

# BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 17th April 2026



## A message from Ms Alder



Dear Families

Welcome back for the new Summer term. The children have settled back in really well.

Harveen in Year Six presented a special Vaisakhi assembly to the school on Thursday. She had put together the presentation all by herself, and was very confident in her delivery.

After-school clubs start again next week. There is a fantastic array to select from. Thank you to our staff who give of their time to deliver these.

We have lots of exciting events to look forward to this half term - including the annual whole school Country Dancing Show to parents, scheduled to take place from 2pm on Friday 22nd May. Do be sure to put that date in your diary.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

**Funmi Alder**  
**Headteacher**



## Value for the term - Resilience

"I can be changed by what happens to me.  
But I refuse to be reduced by it."

Maya A

## ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS!



**Expected attendance means  
having no more than seven  
days off this school year!**

## Events ★

- **16th April:** Vaisakhi Assembly
- **23rd April:** Red Squirrel Class  
Assembly at 9am
- **30th April:** Beaver Class  
Assembly at 9am
- **4th May** - Bank Holiday
- **w/c 11th May** - SATS
- **19th May** - Class Photographs
- **22nd May** - 9.30am Parent Tour
- **22nd May** - 2pm Country  
Dancing show to Parents
- **25th May** - Summer Half - Term
- **1st June** - Children Return
- **w/c 8th June** - Yr 1 Phonics  
Screening check
- **w/c 8th June** - Yr 4  
Multiplications check
- **16th June** - Parents' Forum  
Meeting 9am
- **18th June** - GRT History Month  
Assembly

# WEEKLY AWARDS



## Growth Mindset Award ★

Fox Class - **Alfie** 'for thoughtful and informative contributions in maths.'

Beaver Class - **Maybelle** 'for great ideas for our 'Sinbad the Sailor Story.'

Red Squirrel Class - **Natasha** 'Great contributions to our Art Lesson.'

Hedgehog Class - **Shravan** 'Good effort in his learning all week.'

Badger Class - **Chris** 'for his focus and determination.'

Otter Class - **Shajpreet** 'for amazing effort and focus in all learning.'

Grey Wolf Class -

## PE Award ★

Fox Class - **Kiara** 'for demonstrating a good understanding of the skills needed to run.'

Beaver Class - **Reggie** 'for a great attitude during our country dance.'

Red Squirrel Class - **Louie** 'Amazing focus and stamina in sprinting races.'

Hedgehog Class - **Liam** 'Excellent effort in Tennis.'

Badger Class - **Zac N** 'for excellent focus and determination during athletics.'

Otter Class - **Jess** 'Excellent participation and leadership in Maypole.'

Grey Wolf Class - **Ruby** 'Excellent effort in Maypole.'

## Writer of the week ★

KS1 - **Annie** 'for making incredible progress in all her writing.'

LKS2 - **Mimie** 'for fantastic development to her writing since joining the school.'

UKS2 - **Oliver C** 'for including great details in your persuasive adverts.'

## Attendance Award ★

Fox Class - 100% (**Winner**)

Beaver Class - 93%

Red Squirrel Class - 97.9%

Hedgehog Class - 96.2%

Badger Class - 96.8%

Otter Class - 93.6%

Grey Wolf Class - 93%

Brown Bear Class - 97.9%

# INCLUSION/SEN



## A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead) ★



Following feedback from the recent Bearwood parent/ carer PINS (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) Project meetings, we are adding an Inclusion / SEND section to our school newsletter. For this first newsletter item, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Miss Kay Clarke, Bearwood's Inclusion Lead and SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator).

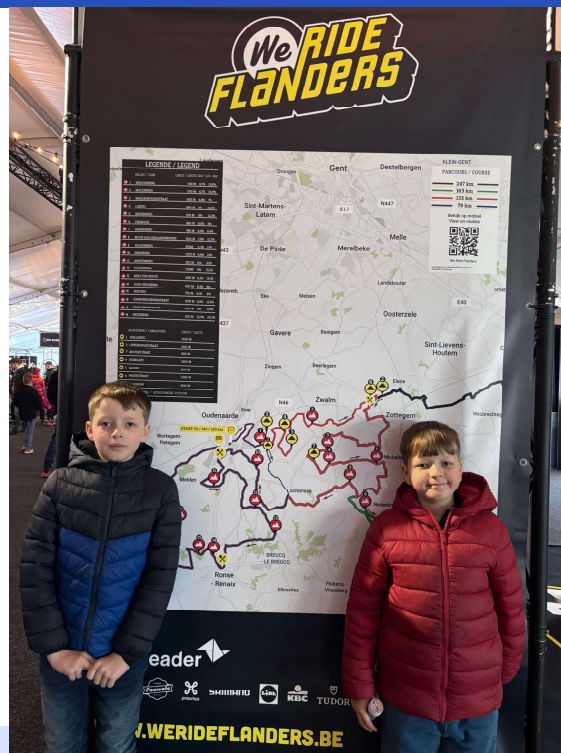
If you have any concerns about your child's special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) / potential SEND you can contact me: [senco@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:senco@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk) or via the school office.



