



BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Families

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break, and that 2025 has commenced with great promise.

It has been a joy to welcome the children back to school, all looking smart in their school uniforms. I have also been taking many walks around the school, and have seen classes diligently focused on their learning.

We had a fire drill this week, and every class came out of the building swiftly and sensibly. All of the children were brilliant.

Class assemblies will be starting from next week, with Grey Wolf Class being the first to present to their parents. Do check the dates in this newsletter and on the school website to find out when your child's class assembly will take place.

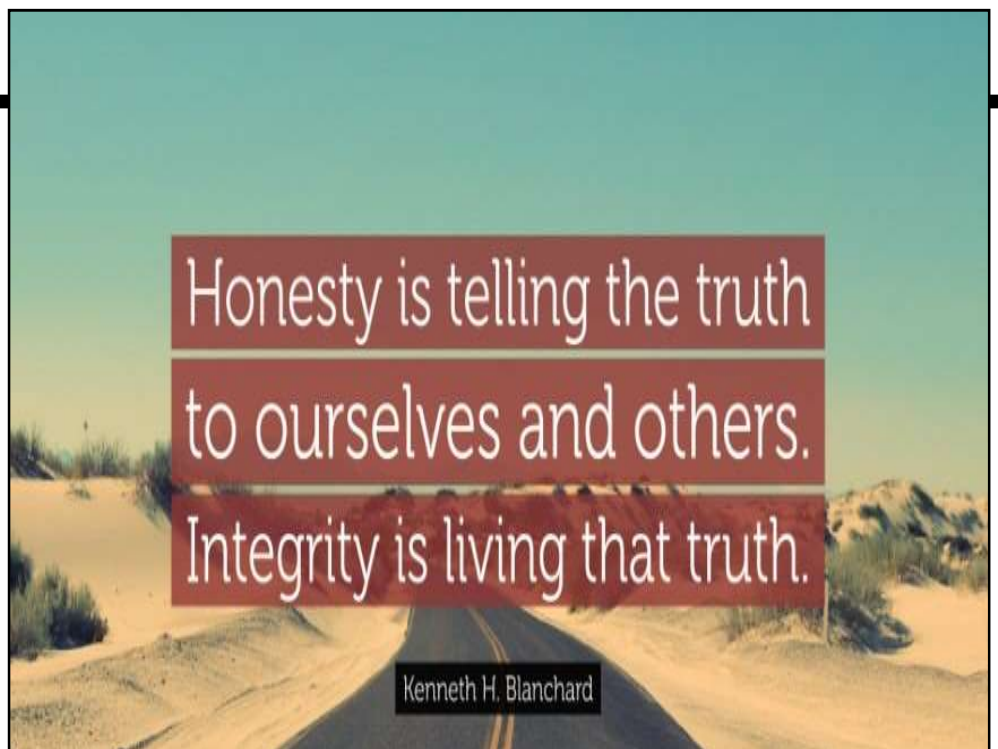
Best wishes

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Headteacher

Value for the term –

Honesty



Office Notices

Growth Mindset Awards

Fox – Ayda-J
Beaver – Gabrielle
Red Kite – Oviya
Red Squirrel – Chathurya
Dormouse – Ellie
Badger – Bella
Otter – Whole Class
Grey Wolf – Savannah

Sports Star Awards

Fox – Vogue
Beaver – Arlo
Red Kite – Olivia
Red Squirrel – Bella
Dormouse – No PE this week
Badger – No PE this week
Otter – No PE this week
Grey Wolf – No PE this week



This week's winners of TTRS 'Battle of the Bands'

LKS2 Winners – Dormouse 581 points

UKS2 Winners – Badger 579 points



Scientist of the week!

LKS2 – No Science this week

UKS2 – Gerald

Performers of the week!

Welcome back everyone! Happy New Year to you all.

