



# BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 

Dear Families

It is just amazing how the weeks of this half-term have flown by! Some great learning has taken place, so the children have been very busy.

This week, we had Safer Internet Day. Miss Lloyd presented a meeting to parents on Tuesday, and the presentation has been shared with all parents. I hope you found it helpful. Making sure your child is always safe online is a real challenge.

On Wednesday, our KS1 classes went to visit the Milestones Museum. The children were so excited with all the exhibits. They gained so much knowledge about how we used to live, ready for their new history topic after half-term. The Year One history topic is about what life was like in our grandparents' day.

On Thursday, Red Kite Class presented a fantastic assembly all about what they have been learning in Geography - mountains, earthquakes and volcanoes. It was very informative, with the children sounding like real geographers. They were also very confident in their delivery.

Today, we have held our first 'Golden Work' awards during our Celebration assemblies. You can find out more below.

Everyone has been working so hard - staff and children, so they do really deserve a good rest next week.

Do have a lovely half-term break.

Best wishes

Funmi Alder

**Headteacher**

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Value for the term –

Honesty



**Listen  
with  
curiosity.  
Speak  
with  
honesty.  
Act with  
integrity.**

## Golden Work Awards

Class teachers were asked to select one piece of work from their class that is excellent. Each child selected was presented with a special certificate, and a copy of each piece of work has been mounted on the 'Golden Work' board in Ms Alder's office. The children awarded were:

Brown Bear Orsa - **Alfie**

Brown Bear Koda - **Albie**

Fox - **Beatriz**

Beaver - **Florence**

Red Squirrel - **Shaurya**

Red Kite - **Aamodha**

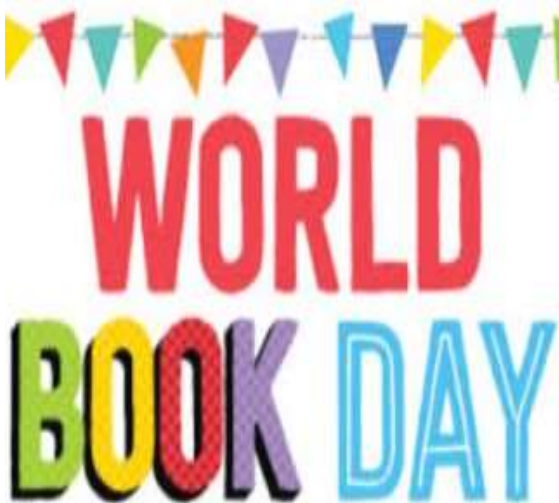
Dormouse - **Oliver C**

Badger - **Emma**

Otter - **Jasper**

Grey Wolf – **Savannah**

Congratulations to these children. We will hold another Golden Work awards presentation half-way through the summer term.



Our children will be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. In preparation for this we wanted to offer our parents the opportunity to recycle any old costumes you may have. If you do have any unwanted costumes, and are happy to donate these to us, could you deliver these to the school office after half term. We will then be running a pre-loved/owned sale on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February after school selling these costumes for £3, giving you the opportunity to find something for your child ahead of work book day at a lower cost whilst giving back to the school. We hope this will be a popular event and eliminate the stress of rushing to the shops to buy a costume! If you have any questions, do let us know and more details will be provided after half term.

# Superstar



Last weekend Ayda-J in year 1 competed at the ICC cheerleading championships. With her squad Mini Majors - Legacy Allstars

Ayda has only been in the squad for 8 weeks, this was her first time performing! She was very nervous! But did so well! Here she is with her medal!

**Well done Ayda-J!**

Should you wish for your child to star in our weekly newsletter. Please email the school office a photo and a brief description of your child's achievements.

# Office Notices

## Growth Mindset Awards

Fox – Whole Class  
Beaver – Whole Class  
Red Kite – Liam  
Red Squirrel – Alondra  
Dormouse – Izyan  
Badger – Bella  
Otter – Keira  
Grey Wolf – Summer

## Sports Star Awards

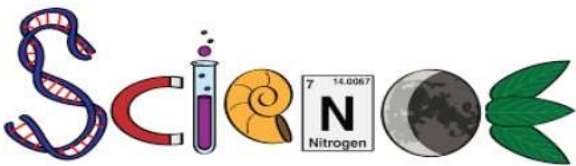
Fox – Whole Class  
Beaver – Whole Class  
Red Kite – Babri  
Red Squirrel – Amelia  
Dormouse – Louisa  
Badger – Whole Class  
Otter – Aubree  
Grey Wolf – Vihaana



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

*LKS2 Winners – Dormouse 296 points*

*UKS2 Winners – Badger 518 points*



### Scientist of the week!

*LKS2 – No Scientist Award this week.*

*UKS2 – Jake*

# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Spring half-term
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – children return
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – 9.30am – prospective parents' tour
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – LKS2 Tag Rugby – 15:30-17:00 (Invite only)
- W/C 10<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Red Nose Day & UKS2 In2 Hockey – 15:00-18:00 (Invite only)
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – 3:45 to 6:15pm – Parents' Evening
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – 4:30 to 7pm – Parents' Evening
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – 9.30am – prospective parents' tour
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 9:30am – LKS2 production to parents
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 2pm – LKS2 production to parents
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – attendance medals assembly
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – last day of Spring term – school closed at 2pm
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – children return
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Jewish Passover assembly
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April – 9.30am – prospective parents' tour
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Sikh Vaisakhi assembly
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- W/C 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year Six SATs
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Muslim Eid assembly
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 2pm – Country Dancing Show to parents
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Summer half-term
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - INSET
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – children return
- W/C 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year One Phonics Screening Check
- W/C 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year Four Multiplication Tables Check
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June – 9am – Red Squirrel Class assembly
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – 9am – Beaver Class assembly
- W/C Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year Six residential
- W/C 25<sup>th</sup> June – Year Six secondary transition day
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – GRT History Month assembly
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – new classes
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – 9am – Fox Class assembly
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – reports home
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – 3:30 to 5pm – Parents' Evening drop-in
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – 9am – prospective parents' tour

