



BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 29th November 2024

Dear Families

We have had another super week at Bearwood.

Our KS1 children, as part of their learning about the history of our school, got to interview an ex-pupil from the 1950s. Mrs Sue Jones, also a former governor, shared her memories and photographs. The children had lots of questions to ask her, and were particularly interested in finding out about the school meals in those days!

Some of our UKS2 children got to attend a Sportshall Athletics session at Maiden Erlegh School - a chance to experience a quality athletic setting.

We have held our prospective Reception parents' sessions this week. They were well attended, and our children did us proud. Tomorrow, we are holding a drop-in session for prospective Reception parents and children from 10am to 12pm. The children will be able to experience activities within our EYFS setting. Our current Nursery parents and children are also welcome to attend.

It is starting to feel a lot like Christmas at Bearwood! Our EYFS and KS1 children are enthusiastically rehearsing for their Christmas performances. I can hear their beautiful singing from my office - such a delight.

Yesterday evening, our PTA put on a Christmas wreath making workshop. It was a really enjoyable event. Natalie Davis (who also organised it) and Mrs Palmer were excellent tutors. Everyone who attended managed to leave with their own artfully crafted wreath.

Tomorrow, our school choir will be singing at the Winnersh Lights and Christmas Market at the Bearwood Recreation Ground across the road. Our children will sing at 4pm.

Next week is Maths Week. Parents are invited to join their children's classes on Wednesday morning from 9am for their maths lessons. This will be followed by a presentation in the hall from our maths subject leader Lloyd Marshall. Do come along and find out more about how we teach maths at Bearwood.

Our PTA are putting on a Christmas Fayre next Friday straight after school until 5pm. On the Friday, they have asked that children come dressed in their own clothes in exchange for a bottle that will go on the Tombola stall.

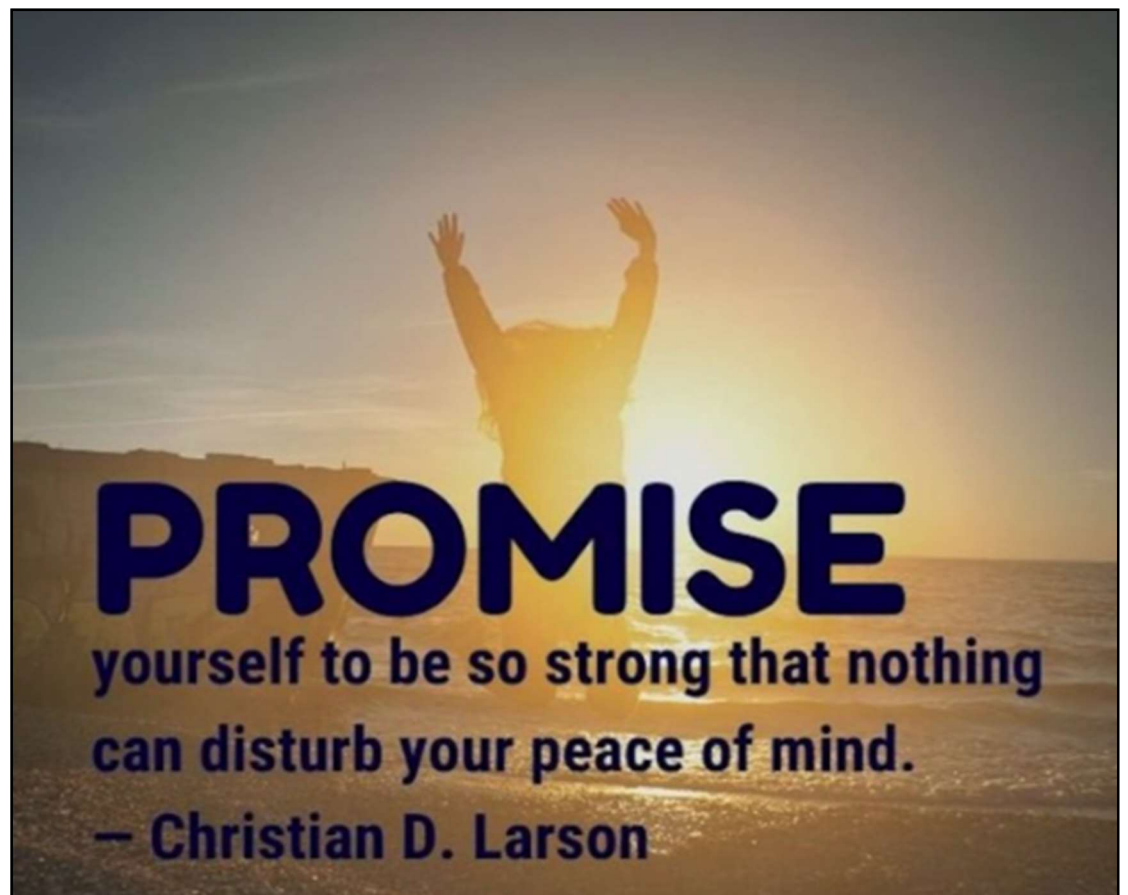
Do have a lovely weekend.

