



# BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Dear Families

Our children have continued to be very focused on their learning whilst in their classes. I have just taken a walk around the school, and am so impressed and proud at just how far we have come as a school. The children are confidently applying themselves to their tasks and demonstrating real independence.

Our school choir have been busy rehearsing for the WASMA concert. This year, three of our children have been selected to be soloists: Oliver in Year Four, and Jasgeet and Gopika in Year Six. We are very proud of them. Some of our choir will also be performing a dance routine in the production. I am really looking forward to seeing it.

Fox Class presented their assembly to parents yesterday. They shared some of the many things they have been learning - including research about foxes; rivers in geography; the water cycle and living things in science; beautiful poems about rivers in English; and gymnastics. The children sang beautifully too.

I do hope you have been able to book an appointment for one of the Parents' Evenings next week, so you can meet your child's class teacher and find out how they are doing with their learning. Teachers will be sharing learning targets that you can support your child with at home.

Next week Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day. We look forward to seeing the children dressed up as a favourite book character. The staff will be dressed up too!

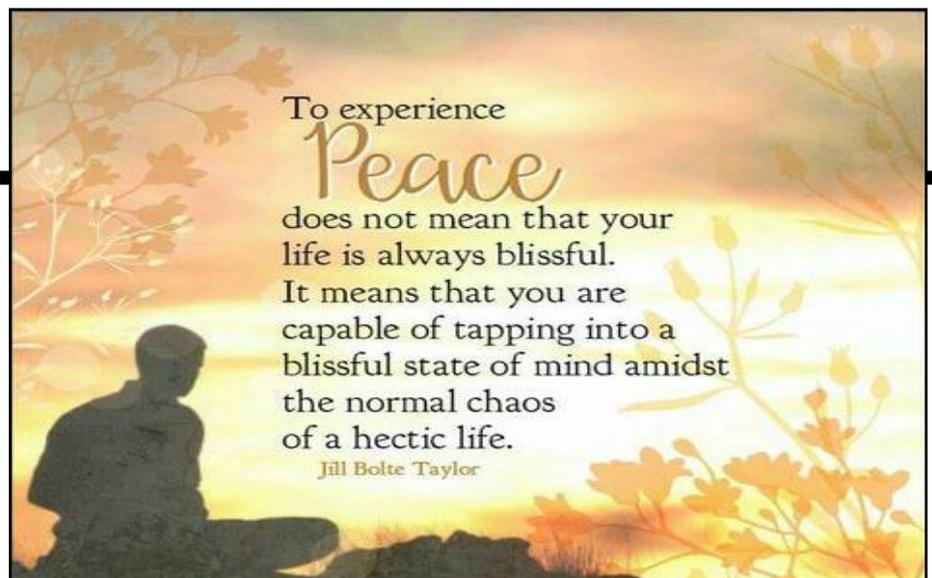
Best wishes

Funmi Alder

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Value for the term –

Peacefulness



## Behaviour at Bearwood

For the next few weeks, we will have this feature in our newsletter, focused on behaviour at Bearwood. The purpose is to inform our families of how we manage behaviour. You may recall that last year we introduced a new approach to behaviour management, as part of our new 'Therapeutic Thinking Behaviour Policy'.

The purpose of the policy is to promote the positive and develop good character; supporting our children to consistently show behaviour that prioritises positive experiences and feelings. Where children may find this challenging, we have a clear structure of support to develop their internal discipline. We believe this approach will enable us to meet our ultimate vision:

*We aspire to be an outstanding, values-based school at the heart of our diverse community.*

*Striving for excellence, our focus is to enable our children to be resilient and independent learners whilst also considerate of others.*

*Through an all-encompassing curriculum, our children will achieve their highest potential and have a firm foundation on which to build successful and productive lives in an ever-changing world.*

***Aspire Succeed Excel***

The therapeutic thinking approach has been strongly advocated by Wokingham LA, who have committed themselves to investing in training leaders in all their schools. Funmi Alder, Caroline Parry and Kayleigh Haden have all completed the three full days of training, delivered by a highly regarded national consultant. In turn, we have delivered three professional development sessions on the approach to our staff. Caroline Parry leads on behaviour at Bearwood, and has overall responsibility for ensuring the policy is implemented.

