



# BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Families

We have had a week of reflection and excitement.

On Monday, we held a special Remembrance assembly for Armistice Day, and held a 2-minute silence. Waleed read the poem 'Flanders Field' by John McCrae.

This week is also Anti-Bullying Week. The children have experienced a special assembly, as well as having opportunities to discuss the theme of respect in class.

Some of our Year Six children took part in the Bikeability training, which included riding on the road. They all did extremely well. The trainers were full of praise for the children's focus and good behaviour.

UKS2 experienced a visit from Wokingham Fire Brigade. They heard important information about safety, and got to see a fire engine. Photographs are on the school website and Facebook page.

We got to experience a brilliant Diwali assembly, delivered by the following children: Tanishi, Ziyannah, Harveen, Keelee-Rose, Summer-Rose, Eliana, Vihaana and Rishita. Tanishi and Ziyannah put together much of the presentation, and Tanishi led the group to perform a Bhangra dance to end the assembly in a spectacular fashion. Photographs and a short video clip can be found on the school website and Facebook page.

It is great to see all the children dressed up for Children in Need - the BBC charity for supporting children across the UK. As a school we raised £183.41!

We are continuing to progress as a school. We are taking part in another very exciting EEF (Education Endowment Foundation) research project, along with Coventry University. The project is called 'Story Choices Vocabulary Measure Pilot' and the focus is developing children's vocabulary through high quality story engagement in the

EYFS. It fits in with what we do in our foundation stage, and will be really exciting to see the outcomes.

Included in this newsletter is some data information regarding our end of KS2 2024 results, which you may find interesting.

Have a great weekend!

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**Headteacher**

### Year Six SATs Data 2024

We have already shared that much of our end of Year Six SATs data last year was well above Wokingham and national averages. You can see all of our statutory assessment results on our school website here: [Bearwood Primary School - School Performance](#)

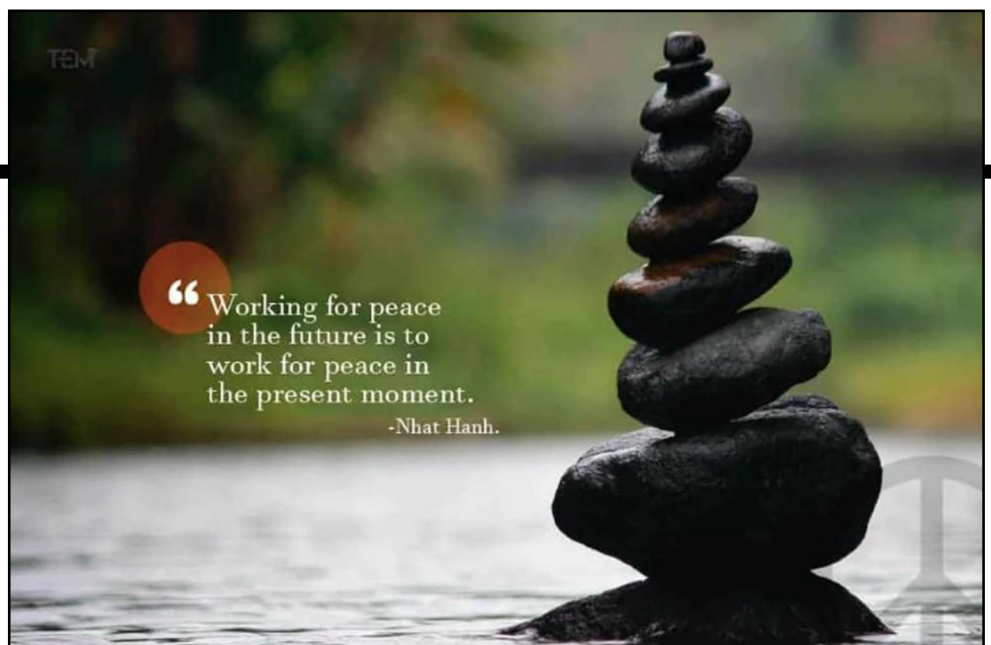
We now have further information on how we perform against national for our Year Six SATs results:

	<b>Expected+</b>	<b>Greater Depth</b>
<b>Reading</b>	82nd percentile	89 <sup>th</sup> percentile
<b>Maths</b>	84 <sup>th</sup> percentile	97 <sup>th</sup> percentile

These figures show that our results were amongst the highest in the country - something to be very proud of. It is the result of the many years of hard work changing how we teach - based on sound research of best practice.