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Headteacher

Value for the term –

Peacefulness



Superstar!



Aarohi in Year 4 and Sreyan in Reception participated in an Indian Classical Dance called Bharatanatyam stage performance in Reading, 3Sixty. They performed exceptionally well, received positive feedback and also received from the Mayor. **Well Done!**



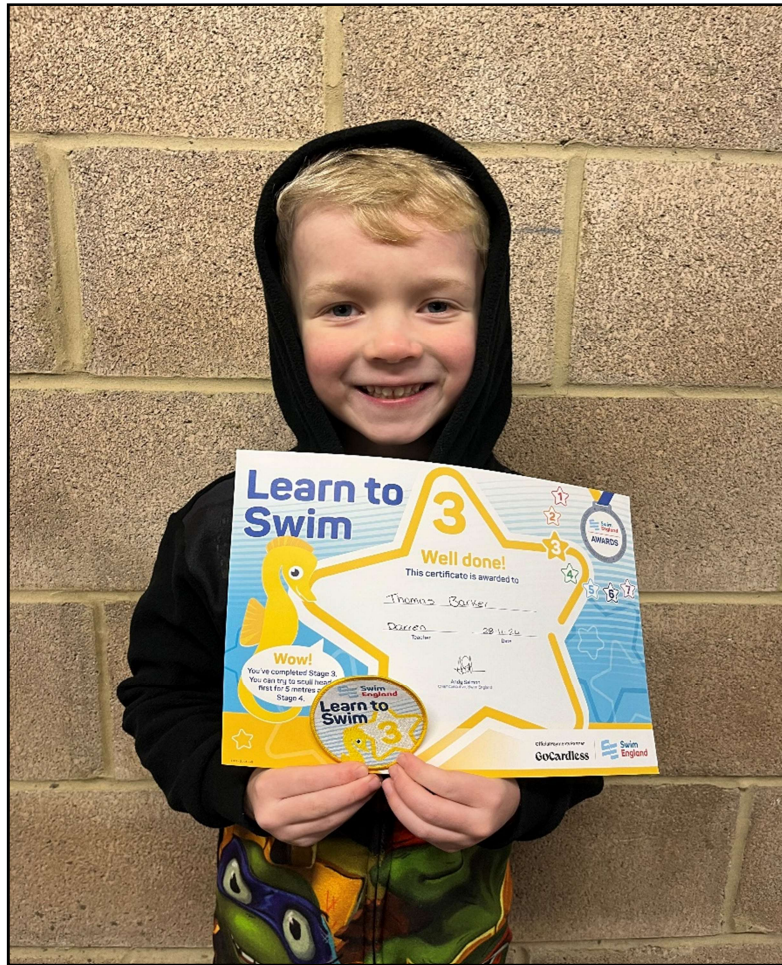
Chathurya in Year 3 achieved grade in Indian Classical Dancing Called "Bhartha Natyam"

Well done Chathurya!

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

Thank you

Superstar!



Thomas in Year 2 has just completed Stage 3 at swimming.

He also achieved his Level 1 in water safety.

Well Done Thomas!

Office Notices

Growth Mindset Awards

Fox – Michael
Beaver – Evie
Red Kite – Connie
Red Squirrel – Anas
Dormouse – Shreya
Badger – Sahibpreet
Otter – Rhema
Grey Wolf - Lakshita

Sports Star Awards

Fox – Jacob
Beaver – Dana-Rose
Red Kite – Robin
Red Squirrel – Kiana
Dormouse – Chi
Badger – Ghaytha
Otter – Chace, Gerald, Cayden L & Alex
Grey Wolf – Vienna



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

LKS2 Winners – Red Kite 1007points

UKS2 Winners – Otter 293points



Scientist of the week!

LKS2 – Jackson

UKS2 – Ziyannah



Performers of the week!

