	Chestnut	97.6%	41
4	Holly	100% 😊	113
5	Maple	84.8% 😞	291
5	Sycamore	92.1%	171
6	Birch	97.8%	247
6	Willow	91%	80

Whole School Attendance.... 94.4%

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The potential effect of irregular attendance are

Get behind with work

Are less likely to feel involved

Become demotivated

Lose friendship

Loose the thread of the topic being taught

Miss out on extra curricular opportunities

Miss out important careers and guidance inputs



Dismissal on FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER for Christmas Holidays

In keeping with tradition the children will start their Christmas Holiday during the afternoon of 19th December 2025. Please collect your children at 1.40pm from the allocated gate

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

quote of the week



Our Christmas Plan

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Thursday 11th December

Christmas Crafts
Monday 15th December
2.00-3.00pm

EYFS Nativity at St Columba's Church
Tuesday 16th December
2.00-2.30pm

Christmas Carols at St Columba's Church
Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Party Day
Including Party lunch and a special visitor
Thursday 18th December

Finish for Christmas Holidays
Friday 20th December at 1.40pm
Nursery children in Little Acorns and Little Pine Cones will finish at 11.45am on Friday

Punctual Pick Up

Please be reminded of collection times for pupils

Nursery 11.45 and 3.30

Reception 3.15

KS1 3.20

KS2 3.30

Please be on time to collect your children and call the school office if you encounter difficulties and are going to be late.