Next week, we will talk about what the therapeutic thinking approach is - and what it is not!

# Office Notices

## Growth Mindset Awards

Rabbit – Shreya  
Otter – Tanwir  
Beaver – Alana  
Red Kite – Aarohi  
Fox – Savannah  
Dormouse – Maisie-Lou  
Red Squirrel – Whole Class  
Hedgehog – Faye  
Pine Marten – Zunairah

## Sports Star Awards

Rabbit – Hanwika  
Otter – Lee  
Beaver – Karam  
Red Kite – Mollie + Kayson  
Fox - Mia  
Dormouse – Jess  
Red Squirrel – Syon + Claire  
Hedgehog – Savannah  
Pine Marten – Armaan



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

*LKS2 Winners – Fox Class 722 points*

*UKS2 Winners – Red Squirrel 235 points*



### Scientist of the week!

*LKS2 – Dylan UKS2 - Burak*

### Performer of the Week!

*To be announced next week! Have a lovely weekend everybody!*

# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March – 3:30-6pm – Parents' Evening
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March – 4 to 6:30pm – Parents' Evening
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- W/C 11<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> March – Pinemarten Class Trip – Windsor Environmental Centre
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March - Hedgehog Class Trip – Windsor Environmental Centre
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March – Red Squirrel Class Trip – Windsor Environmental Centre
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March – 5pm – Year 6 Parents' Meeting on SATs and residential
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> March – Jewish Passover Assembly
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> March – 9:30am – LKS2 production to parents
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March – 2pm – LKS2 production to parents
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Bonnet Competition/Own Clothes Day £1 donation
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March – Attendance Medals Assembly
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term – 2pm finish
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April – Children Return
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> April – Vaisakhi Assembly
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April – Red Kite Assembly
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May – EID Assembly
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- W/C 13<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 9am - Beaver Class Assembly
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May – 2pm – Country Dancing Show to Parents
- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half Term
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Children Return
- W/C 10<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Phonics Screen Check
- W/C 10<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June – GRT History Month assembly
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Trip – Bucklebury Farm
- W/C 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Residential
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> June – Otter Class Assembly
- W/C 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Secondary Transition Week
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June – 9am – Rabbit Class Assembly
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour



**“THIS MORNING,  
HE HAD A  
RUNNY NOSE...  
BUT LOOK AT  
HIM NOW!”**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



**HM Government**

Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.

**NHS**

## 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

Gallery



School success starts  
with attendance

## Weekly Attendance

RJ Koda –78.5%

RM Orsa –70.6%

Rabbit –93.1%

Otter –95.1%

Beaver –97.5%

Red Kite –97.4%

Dormouse –97%

Fox –98.2% Winners 🏆

Red Squirrel –95%

Hedgehog –89.7%

Pine Marten –97.8%



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.

# Free School Meals



## Are you entitled?

Free school meals and extra funding for your child's education

Across the UK more than 10 per cent of pupils who are eligible for free school meals do not register to get them.

We want to make sure 100 per cent of our pupils claim when they can in Wokingham Borough.

Importantly, it also means schools can get additional funding to support pupils.

To qualify, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- [Income support](#)
- Income based [Job Seekers Allowance](#)
- Income related [Employment and Support Allowance](#)
- [NASS support](#)
- Guarantee element of [State Pension](#)
- [Child Tax Credit](#), provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- [Working Tax Credit](#) for the four weeks after employment ends
- [Universal Credit](#), provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

If this applies to you but your child isn't registered for free school meals, complete a form and return it to your child school.

[Download the form and apply for Free School Meals](#) on Wokingham Borough Council's website.

◆ Friday 8th March ◆

Hosted by Bearwood PTA



**Nearest & Dearest  
Day**

£2.50 per child  
Please pay via the Arbor app

Buy a gift for someone special!  
Children are invited to choose a small gift for a loved one in our surprise room.  
One gift per child.



**Parentkind**  
Member Association

Easter Bonnet Competition on  
Thursday 28th March  
£1 to wear your own clothes along with your  
Easter Bonnet!  
Winner of the most imaginative design will  
win a prize!

