

BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 16th October 2026



A message from Ms Alder

Dear Families,

We have had another phenomenal week at Bearwood!

On Monday, our Year Five football team took part in a football festival at Luckley House School. It was a fantastic experience for them. Although they did not win, they had the opportunity to develop their teamwork skills.

Miss Clarke, our Inclusion Lead, held an inclusion coffee morning on Wednesday. This will be a half-termly event. Please do let Miss Clarke know if there is anything you would find helpful to focus on at a future coffee morning.

Year Four went on a geographical field trip of the local area as part of their geography topic comparing and contrasting Winnersh with Milan in Italy. They were like real geographers, as they carried out their traffic surveys. I look forward to seeing how they will present their data in their geography lesson! They would have been building on the skills they developed in KS1.

Year One experienced their first geographical field trip as part of their geography topic of the local area. Year Two went on a local walk looking at historical evidence of the model Sindlesham Village.

Year Five and Six went to Reading Museum to find out more about Ancient Greece. They experienced a fascinating workshop handling artefacts from the period.

Thank you to our PTA for organising the complementary discos this week. I'm looking forward to the KS2 disco later this evening!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes
Funmi Alder, Headteacher.

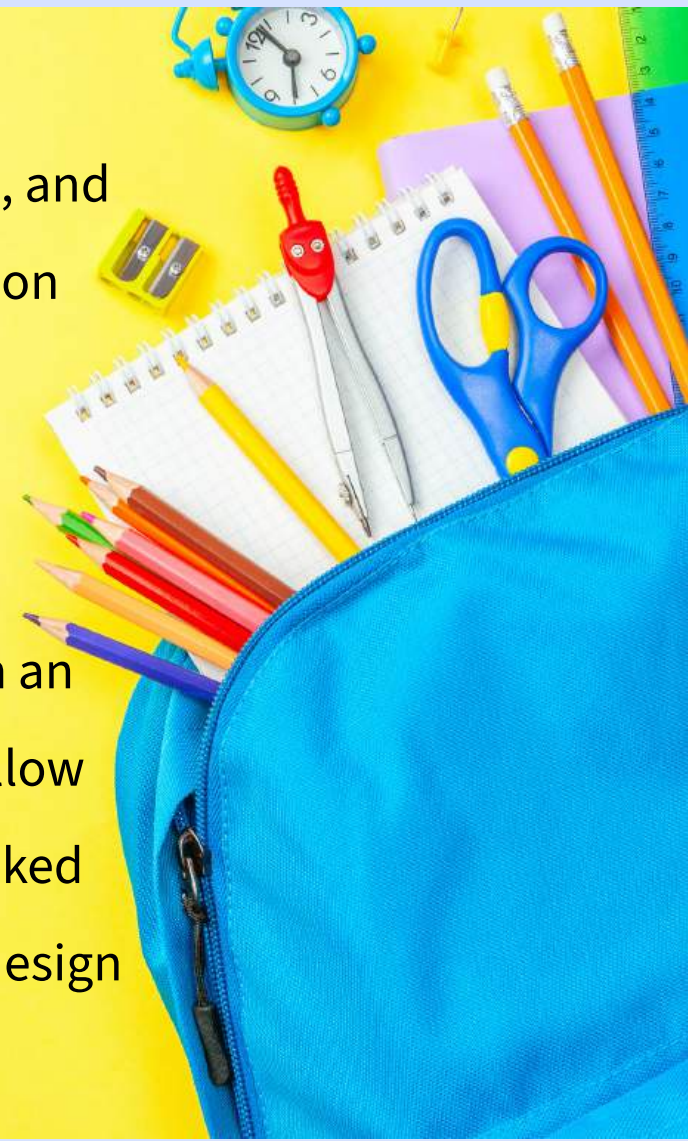
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Reminders & Updates

Spencers Wood Proposal Update

Although we are still at the consultation stage of the proposal, and the Council Executive Committee will not be making its decision until January, we have been included in discussions on some aspects of the new school's design as the preferred school. We have seen the developing plans for the building, and have been able to give some input. The plans do look exciting with an effective use of space. There will be a forest school area, a willow tunnel and a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). We have been asked for ideas on what to put in the playground spaces. The final design will be beautiful.