I look forward to updating you each week on the PINS Project and all the other amazing things that are happening at Bearwood, starting with the Cubbie installation next week!



# WEEKLY SUPERSTAR



On Saturday 4 April, Aidan in Year 6 and Liam in Year 4 took on an incredible 79km cycling sportive in Belgium, riding up several famous cobbled climbs, including the Oude Kwaremont and the Paterberg. This would be a huge achievement for any cyclist.

Well done Boys!



**Would you like to star in our next newsletter?**



If you would like your child to star in our next week's Newsletter, please email a photo and a brief description of your child's achievements into the school office.



# WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



## EYFS Team



The children have started the Summer term well and quickly settled back into the daily routine. We are excited about our focus story, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. You can watch an animated version here:

<https://youtu.be/75NQK-Sm1YY> We have our own real caterpillars in class and we are looking after them carefully so they turn into beautiful butterflies! The children will be learning about all different kinds of minibeasts, if you have a minibeast story at home which your child would like to share with the class, then please name it and send in with your child.



## Class reminders

**National Offer Day** - Don't forget to accept your Bearwood Reception place via your Wokingham Portal.

# WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



## Year 1- Fox Class



Year 1 have had a fantastic time designing and making their own paper aeroplanes as part of our history topic! The classroom was full of excitement as the children explored different shapes and styles, testing which would fly the furthest or stay in the air the longest! They showed great creativity, teamwork and problem solving skills whilst experimenting and improving their planes. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and curiosity in action, well done Year 1!



Class reminders

- Thursday 25th June - Class Assembly - 9am

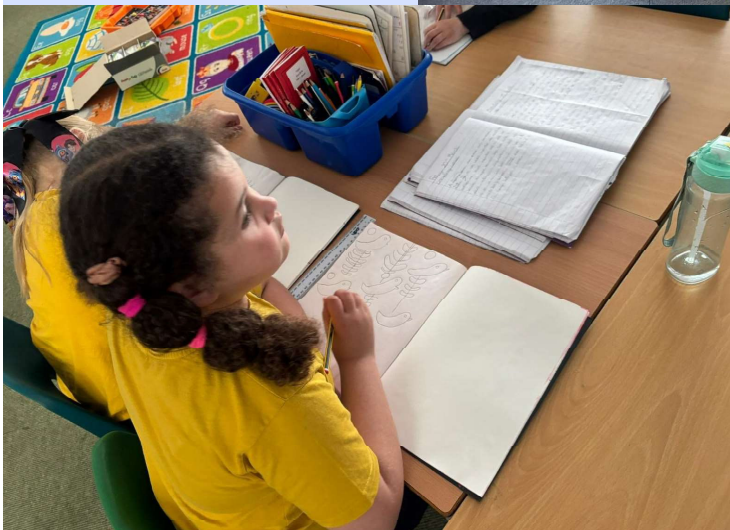
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## Year 2 - Beaver Class



This week in Art we have been trying to recreate repeated patterns inspired by Orla Kiely. In Music, we were playing percussions to 'Miss Polly Had a Dolly', thinking about keeping tempo.



### Class reminders

- Thursday 30th April - Beaver Class Assembly 9am
- Thursday 7th May - Windsor Castle Trip

# WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



## Year 1 & 2



This week your child has brought home a sponsorship for an event called 'Dance with Diabetes'. Across the school there are pupils and their families who live with diabetes every day, so we thought it would be a great idea for us all to learn a bit more about it and come together as school to raise money. Over the next few weeks, the children will be learning a dance, along with schools all over the country, which we will then perform together at the end of term. Here is Year 1 & 2 starting to learn the dance.



