Welcome: Refreshments are available.

Please ensure you sign up to the home visits and transition sessions on the flip charts before leaving the hall. Thank you.



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New to Year R Information Evening

June 2026

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Federation Values

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Governing Body



Mr Stuart Divers
Chair of Governors

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Mrs Heather Ryder
Co-opted Governor

"Leaders and governors work purposefully to raise aspirations for pupils. Together with staff, they work effectively to ensure that pupils have every opportunity to achieve well. They challenge leaders effectively to ensure that pupils' educational experience is usually of a high quality.Ofsted 2026

Who’s who

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Mr Paul Shakespeare
Executive Headteacher



Mrs Carolyn Burleigh
Head of School / SENCo



Mrs Verity Marsland
Federation Business Manger



Miss Nicola Pearson
Admin Officer



Mrs Alina Dobrin
Admin Assistant

Key Information



- Parent Partnership: Open door policy, communication, appointments

- Pupil Premium https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary
- PTA – Parent Teacher Association

- Absence/holidays

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Travelling to School



Our school is an **active travel school**, and takes part in Modeshift STARS, which is a national accreditation scheme that rewards schools for promoting active, safe, and sustainable travel. We currently have our Bronze award (Good Travel Plan) and are working towards our Silver (Very Good).

We encourage all our children and parents to **walk, scoot or cycle to school** if they can.



If you live beyond walking distance please **park along the main Pinewood Park** road, and not the road leading to the school, and help **make it safer around the school gates** so more families can **walk, cycle or scoot to school**. Remember Pinewood Park is a bus route, so please park safely for the bus to get past.

We take part in lots of activities all year round including **Walktober**, **Road Safety Week**, **Walk to School**, **Bling your Bike**, **visits by Basil**, **Balance Bike Training** – all to help our children learn about road safety and encourage active travel.

Please support us being an active travel school.

HELPING HAMPSHIRE GET AROUND
my journey

Hampshire County Council

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Balance & Glide!





Big Walk and Wheel







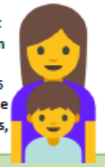
Attendance

New Attendance Rules!

There are new rules for unauthorised absences, whether this is

1 **I'm a parent and I want to take my child out of school for a half or full day.**

Any absence must be recorded on an absence request form. The form enables us to communicate whether an absence will be authorised or unauthorised. Holiday requests will not be authorised. If your child will miss 5 school days, they will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £80 per parent, per child, if you pay it in 21 days, otherwise it is £160.



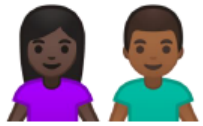
For each child a penalty is given...

+£80 +£80 +£80 +£80

4 children & 1 parent = £320

Doubled to £640 if not paid in 21 days

For a family of 2 parents & 2 children



+£80 +£80

£160 x2 = £320

Doubled to £640 if not paid in 21 days

What happens if school suspects children are actually on holiday?

Photos on Facebook?
Foreign mobile dial tone?
Other children talking about your holiday?
Amazing sun tan?
Home visit shows no-one at home?



Please don't be offended if we ask for evidence or mention these questions to you. We're required to do this to ensure a fair system!

2 **What about subsequent absences? Is it still the same penalty amount?**

No, not anymore. If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence OR pattern of irregular attendance, which is unauthorised, then...

2nd TIME

2 parents and...
1 child = £320
2 children = £640
3 children = £960
4 children = £1280

NO DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT

3rd TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents and 4 children = £20,000

3 **What about irregular attendance? Could I get a penalty notice?** YES

If your child is absent (or late after reigsters) for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks, and their absences are unauthorised, then the school is required to consider penalty notices / prosecution.



So, half a day here and day there could all add up to 10 sessions in 10 weeks. If unauthorised, then it would be a penalty notice. Remember, 1 day is 2 sessions (morning and afternoon).

4 **What are typical reasons given that won't be authorised?**

Examples of unauthorised absences

A family member's birthday
Shopping for uniforms
Inadequate clothing for school
Child being used as a carer
Problems with transport
Visiting relatives abroad
Sickness of parent or sibling
Sibling's school closed
Refusing to attend, but able to
Poor family organisation
Family holidays
No absence request completed
Non-essential appointments

Where attendance is irregular, or historically poor, sickness absences may be unauthorised unless medical confirmation by a GP surgery is given.



EVERY DAY COUNTS – ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?

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Platinum 100%



97% UP TO **6** DAYS ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL



Well Done!
High attendance leads to improved and high achievement which means greater success.

96.9% - 93% UP TO **14** DAYS ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL



Worrying!
Too many missed school days. Less chance of success.

92.9% - 90% UP TO **20** DAYS ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL



Concern!
Reduced chance of success. Possible court action.

Below 90% CONSIDERABLE ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL



Serious!
Lowest chance of success. Possible court action.

There are 175 non school days a year.
That's plenty of time to go on visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.

Key Information

- The School Office
- Communications: Arbor, Newsletters & Website
- Contact Details
- Medical needs and Illness
- Collecting Children

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Who's who

Ladybird Class: Mainstream YR



Miss Charlotte Fleming
Ladybird Class Teacher



Mrs Jodie Keenan
LSA



Mrs Ramiya Poddaturi
LSA

Tadpole Class: Autism RP



Mrs Lily Jary
Tadpole Class Teacher



Mrs Rachel Churchill
HLTA



Mrs Jo King
LSA



Mrs Dawn Cleeve
LSA



Miss Roxy Pirtoc
LSA

Owl Class: SCLN RP



Miss Sarah White
Owl Class Teacher



Mrs Emma Griffen
LSA

The School Day

8.35am Doors open

8.45am Morning registration

8.50am Morning school begins

12.00pm-1.00pm Lunch

3.15pm End of school day



There are no formal breaks in Year R as the children have continuous provision in the Early Years.