School Grid - food ordering system

Today, you will have received an email from "School Grid", a new system for ordering school lunches.

Please make sure to check your Junk email folder.

Follow the instructions in the email to log in, ready to start placing orders after half term.

Meal orders can be placed at home with your child in advance, the cut-off is 8:30am each day.



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International Attire Day

Our annual International Attire Day takes place on Friday 23rd October.

Children can come to school dressed in attire from their family's country of origin, or choose a country, or interpret what would be considered as traditional British attire!



Farewell

Mrs Tang, our HLTA / LSA, will be leaving us at the end of this half-term. She has secured a post at a larger school.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Tang for all she has done for Bearwood since joining us as a member of staff in April 2022.

She has demonstrated professionalism of the highest order. We will particularly remember her for leading on the Lunar New Year assemblies.

Best wishes for the future, Mrs Tang.





Reminders & Updates

Please can your child write on one of the following:

- About a member of their family who does something to help the community.
- About their own dreams for their future and how they want to help their community.

Please can children send in their written pieces by Monday 19th October.



Value for the term - RESPECT



Events

- **20th Oct & 22nd Oct** - 3:45-6:30pm Parents Evening
- **21st Oct** - Flu immunisations in school
- **22nd Oct** - Black History Month assembly
- **23rd Oct** - International Attire Day
- **23rd Oct** - 9:30am Prospective parents tour
- **W/C 26th Oct - Autumn Half Term - school closed**
- **2nd Nov - INSET Day - school closed to children**
- **3rd Nov** - Children return to school
- **10th Nov** - Diwali assembly
- **11th Nov** - Remembrance assembly
- **11th-13th Nov** - Year 6 Bikeability
- **13th Nov** - Children In Need Day
- **W/C 16th Nov** - Maths Week & Anti-Bullying Week
- **16th Nov** - Odd Socks Day
- **17th Nov** - Reverend Patrick and Bishop Mary - special assembly

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Save the Date!



BEARWOOD PTA

AGM

All Welcome!



WEDNESDAY
4TH NOVEMBER



6PM



BEARWOOD
SCHOOL

WE WILL BE ELECTING:



CHAIR(S)



TREASURER



SECRETARY



PTA MEMBERS



Nibbles & Wine

♥ WILL BE PROVIDED ♥

We really need your support for the PTA!
We want to make the next year a memorable one for our children and parents and make it really special.





You don't need to be (or want to be) a member of the PTA to attend.



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Year 5 Football Festival

Well done to the students who represented Bearwood at the Year 5 Football Festival on Monday at Luckley House School.

It was a bit of a drizzly day, but they all tried their best and represented the school well.

Thank you to the parents who transported the children, enabling them to take part in this opportunity.



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Year 6 Hockey Competition

This week some of Year 6 children took part in a hockey qualifier, which we won!

Winning this qualifier means we have got through to the competition at Sonning Hockey Club in November.

All the children were fantastic and showed great teamwork and sportsmanship, which was picked up by the event organiser.



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Harvest Festival - thank you!

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated food for our Harvest Festival collection. We received a certificate of appreciation from Wokingham Foodbank, along with this lovely message:

"Please pass on our gratitude to everyone at the school for coming together and supporting the local community, the items you donated will be a lifeline for many in our borough."



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Autumn Disco

Last night, children across Years R-2 enjoyed an Autumn Disco, courtesy of our PTA. They had lots of fun having a dance with their friends, enjoying some sweet treats and glitter tattoos! The PTA took the time to ensure the Hall looked fabulous with balloons and decorations.

Thank you to the staff, PTA and parent volunteers for chaperoning.

Tonight is the turn of Years 3-6, we hope everyone has a great time!