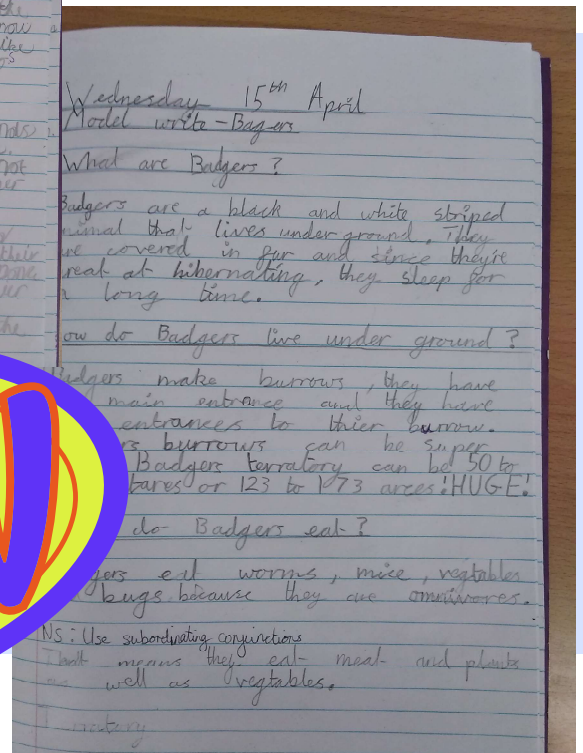
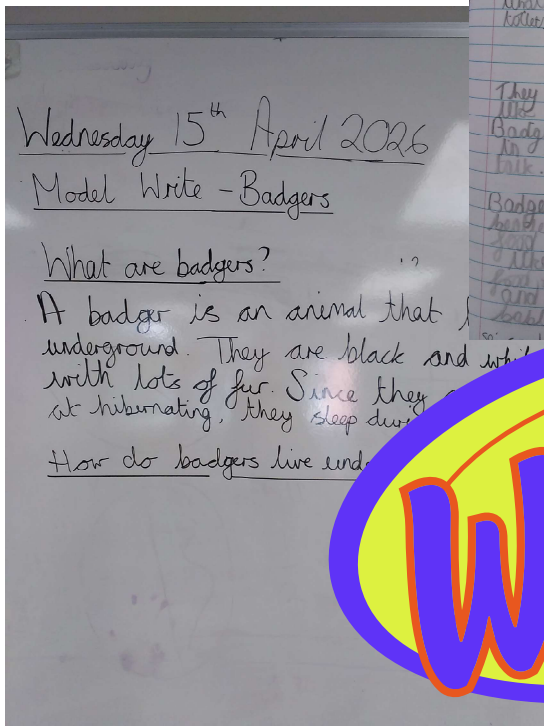
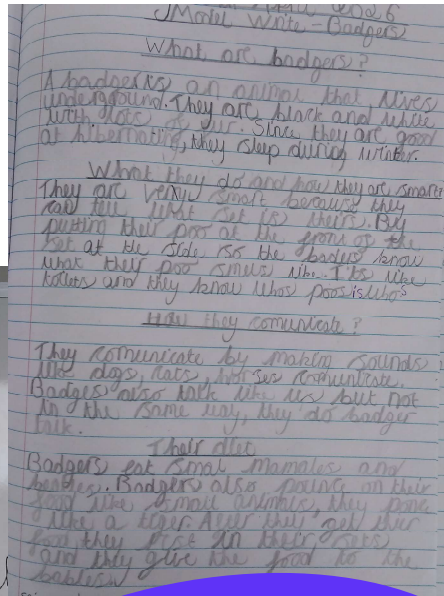
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## Year 3 - Red Squirrel



Red Squirrel have been writing non-chronological reports. We watched a video about badgers, practiced writing our first paragraph together before writing the whole report.



## Class reminders

- Thursday 23rd April - Red Squirrel Class Assembly - 9am

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## Year 5/6 Badger



Year 5 have been working hard this week. We have started our new topic of Our Earth and learnt about key lines of latitude. We have set up a Science investigation to discover which liquid contains salt and we are waiting for it to evaporate, nothing has happened yet! We have started a new unit in Athletics and learnt about pacing ourselves to run for 6 minutes and we started to learn our Maypole dance.



## Class reminders

- Monday 22nd June - Friday 26th June - Year 6 Residential

# OTHER NEWS



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