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Value for the term –  
Peacefulness



# Superstar!



Aamodha graced the stage for the first time with a mesmerizing performance of Bharathanatyam, an ancient Indian classical dance form. She reached a significant milestone in her journey.

Well done Aamodha!

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



# Office Notices

## Growth Mindset Awards

Fox – Isla & Edith  
Beaver – Salena  
Red Kite – Mason  
Red Squirrel – Anaya  
Dormouse – Meline  
Badger – Darren  
Otter – Piper  
Grey Wolf - Brooke

## Sports Star Awards

Fox – Ezra  
Beaver – Sienna  
Red Kite – Vincent  
Red Squirrel – Eliza  
Dormouse – Thomas  
Badger – Gurvansh  
Otter – Gerald  
Grey Wolf – Hannan



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

*LKS2 Winners – Dormouse 273points*

*UKS2 Winners – Otter 169points*



### Scientist of the week!

*LKS2 – Anas*

*UKS2 – Bella-Rose*

### Performers of the week!

Our performers this week were Lily and Alana from Year 3. They sang a very popular song at Bearwood, Shotgun by George Ezra. We were so impressed by how well they knew the lyrics and their ability to sing at a various pitch.

Well done!



# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Grey Wolf/Otter Class Museum Trip
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Bag2School
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Badger Class Museum Trip
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – 1:30pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Afternoon
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – 9:30am – Prospective Reception Parents' Morning
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – 5pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Evening
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – 7pm – PTA Christmas Wreath Making Workshop
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November – 10am to 12pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Open Morning drop-in
- W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Maths Week
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Nativity play to parents
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Panto to South Hill Park
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 9:30am – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – pm – Class Christmas Parties
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - attendance medals assembly
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – last day of Autumn term – 2pm finish
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – INSET
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – children return
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Year One parents phonics workshop
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Grey Wolf Class assembly
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 9am – Otter Class assembly
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Reception parents' Drawing Club (writing) workshop
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Badger Class assembly
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Year Six SATs meeting
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 9am – Dormouse Class assembly
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February Safer Internet Day – workshop for parents – 9am and 5pm
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – 9am – Red Kite Class assembly
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Spring half-term
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – children return
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – 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 – 97.58%

Fox – 96.17%

Beaver – 95.19%

Red Kite – 92.59%

Red Squirrel – 96.46%

Dormouse – 99.26% - **Winner!**

Badger – 96.43%

Otter – 97.04%

Grey Wolf – 98.08%



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



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>.



Tickets can be  
purchased via  
Your Arbor  
School Shop

£30.50 per  
ticket

First come first served, limited  
availability.

  
Bearwood PTA

Christmas wreath workshop

Thursday 28th November at 7pm

Adults only please.

Feel free to bring your own bottle!







# BEARWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Why Bearwood?

Bearwood Primary School is a dynamic, exciting learning community with dedicated, passionate staff committed to ensuring the absolute best for all our children.



## Our Foundation Stage

At Bearwood Primary our foundation stage caters for children age 3-5 with an emphasis on learning through play and exploration.

**Come and see what makes us different! Contact the school office to book a place on our upcoming open days and tours!**



Tuesday 26th Nov—1.30pm

Wednesday 27th Nov—9.30am

Thursday 28th Nov—5pm

Saturday 30th Nov—10am-12pm  
Drop in session



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***“Children get off to a strong start in the early years. This is because there are high expectations for their learning and behaviour from the beginning of their school life.”***

***Ofsted***

***“We do so much fun learning, I love when I play and learn with all of my friends”***

***Reception Child***



***“Children had high levels of co-regulation, sharing and working alongside other children”***

***LA Advisor***



**Are you looking for a Reception Class place for 2025?**

**Is your child turning 3 and you're looking for a nursery place?**

**Contact Bearwood Primary School now to come to one of our tours or open days!**







# BAG 2 SCHOOL



Our next Bag2School collection  
has been arranged for

20 NOVEMBER 2024

Any questions – please ask your school  
collection organiser PTA

# BIG PLAY DAY

Love playing your instrument with your class at school?

- 🎵 Come and have fun making music with friends!
- 🎵 Whether you know just a few notes or a few more, there's a part for you!
- 🎵 Show off your skills in a performance for your parents!