READING FC



Reading FC - Schools and Grassroots Offer



Bearwood Primary School has been invited to Reading FC's Schools & Grassroots fixture against Bromley on Saturday 21st November!

 Get 40% OFF tickets by using code #BearwoodPrimary when booking. The code is valid until midnight on Friday 20th November, for seats in the Eamonn Dolan Stand and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand.

Visit tickets.readingfc.co.uk, log in, select your tickets and enter the #BearwoodPrimary code in the basket. Your 40% discount will then be applied.

 If we sell 25+ tickets, we'll be entered into a draw to win a Reading FC matchday experience!

 We could also be named School/Club of the Match if we sell the most tickets!



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WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award ★

- **Beaver Class** - Archie, for trying your best in phonics and writing
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Fletcher, for his fantastic curiosity on our local walk
- **Red Kite Class** - Elle, for her wonderful work ethic in everything she does
- **Hedgehog Class** - Vanesa, for her fantastic approach to reading comprehension this week
- **Otter Class** - Amelia, for always persevering and having a great attitude to her learning
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Niki, fantastic curiosity and historian-esque responses in class and on our trip!



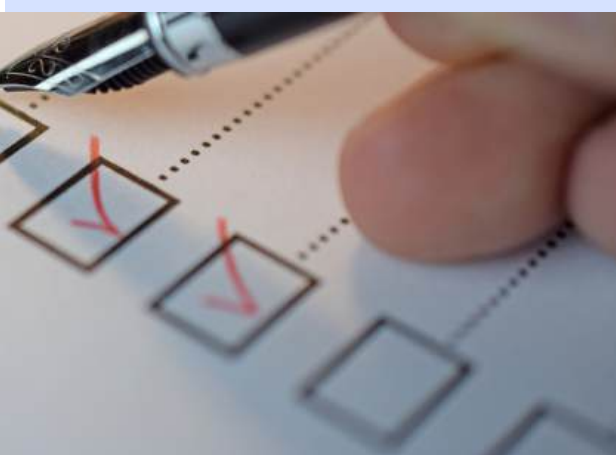
PE Award ★

- **Beaver Class** - Elliot, for super skills in tennis
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Ethan, for great racket and ball skills
- **Red Kite Class** - Layla, for showing respect to her opponent when playing tennis
- **Hedgehog Class** - Albie, for his growing confidence during swimming
- **Otter Class** - Bella and Vincent, for great team work and great demonstration of a volley in tennis
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Freya, for working hard on her tennis serve and returns



Writer of the week ★

- **Lower Phase** - Morrison, for his use of capital letters and full stops in his writing
- **Middle Phase** - Jude FB, for his excellent ideas during our writing sessions, constructing an alternative chapter effectively
- **Upper Phase** - Olivia, for amazing description and use of figurative language in her story



Attendance this week ★

- Brown Bears - 94.2%
- Fox Class - 96.0%
- Beaver Class - 91.7%
- Red Squirrel Class - 94.4%
- Red Kite Class - 98.4%
- Hedgehog Class - 96.7%
- Otter Class - 95.7%
- Grey Wolf Class - 96.1%

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK



Blanka has reached the next level and received a new belt in martial arts - congratulations!



For your child to feature, please share a photo and text with the School Office

INCLUSION/SEN



A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead)



What is a SEND School Information Report?

Our SEND Information Report explains how our school's special educational needs & disabilities policy is put into practice and what SEND provision looks like at Bearwood Primary. It is a document that must be put on our website and shared with you.

Why are you telling me about the SEND School Information Report?

Our Report has recently been reviewed and updated in a format that should be clearer and easier to understand. We hope you will find it useful!

What sort of information will I find in the report?

- How we identify children with special educational needs
- What to do if you think your child has a special need
- How we support children including the interventions we use at Bearwood
- Wokingham's Ordinarily Available Provision
- Information about the nurture room and Cubbie
- How we assess and review children's progress
- How we work with agencies such as Educational Psychology, Learning Support and Speech & Language services
- Support for transitions

Where will I find the School Information Report?

