



THE PINEHURST PRESS

Experience ~ Excel ~ Enjoy



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

Teaching and Learning

What a busy and exciting first month we have had at Pinehurst Primary! As we settle into the new academic year, it has been wonderful to see our children embracing new learning, building relationships and making the most of the many opportunities available to them.

Our Experience, Excel and Enjoy approach continues to be at the heart of our teaching and learning. Throughout the first month, our children have experienced a wealth of opportunities to enrich and extend the curriculum. We have welcomed Modern Foreign Languages (MFL), LSSP, LFC Foundation and Apple of My Eye into school, providing our pupils with memorable experiences that bring learning to life and encourage them to develop new skills and interests.

One of the highlights of the month, this week, was our fantastic whole-school Spanish Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in Spanish language and culture, creating a vibrant and joyful day of learning across the school. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, curiosity and creativity throughout the day.

Our Geography learning has also taken us beyond the classroom, with year groups completing local area walks to develop their understanding of place and the environment around them. These first-hand experiences provide valuable opportunities for children to apply their geographical knowledge and make meaningful connections with their local community.

Our Year 6 pupils have also begun their swimming sessions, developing their confidence and essential water skills, while across school our youngest children have been busy settling into EYFS. We have also welcomed new children into other year groups, and it has been lovely to see them becoming part of the Pinehurst family.

We are equally delighted to welcome Mr Lenton to Pinehurst, alongside the other new members of staff who have joined us this year. We are excited about the contribution they will make to our school community and look forward to working together throughout the year.

It has certainly been a busy and exciting first month, filled with care, collaboration and creativity – the values that underpin our CAT approach. We are incredibly proud of how our children have started the year and look forward to all the learning, experiences and opportunities still to come.

Weekly Attendance and Minutes Late

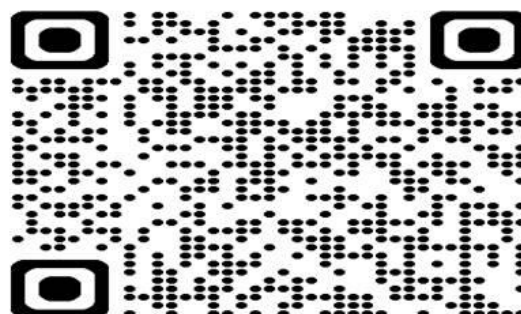
Year Group	Class	Attendance %	Minutes Late
R	Oak	93.56%	134
R	Ash	97.1%	104
1	Elm	92.22%	91
1/2	Cherry	93.1%	224
2	Fir	97.84%	150
3	Cedar	93.55%	137
3	Hazel	94.81%	391 🙄
4	Chestnut	94.44%	124
4	Holly	98.21%	70 😊
5	Maple	98.26% 😊	234
5	Sycamore	90.63% 🙄	228
6	Birch	97.49%	198
6	Willow	94.98%	166

Whole School Attendance this week – 95.1%

Remember we need to be in to win.

We are aiming for our best attendance this year.

Flu immunisation is booked for 4th November 2026.



Please complete your consent form for your child to receive this vaccination.

This can be accessed via the QR code above.

School Contact Number 07858 739336 for Emergencies only

Pupil Premium

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they may also be entitled to a sum of money paid to their school to boost their learning, this is called pupil premium. Although all Infant children receive a free school meal under a Government scheme it is still important that you register for Free School Meals so school can access this additional funding. This is also the case if your child is in any year group and choosing a packed lunch.

Please scan the QR code at the office or on a playground lectern to check.

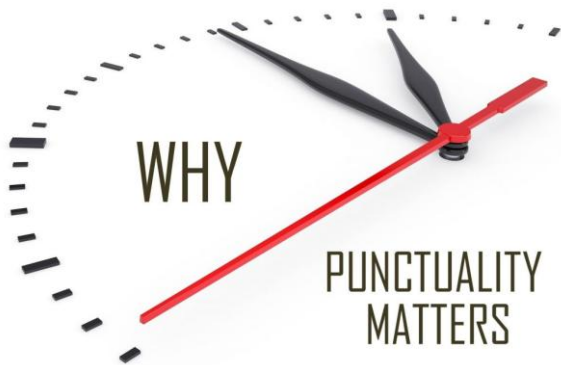
Alternatively please see Mr Cain and provide your National Insurance number of a simple eligibility check to be made.

Our Pupil Premium Lead is Ms A MacDiarmid

Drop Off in the Mornings

Welcoming the Pinehurst Family into School Safely

Please can we ask that parents drop their children in the morning at the gate rather than standing and blocking the gate or coming on to the playground. If you have an urgent message to share there is always someone on hand to take this message. Staff are present to supervise the safe arrival of the children on the gate and then welcome them into school. Please support the staff in being able to do this.



The Importance of Good Punctuality

Arriving at school on time sets the tone for the whole day.

Gates open at 8.40am, giving plenty of time for pupils to settle in before registration at 8.50am. Lessons begin immediately afterwards, so being late means missing valuable learning right from the start.

The first lesson of the day is especially important—it sets the pace, introduces key concepts, and helps children feel ready and focused.

By ensuring your child arrives on time every day, you give them the best possible start and avoid the disruption caused by late arrivals.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Reception Admissions 2027

Closing date 15th January 2027

(Children in Nursery must still apply)

Secondary School Transfer for Year 7

Closing Date 31st October 2026

Visit your Local Authority Admissions page for further information:

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/admissions>

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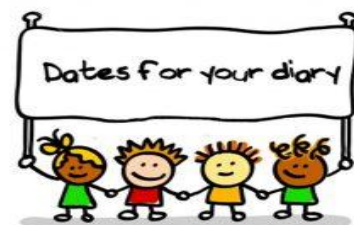
<https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Please be reminded that bikes and scooters are left in the

Bike Storage Area at your own risk.



Please can we remind all parents and carers of the need to park away and walk the last few minutes to school to stop congestion around the school site. Thank you



Wednesday 21st October

Children dismissed at 2.30pm for Parents' Evening

Appointments 2.45-5.30pm

Friday 23rd October

Children break up for Half Term

Tuesday 3rd November

Children return to school following Half Term and an INSET day



Class Dojo Message Update

If you have any concerns, please contact your child's **class teacher** in the first instance.
It is not usual practice for Learning Support Assistants to be contacted directly via Class Dojo.

Class teachers will respond when they are able to do so.

Please note that:

- Responses should not be expected outside of school hours.
- It may be difficult for staff to reply during teaching time.

For **urgent queries**, please contact the school office directly. The office will ensure your message is passed on to the relevant staff member.

If you would like to arrange a time to speak with staff working with your child, this can be organised either over the phone or face to face at a mutually convenient time.

For **out-of-hours urgent queries**, please remember that our school emergency number remains available as a point of contact.

Thank you for your continued support.



Important Meeting for our New Reception Parents and Carers

Wednesday 14th October 9.00am

Hosted by Miss Thomas

Come along to find out more about how you can support your child with their reading in school and at home



For children turning four years old during the academic year and starting Reception in September 2026, the birth date range is generally **1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023**.

We will be hosting an Open Evening at 3.45pm on Wednesday 11th November for anyone considering applying for a place in Reception for September 2027.

The invite is extended to current Nursery parents and carers as there is no automatic entry to Reception.

We hope to see you there.