**Saturday, 23 November**

Workshops: 10:30am - 12:30pm

Performance: 12:30pm - 1:15pm

**Tickets: £3**

Bracknell Music Centre, Ranelagh School, RG12 9DA

Suitable for beginners learning with their class at school.  
Bring your instrument and let's play together! 🎵🎸



Learn your part with your teacher

Rehearse with the band on the day

Perform at the end of the event



**CLICK HERE OR  
SCAN TO BOOK**





# ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

For information on all our available courses, eligibility and to book visit [www.webenrol.com/wokingham](http://www.webenrol.com/wokingham) or email [adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk) or call 0118 9743797

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## HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS COURSES

- Introduction to Reception and KS1 Maths
- Introduction to KS2 Maths
- Learn with Lego
- Mixing up Maths
- Terrific Timestables
- Fun with Time
- Sensory Maths



## MATHS SKILLS FOR WORK AND LIFE COURSES

- Excel at Budgeting
- Love Food Hate Waste
- Money Management
- Understanding your pay slip
- Unlocking the Numbers - Business Maths for Beginners



## ONLINE MATHS COURSES

- Help your child with Maths - years 5-7
- Help with your Maths
- Maths for ESOL
- Maths for the Workplace - maths courses for careers in business and administration, construction, hair and beauty, health and social care, hospitality and catering, and sport.



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## IMPROVING YOUR SKILLS FOR WORK OR VOLUNTEERING COURSES

- Building your confidence to get back into work or volunteering
- Design and format a CV using Word
- Social Media for Job Searching
- Introduction to a Teaching Assistant role in schools
- Introduction to working in Care or the NHS



## DIGITAL SKILLS

- Creating and delivering presentations
- Digital Skills - Introduction to using an iPad
- Digital Skills - Photo skills using an iPad
- Digital Skills for Beginners - learn how to use a laptop, the internet and email
- Excel for Beginners
- Excel for Work
- IT Skills for Work - covering basic skills in Word, Excel and PowerPoint, file management and emails
- Word for Beginners



## FAMILY LEARNING

- Building your Child's Resilience
- Managing your Child's Anxiety
- Preparing for exams - coming in spring 2025
- Understanding Teenage Anxiety



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# SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO NAVIGATE LIFE ONLINE

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
**5:00–6:00pm**

**At Maiden Erlegh School in Reading**

**NO REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED**  
Just turn up on the day



Miss Denton, our Safeguarding and Outreach Worker, will be in attendance to offer support to families. Plus local charities including Cowshed and Samaritans, amongst others.

81 Crescent Road, Reading RG1 5SL

**INFORMATION EVENT**



## Home-Start Wokingham Support

Are you struggling with the daily challenges of parenting? - do you have a child under the age of five? - do you:

- Feel isolated in your community, with no family nearby and struggling to make friends?
- Feel overwhelmed with postnatal illness but find it hard to talk to anyone about it?
- Feel like you are having a hard time coping with your child's behaviour?
- Struggle with the emotional and physical demands of having young children?
- Struggle to cope with a mental or physical disability?

Maybe you just need someone to talk to? Someone who won't judge you; a shoulder to cry on or perhaps someone to play with or read to your young children so that you can do some household chores. Please see how to get help via our website using the following link.

<https://home-startwd.org.uk/how-to-get-help>

Or email us at [admin@home-startwd.org.uk](mailto:admin@home-startwd.org.uk)

**Being a parent has never been easy. We offer free, non-judgmental, compassionate support in your home for a few hours a week, by a trained volunteer, who will provide emotional and practical support and friendship to help you get through a particularly tough time.**



All school lunches must be paid for in advance. Please ensure all debts are cleared and balance due is showing at zero.

**Many thanks**

**School Office**



## HELP FOR FAMILIES THIS WINTER

There's support for families where children get means-tested free school meals and other households who are struggling.

The parents of children who receive means-tested free school meals in term time can [apply for a grant of £15 per week](#) for each eligible child during the school holidays via First Days Children's Charity.

They will get payments automatically just before October half-term, the Christmas two-week holiday and February half-term.

Residents who received vouchers to cover the cost of meals in the school holidays from First Days since April 2023, do not need to apply again. Please do not contact First Days to request a higher amount. Only contact with queries about your payment if you have not received it by the first day of October half-term, the Christmas holidays and February half-term.

Changes to your income mean you may be in this situation needing support for the first time, don't be afraid to come forward for help.

### Cost of Living Help Hub

All the latest cost of living help and advice for the borough can be found on the [cost of living help hub](#). Key advice and links include:

- Use the [Citizens Advice calculator](#) to see how to maximise your income
- Use the [Entitled To budget tool](#) to plan your spending
- Get [help with bills](#)
- Get [help with food](#)