## 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 –92.6%

Fox –95.20%

Beaver –94.4%

Red Kite –97.0%

Red Squirrel –90.5%

Dormouse –99.3% **Winner**

Badger – 93.9%

Otter –95.6%

Grey Wolf –92.6%



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.



# 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



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### Advice and guidance

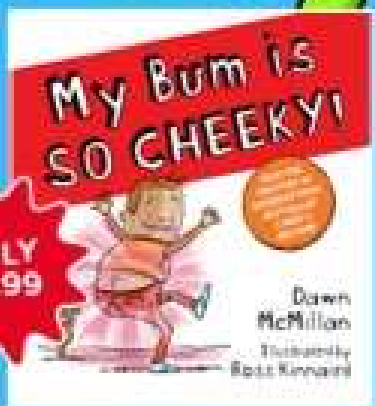
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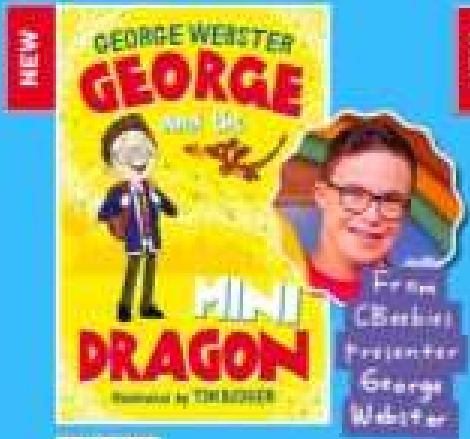
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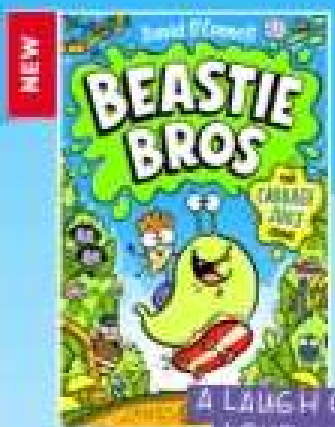


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**5-12 Year Olds to 3pm**

**£27.50** Per Day

**4 Year Olds to 1pm**

**£21.50** Per Day



## MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS

- **Caversham** | Thameside Primary School
- **Arborfield** | Farley Hill Primary School
- **Bracknell** | St Maragaret's Primary
- **Woodley** | South Lake Primary School
- **Slough** | Claycots School (Townhall Campus)

## FOOTBALL CAMPS

- **Bracknell** | Garth Hill College
- **Woodley** | Woodford Park 3G
- **Caversham** | Thameside Primary School
- **Wokingham** | Floreat Montague Park



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# COMPETITION

Design an Active  
Travel Poster  
based on your  
journey to school

Win a £50  
Decathlon voucher  
in primary or  
secondary school  
category (runners-  
up prizes too)

The winning  
design will be  
made into posters  
for your school

The competition  
runs from  
Monday, 20  
January until  
Monday, 24  
February

# Have some serious fun on bikes

Spring  
half term  
2025

## Sign up for a Bikeability course

Pick your time and place - book online

Prospect Park

Learn to ride

17 Feb  
0930-1045  
1100 - 1215  
1330 - 1445

18 Feb  
0900 - 1015  
1030 - 1145  
1315 - 1430

20 Feb  
1000 - 1115  
1130 - 1245  
1400 - 1515

Highdown School

Level 1 & 2

18-19 Feb  
All day

Level 3

20 Feb  
0930 - 1500

Woodford Park

Level 1 & 2

17-18 Feb  
All day

Jocks Lane  
Bracknell  
Level 1 & 2

18-19 Feb  
All day



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## Household Support Fund can help you

There's more than £500,000 available to help Wokingham Borough residents through the Household Support Fund this winter. You can apply if you're struggling to pay for:

- Food
- Bills
- Energy costs
- Other everyday essentials

The Household Support Fund has been allocated by the Department for Work and Pensions to councils in England to pass on money to residents who need it.

What you're entitled to depends on your situation:

- Free school meal families - £15 per week, per child during the school holidays for each child receiving means-tested free school meals
- Pensioners, carers and disabled people – one off grant of £120
- All other households – one off grant of £60

The current round covers October 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Do not re-apply if you've already got a payment recently.

**If you successfully applied for a Household Support Grant between 1 April and 30 September 2024, you will automatically get another payment this winter. It will be paid six months after your last payment. You do not need to re-apply.**

**Apply now: <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/cost-living/household-support-fund>**

# ABBNEY FLAVOURS MATHS



Open Evening

4 March: 5pm-7.30pm

Sit down delicious school dinner included.

No need to cook when you get home!



The Abbey