This week, Jackson in Year 3 was our superstar performer! He chose to sing I'm Still Standing because it's a song he likes a lot and he enjoyed learning it last year in Year 2. Not only did he sing it for us, he had a couple of dance moves too! A great performance, Jackson. **Well done!**

IMPORTANT

dates to remember

- Saturday 30th November – 10am to 12pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Open Morning drop-in
- W/C 2nd December – Maths Week
- Tuesday 10th December – EYFS Nativity play to parents
- Tuesday 10th December – KS1 Panto to South Hill Park
- Thursday 12th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch
- Friday 13th December – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- Tuesday 17th December – 9:30am – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Wednesday 18th December – 2pm – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Thursday 19th December – pm – Class Christmas Parties
- Friday 20th December - attendance medals assembly
- Friday 20th December – last day of Autumn term – 2pm finish
- Monday 6th January – INSET
- Tuesday 7th January – children return
- Wednesday 15th January – 9am – Year One parents phonics workshop
- Thursday 16th January – 9am – Grey Wolf Class assembly
- Thursday 23rd January – 9am – Otter Class assembly
- Wednesday 29th January – 9am – Reception parents' Drawing Club (writing) workshop
- Thursday 30th January – 9am – Badger Class assembly
- Friday 31st January – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Wednesday 5th February – Year Six SATs meeting
- Thursday 6th February – 9am – Dormouse Class assembly
- Tuesday 11th February Safer Internet Day – workshop for parents – 9am and 5pm
- 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 – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Thursday 6th March – World Book Day
- W/C 10th March – Science Week
- Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day
- Tuesday 25th March – 3:45 to 6:15pm – Parents' Evening
- Thursday 27th March – 4:30 to 7pm – Parents' Evening
- Friday 28th March – 9am – 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

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 – 97.58%

Fox – 88.89%

Beaver – 97.41%

Red Kite – 92.89%

Red Squirrel – 95.45%

Dormouse – 94.81%

Badger – 95.79%

Otter – 96.67%

Grey Wolf – 97.8% - *Winner*



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 join us for our

Christmas Celebrations

courtesy of Bearwood PTA

3.30 PM

Friday **6** December

Santa's Grotto

Biscuit Making

Donkey Rides

Mulled Wine & Hot Chocolate
and much more!

EARLY YEARS

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD AGED 7 OR UNDER WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS?

We would love to get your point of view on educational provision within Wokingham Borough.



We value your thoughts and contributions as a parent of a child with SEND, and we want to ensure we are delivering the support that you need.

Our online survey should take no longer than fifteen minutes to complete and will ensure we deliver 'The Right Support, in the Right Place and at the Right Time'.



Complete at the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/HdNmXTd72j>

Please complete the survey by Monday 16th December.



* What is going well for you and your child?

* How are you and your child supported?

* What could be improved?



Helping your child who self- harms

Join our online workshop with **Dr Liesse Greene, Clinical Psychologist**, to understand more about self-harm and how it affects young people age 8+.

Learn coping strategies to help your young person manage their self-harm.



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**SIGN UP TO JOIN
ONE OF THE BELOW:**

**Tuesday
14th January
09:30-11:00**

**Tuesday
21st January
18:00-19:30**

To book please email the Mental Health Support Team, stating name of school your child/young person attends and which session you would like to join:

MHSTadmin@wokingham.gov.uk



Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust



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>.



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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



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS



Visit Our Website For...

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Google Reviews

Camps Start at 9am

Drop Off From 8:30am

6-12 Year Olds to 3pm

£27.50 Per Day

4 Year Olds to 1pm

£21.50 Per Day



MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS

- **Caversham** | Thameside Primary School
- **Arberfield** | Farley Hill Primary School
- **Maleenhead** | St Luke's Primary School
- **Reading** | New Town Primary School
- **Windsor** | Hilltop First School
- **Bracknell** | St Margaret'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
- **Slough** | Claycots School (Townhall)

ADULT EDUCATION COURSES - NOV/DEC/JAN

Christmas might be jingling its way in but hold onto your sleigh bells! The Adult Education Team have a sleigh-full of courses ready to go in the coming weeks!

Whether you prefer cosying up online or coming along in-person, we've got a feast of learning goodies for everyone.

Up and coming courses include:

Family Learning – Managing Child Anxiety, Understanding Teenage Anxiety and Building your Child's Resilience.

Maths Courses – Courses aimed at parents include Help your child with maths, Introduction to Reception and KS1 Maths, Introduction to KS2 Maths, Mixing up Maths, Terrific Timestables, Fun with Time and Sensory Maths.

Other maths courses aimed at improving your maths skills for life and work Excel at Budgeting, Help with your Maths, Love Food Hate Waste, Maths for ESOL and Maths for the Workplace.

Skills for Work – Confidence skills to get back into work or volunteering, Design and format a CV using Word, Introduction to being a Teaching Assistant and roles in schools, Introduction to working in the NHS and Care.

Digital Skills – Creating and Delivering presentations, Excel for Beginners, First Steps in iPads and the Internet.

Some of our courses are free and others may carry a small fee (some concessions apply).



Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 12TH December 2024

If you have not preordered your Christmas Lunch your child will have to bring in a packed lunch on the day. We cannot accept any additional orders on the day.