



THE PINEHURST PRESS

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A weekly newsletter to share the news of Pinehurst Primary School, member of Cheshire Academies Trust



Teaching and Learning



Attendance Matters at Pinehurst Primary!

At Pinehurst, we believe that every school day counts. Attending school regularly is the key to helping our children experience, excel, and enjoy everything school has to offer.

Every day in school is a chance to learn new skills and deepen knowledge.

Regular attendance builds confidence, strengthens friendships, and supports positive social relationships.

Missing days means missing learning — and missed opportunities to shine!

Did you know?

Persistent absence means missing just 10% of the school year – that's only 19 days across the whole year.

To meet our target of 97% attendance or above, children need to be in school at least 185 out of 190 days.

💛 Working together

We are committed to working in partnership with families, following the DFE Attendance Strategy, to ensure every child has the very best chance of success. Together, we can make every day of learning count.

☀️ Let's all play our part in promoting excellent attendance so that our children can continue to experience, excel, and enjoy their journey at Pinehurst Primary!



Attendance Tips



"Arrive ready, stay steady." "On time, every time." "Plan ahead, show up strong." "Attendance drives success."

Read Write Inc. Phonics

Parent Meeting date for Reception families coming soon...



Lots of our information sharing and communication is now moving to Arbor. Please download the app to assist with this.

Newsletters and general letters are now being sent via this.

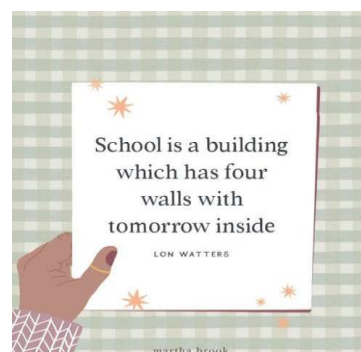
Breakfast club and after school activity bookings are now on this.

School meals, breakfast club and nursery payments are now on this



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK

With our Pinehurst Family all now back at school, here's a reminder to check your child's scalp for head lice and nits. Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. Using conditioner and a comb is the simplest way to check. All working together to check once a week will help everyone.



School Contact Number 07858 739336 for Emergencies only

Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

Year	Class	Attendance %	Minutes Late
Rec	Ash	90.47%	116
Rec	Oak	89.42%	157
1	Elm	95.93%	65 😊
1/2	Cherry	88.89% 😞	198
2	Fir	90.8%	113
3	Cedar	94.62%	225
3	Hazel	90.37%	298 😞
4	Chestnut	94.44%	68
4	Holly	96.44%	79
5	Maple	95.49%	128
5	Sycamore	91.67%	210
6	Birch	92.47%	242
6	Willow	98.21% 😊	146
Whole School		93.02%	



**ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS
and CARERS**

Secondary School Transfer for Year 7

Applications for Year 7 places for September 2027 are now open. Visit your Local Authority Admissions page for further information.



Thank you to all of the staff who are offering after school activities this half term. Please note that we only have a limited number of clubs and spaces. Clubs are allocated to specific year groups. Booking is now on Arbor.

Please be prompt collecting your children at 4.15pm.
Thank you.



Another diary date coming up...

Friday 16th October

Primary School admissions



We currently have spaces in some year groups. If you know a family who are new to the area please suggest they speak to the school office about joining the Pinehurst family.



Last Friday we wished Mrs Higginson a very Happy Retirement from all in the Pinehurst Family.

Miss Connor will be leaving to go on Maternity Leave next week and we look forward to hearing of the safe arrival of her little one later in the year.

Mrs Zeverona will be leaving the Pinehurst Family in the coming weeks to embark on a new job and career change. We wish her every happiness and success with this.

A big Pinehurst thank you to them all.



We break up for half term on Friday 23rd October.

Pupils return on Tuesday 3rd November



2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

Half term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026

INSET day: Monday 2nd November 2026

Pupils Return: Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Ends: Friday 18th December 2026

Christmas break: Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Starts: Monday 4th January 2027

INSET day: Monday 4th January 2027

Pupils return: Tuesday 5th January 2027

INSET day: Friday 12th February 2027

Half term: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2027

Pupils Return: Monday 22nd February 2027

Ends: Thursday 25th March

Easter break: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April (Easter bank holidays - Friday 26th March and Monday 29th March)

Summer Term 2027

Starts: Monday 12th April 2027

Pupils return: Monday 12th April 2027

May day: Monday 3rd May 2027

Half term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

Pupils Return: Monday 7th June 2027

Pupils finish: Friday 16th July 2027

INSET: Monday 19th July 2027

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Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2027



Save the date ... Wednesday 21st October 2.45-5.30. Children will be dismissed at 2.30pm

Your child may be eligible for **free school meals**, which can help with the cost of daily lunches and unlock additional funding for the school to support their learning.



You may be eligible if you receive certain benefits such as:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit)
- Or other qualifying benefits



To check your eligibility and apply, please visit <https://fsm.lgfl.net/app> or contact the school office for help. You will need your National Insurance Number and date of birth. Even if your child prefers packed lunches, registering for free school meals can provide additional funding to support your child in other ways.