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School Routines



Hang up their coat



Put their book bag in their tray



Choose your lunch on the board



Put their water bottle in the tray



Register by putting their ladybird on the leaf

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Learning















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Home Learning



At Pinewood we have lots of opportunities to share what the children are learning with you, so that you can support them:

- Topic webs
- Target sharing and parent evenings
- Workshops



Home learning:

- Reading – 5 x a week at home
- Phonics
- Anton Maths
- Individual targets



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Clubs

Before school:

- Breakfast Club – 7:45am run by school staff

Sunrisers Breakfast Club

During School:

- iRock – Monday during the school day

iRock

After School:

- Gremlin Dance – Thursday 3:15 – 4:15pm

Gremlin Dance

- Afterschool clubs and extended care – Monday – Wednesday and Friday



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School Lunch



- School lunches are cooked on the premises by an external company
- The deadline for special diets is 27th June
- They are currently free to all children in their infant years.
- The majority of the children have the school lunch.
- The children are supervised by staff



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School Uniform



Girls:

Navy pinafore dress, skirt or trousers

(not leggings, ski-pants etc.)

White blouse or polo shirt

School cardigan or sweatshirt

Blue and white striped dress (summer)

Black school shoes

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Boys:

Navy trousers or shorts

(not jeans or jogging bottoms)

White shirt or polo shirt

School sweatshirt

Black school shoes

School Uniform and Equipment

PE kit: Children come dressed in their kits on PE days

- Navy shorts and a white T shirt

  trainers and socks



Children will also need:

- Book bag
- Water bottle
- Wellies







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School Readiness



How to help your child become ‘School ready’.

- Personal hygiene
- Feeding themselves
- Dressing and undressing
- Name recognition
- Tidying up
- Routines



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Reading: What to expect



Reading is highly important to a child's learning journey:

- Reading book to match reading ability and a book linked to the phonics they are learning
- Reading Reward: Read 5x per week
- Daily phonics lessons and continuous provision to enhance learning
- Weekly library sessions
- Daily story time
- Parent workshop on Reading
- Continuous parental support



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Additional Needs

- All children are different and learn at different speeds.
- Good support in the school and access to other professionals.
- Language Link in Autumn term and DEST in summer term.
- Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA).
- If we are concerned, you will be informed.
- If you are concerned, come and talk to us.



Mrs Carolyn Burleigh
Special Educational Needs Coordinator



Mrs Natasha Solway
Mainstream SENCo

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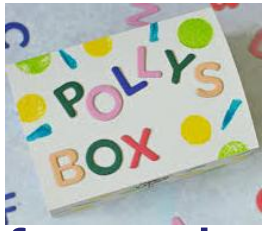


Mrs Louise Prins
ELSA

Transition

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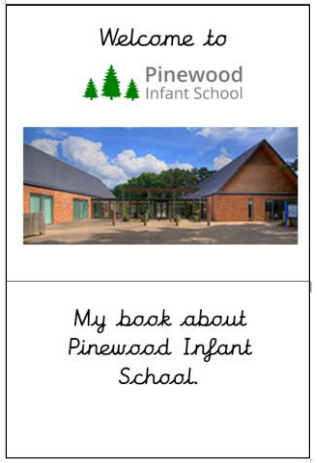
- Parents' meeting – this evening!
- Memory boxes



- Home visits – Please select 1 day from the list below



Ladybird Class	Tadpole and Owl classes
22nd June am	16th June am
23rd June all day	19th June am
24th June all day 25th June am	



- Transition books for children
- Stay and Play / Drop and go sessions – one of each



Stay and Play	Drop and Go
30th July **or** 1st July	8th July **or** 9th July
1:30-3:00pm	1:30-3:00pm



September Transition

- Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September – INSET day

Children start school on Thursday 3rd September as half days.

- Thursday 3rd September – Friday 11th September
  - Mornings 8:35am – 11:25am: Children born September – January and children who have a placement in a Owl or Tadpole class.
  - Afternoons 12:30pm – 3:10pm: Children February - August
- Friday 11th September - **ALL** children arrive for a morning session and parents return at 11:50am to join their child for lunch in the hall. Your child will go home with you after lunch.
- Monday 14th September – Parents can choose for their child to be full time. There will be an opportunity to discuss this if you have any concerns.

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The Next 12 Weeks

- Share story books
- Talk to your child
- Get out and about
- Develop independence skills
- Name everything!
- Enjoy them!



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Useful videos with top tips on child development:



https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/4-to-5-year-old-child-development-activities

Welcome to Pinewood Infant School!

Hello! I'm Mrs Burleigh, the Head of School. I'm really looking forward to you joining us in September!



I can't wait to meet you and help you have lots of fun and learn new things!



This is our school! We have lots of exciting places to explore, play and learn.

At Pinewood Infant School, you will...

Make lots of new friends!



Explore new things!



Everyone is here to help you!



Learn lots and be proud!



We will sing, read stories, count, draw, build, create, play outside and have lots of fun every day!



You are going to love being part of our Pinewood family. We can't wait to see you in September!

Questions?

Thank you for your attendance we look forward to you becoming part of Pinewood Infant School in September.

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