# Easter Bonnet Competition



# Superstar!



Arlo in Year 1 won the under 6 player of the week last week at his new rugby class. He has been attending for a few weeks and has showed great listening skills, keeping positive and trying really hard.

**Well done Arlo!**



Hassan is Year 6 achieved his certificate of achievement which he received from Aisha mosque recently while attending the religious Islamic classes over the weekends.

**Well done Hassan!**



Maxwell in Reception would like to share that he passed the last Duckling level of swimming and he's off to join the more advanced Level 1 'learn to swim' class!

**Well done Maxwell!**



## **Bearwood Big Walk!**

Bearwood Primary School will be taking part in Sustrans Big Walk! Please encourage your children to walk, ride or use their scooter during week commencing 11th March. The school could win some fantastic prizes!

<https://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk/prizes>



Bring your bicycles down to Halfords, Reading Road, Winnersh on Wednesday, 28th February from 2pm to 4pm.

**The Wokingham North Neighbourhood Policing Team will mark and register your bikes for free!**

We will be using products that are supplied by BikeRegister, the UK's national cycle database and leading online bike identification initiative. Registering on BikeRegister means you could be reunited with your bike in the event of it being stolen.



**Don't forget to book your Parents' Evening via your Arbor App.**

Parents' Evening taking place on the following days:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – 3.30pm-6pm

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – 4-6.30pm



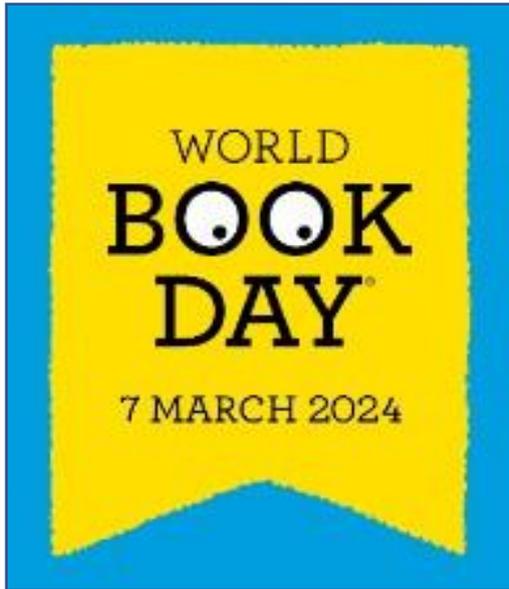
Don't forget all school meals should be paid for in advance on your Arbor App. Please regularly check your Arbor App for any outstanding payments.

**Thank you**

# Year 6

## Osmington Bay Payment Balance

The final payment will be due 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024, unfortunately we will not be able to accept any late payments.



## World Book Day! – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

This year's theme is *Read Your Way*. World Book Day 2024 will celebrate that children are more likely to enjoy reading when their choices are championed and we make reading fun. Read Your Way calls on everyone to let go of pressure and expectations, giving children a choice – and a chance – to enjoy reading.

All children are invited to wear a costume resembling their favourite book character and they can bring in the book to match!



## Order your Class of 2024 hoodie online today!



Leavers

Visit [www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/bearwoodprimaryrg415bb](http://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/bearwoodprimaryrg415bb)

- 1 Select your hoodie with or without personalisation then choose size & add to basket (Hoodies are meant to be worn big, please size up!)
- 2 Click on your basket at the top right of the screen. If applicable **enter your nickname into the 'name box' exactly as you wish it to appear (ie. UPPER CASE or Title Case, No special characters or emojis allowed).**
- 3 Select...  
**'Deliver to your school on APPROXIMATELY 26.03.2024'**  
(at checkout this will show as school delivery address)  
**HOME DELIVERY IS NOT AN OPTION FOR THIS ITEM.**
- 4 You will be asked to log in or register at this point.
- 5 All orders must include child's name and class in the relevant box.



All hoodies will be delivered to your school approximately 26th March 2024.

**IMPORTANT: Orders must be received by Tuesday 5th March!**

**Please note:** Due to the bespoke nature of the garments leavers orders cannot be returned or exchanged