No Performers this week, we recommence next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

IMPORTANT

dates to remember

- Wednesday 15th January – 9am – Year One parents phonics workshop
- Thursday 16th January – 9am – Grey Wolf Class assembly
- Wednesday 22nd January – 11.45-12.45 KS1 Gymnastics (Invite only)
- Wednesday 22nd January – 13.15-15.30 KS2 Gymnastics (Invite only)
- Thursday 23rd January – 9am – Badger Class assembly **(New Date)**
- Monday 27th January – LKS2 Look Out Discovery Centre Trip
- Wednesday 29th January – 9am – Reception parents' Drawing Club (writing) workshop
- Wednesday 29th January – Chinese New Year Assembly
- Thursday 30th January – 9am – Otter Class assembly **(New Date)**
- Friday 31st January – 9.30am – prospective parents' tour
- Wednesday 5th February – Year Six SATs meeting
- Wednesday 5th February – LKS2 TeamGym (Invite only) 13.15-15:30
- Wednesday 5th February – UKS2 TeamGym (Invite only) 09.45-12.30
- Thursday 6th February – 9am – Dormouse Class assembly
- Tuesday 11th February Safer Internet Day – workshop for parents – 9am and 5pm
- Wednesday 12th February – KS1 Milestone Museum Trip
- Thursday 13th February – 9am – Red Kite Class assembly
- Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February – Spring half-term
- Monday 25th February – children return
- Friday 28th February – 9.30am – prospective parents' tour
- Thursday 6th March – World Book Day
- Thursday 6th March – LKS2 Tag Rugby – 15:30-17:00 (Invite only)
- W/C 10th March – Science Week
- Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day
- Friday 21st March – UKS2 In2 Hockey – 15:00-18:00 (Invite only)
- Tuesday 25th March – 3:45 to 6:15pm – Parents' Evening
- Thursday 27th March – 4:30 to 7pm – Parents' Evening
- Friday 28th March – 9.30am – prospective parents' tour
- Wednesday 2nd April – 9:30am – LKS2 production to parents
- Thursday 3rd April – 2pm – LKS2 production to parents
- Friday 4th April – attendance medals assembly
- Friday 4th April – last day of Spring term – school closed at 2pm
- Tuesday 22nd April – children return
- Thursday 24th April – Jewish Passover assembly
- Friday 25th April – 9.30am – prospective parents' tour
- Thursday 1st May – Sikh Vaisakhi assembly

Weekly Updates!

For pictures and information on what each class has been doing this week or enrichment activities that have taken place please click on the year group below or visit the school gallery.

EYFS

KS1

LKS2

UKS2



School success starts
with attendance

Weekly Attendance

Brown Bears – 95%

Fox –90.5%

Beaver –98.6% - **Winner**

Red Kite –93.4%

Red Squirrel –94.8%

Dormouse –93.6%

Badger –97.5%

Otter –98%

Grey Wolf –94.3%



Please ensure you call or email **each day** your child is absent.

We spend a lot of time calling parents that have not called in to report an absence. Please ensure you report an absence before 9am.

Please find below details of the online workshops that the CYPIT Occupational Therapy Team will be running during the first half of the Spring Term 2025.

School years sensory processing workshop on:

- Wednesday 29th January 2025- 1.00pm-2.30pm

This sensory processing workshop focuses on how to support school age children (5-11 years). **This session can be attended by parents/carers** and school staff supporting a child or young person in order to understand the young person's needs and how these can be best supported.

To register to attend these workshops please click on the following link: [Sensory Processing online workshops | Children Young People and Families Online Resource \(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk\)](https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/children-young-people-and-families-online-resource)



Please **name** all your child's belongings. Coats, Water Bottles, Lunch Boxes etc.

All named lost property will be sent to the class.

Thank you for your support.



Attendance & Punctuality

Please ensure that you call in each day your child is absent. A call, voicemail or email will be sufficient. Please also have a look at the following flyer 'Should I keep my child off school?' for advice and guidance on whether your child is too unwell for school.

We have also noticed an increase of late children, if your child is late (after 9.15am) this will be marked as an unauthorised absence as per DFE guidelines. Please ensure your child arrives on time to avoid disrupting their class on arrival.

Thank you



Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL



NHS
Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Wokingham Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Helping your Child with Fears and Worries Online Parent Group Programme A Guided Self-Help Approach



Learn coping strategies to help your child manage anxiety.
Is your child between 5-12 years of age and facing difficulties with anxiety?



This group parent programme will enable you to understand what is causing your child's worries and to carry out evidence based, step-by-step practical strategies that you can use at home to support your child in order for them to overcome problems with anxiety.

The programme aims to support parents to work through the accompanying book *Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries: A self-help guide for parents (2nd Edition)*.



Course Outline

- Introductory assessment phone call
- 5 x 90 minute online group sessions on Wednesdays 26th February, 5th, 12th, 19th March and 2nd April, 9:30 - 11:00am.
- Useful handouts for each session.

To book a place on the course please return completed

referral form circulated with this flyer to:

MHSTAdmin@wokingham.gov.uk

by 5th February 2025