It can be found on the school website on our Key Information: SEND page.

<https://www.bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk/web/send/607638>

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Nursery - Brown Bears **Reception - Fox Class**

Unlike the characters in the story the Little Red Hen, we were very helpful when it came to baking bread and churning butter.

We definitely enjoyed eating it too!

Well done children, you are all excellent bakers!



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 1 - Beaver Class



Yesterday, we went on our local walk to the woods to look for signs of autumn.

We saw lots of leaves on the floor and different coloured leaves as well, showing us that autumn is nearly here.

Although we were sad we didn't see any frogs or hedgehogs, lots of us came home with pockets full on conkers!



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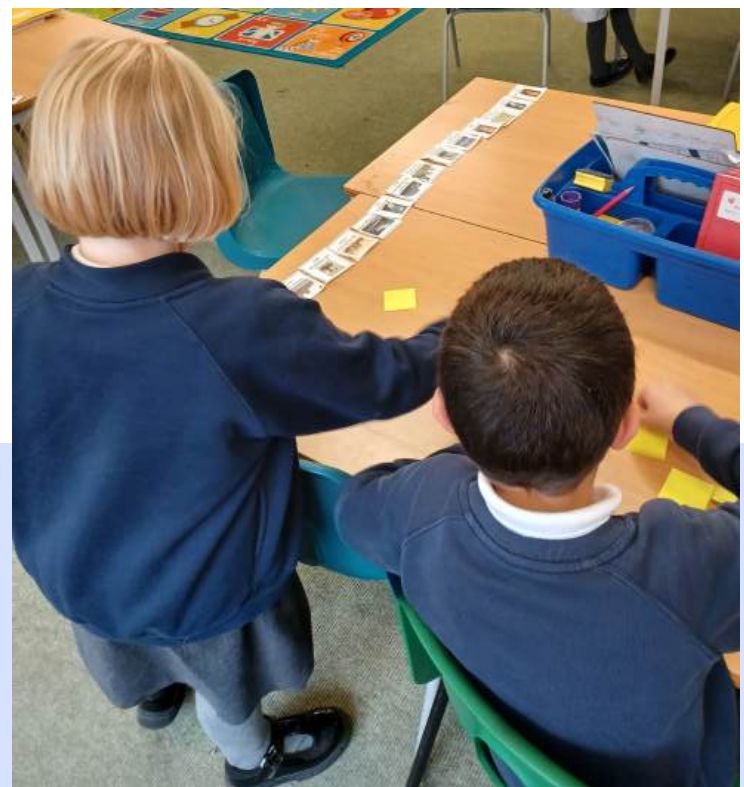
Year 2 - Red Squirrel Class



Year 2 have been learning about the history of Sindlesham.

We have put the historic events of Sindlesham into a timeline and explored how long ago each event happened.

We learnt that most of the model village was built centuries ago - meaning over 100 years ago.



We have also been on our local walk this week. We looked for the different buildings that were built as part of the model village and explored the woods as well.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 3 - Red Kite Class



This week in RE, Red Kite class have been learning about Sikh beliefs and their values which include kindness, love and respect.

The children described through writing and illustration how they can show these values in their everyday lives.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 4 - Hedgehog Class



Hedgehogs enjoyed an autumnal walk through Sindlesham Woods this week.

They were collecting data for our geographical enquiry, 'Our Local Area'.

We finished our walk with a traffic survey, making note of the types of vehicles found around Winnersh.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 5 - Otter Class



The class had a fantastic day at the Ure Museum at Reading University.

They thoroughly enjoyed exploring a range of artefacts and using them to discover what life was like in Ancient Greece.

Throughout the visit, they demonstrated great enthusiasm and curiosity, asking thoughtful questions and engaging actively with the exhibits.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 6 - Grey Wolf Class

Year 6 had their Ancient Greek workshop on Thursday at the Ure Museum at Reading University.

They showed curiosity in investigating and handling real artefacts, suggesting what they show about daily life.

They were excellent ambassadors for Bearwood!

