



# BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Families

The weeks appear to be flying past - most certainly because we are all (children and staff) working so hard.

This week, we had a visit from the Local Authority's Strategic Education Partner (SEP). This is a part of the Local Authority's work to check the standards in its schools, and give helpful guidance. We asked the SEP Majid Ali to focus on writing in KS2 for this visit, as it is one of our focuses for this school year. He was very impressed with how we have commenced this school year. His visit included going into all classes; looking at KS2 English books; and talking with the English subject lead and KS2 team leaders.

This week, Dormouse Class visited the Chilton Open Air Museum as part of their history topic on invaders and settlers into Britain. Their focus for this visit was the Anglo-Saxons. They really enjoyed finding out more about this time in British history. Red Kite and Red Squirrel Class will get to go next week.

Our Reception parents are invited to a very informative Reading Workshop this Tuesday at 9am. You will be shown the most effective way to help your child to learn the read. Do please come along. We look forward to seeing all the children at the PTA Disco next Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Have a lovely weekend.

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**Headteacher**

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Value for the term –

Respect



**We don't always  
have to agree with  
one another but it's  
important that we  
learn to respect  
each other.**



## **MHST Coffee Morning**



**Wednesday 16th October 2024 at 9am**

**In the school hall**

Concerned about  
your child's anxiety,  
worries or behaviour?

Want to find out more  
about how to support  
your child's emotional  
wellbeing?

You are invited to a coffee morning to meet Rachael Neville, Bearwood's link Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP).

Rachael will

- introduce the work of the MHST
- explain what signs to look for in children
- talk about the support available from MHST
- explain how to make a referral



# Office Notices

## Growth Mindset Awards

Reception - Oscar  
Fox – Reggie  
Beaver – Louie  
Red Kite – Jad  
Red Squirrel – Lucien  
Dormouse – Milan  
Badger – Amber  
Otter – Aidan  
Grey Wolf - Riley

## Sports Star Awards

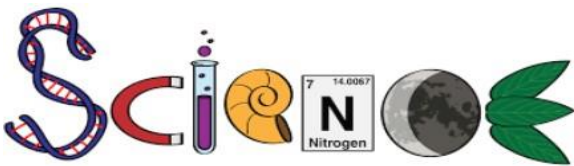
Fox – Maybelle  
Beaver – Thomas  
Red Kite – Alena  
Red Squirrel – Michelle  
Dormouse – Zac N  
Badger – Mason  
Otter – Leland  
Grey Wolf – Skylar



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

*LKS2 Winners – Dormouse 277 points*

*UKS2 Winners – Grey Wolf 578 points*



### Scientist of the week!

*LKS2 – Rhys*

*UKS2 – Trevor*

### Performer of the week!

*No performer this week due to the Dormouse School Trip!*



# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Chiltern Trip – Dormouse Class
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Chiltern Trip – Red Kite & Red Squirrel Class
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – 9am Coffee Morning with Rachael Neville (MHST)
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – PTA Autumn Disco Ball
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 3:45 to 6:15pm – Parents' Evening
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – BHM Assembly
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – 4:30 to 7pm – Parents' Evening
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – International Attire Day
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Autumn half-term
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - INSET
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Children Return
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Assembly
- W/C 11<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week
- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November – Year Six Bikeability
- ~~Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November~~ – 9am – Reception Parents' Phonics & Reading Workshop **(Date Change – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October) – See email**
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Diwali Assembly
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need
- W/C 18<sup>th</sup> November – Maths Week
- 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
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Nativity play to parents **(Date Change)**
- 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

### 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 – 78.74%

Fox – 95.05%

Beaver – 98.15%

Red Kite – 98.67% - **Winners**

Red Squirrel – 95.65%

Dormouse – 98.15%

Badger – 93.16%

Otter – 96.55%

Grey Wolf – 96.3%



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.



A huge Thank you to Salena in Beaver Class for donating some toys to Year 1.

The children have had great fun playing with them today.



### Cuffley Year 6 Residential

Please ensure that your payments are kept up to date. The final balance is due March 2025 and we will not be able to accept any late payments.

Thank you



## ATTENDANCE

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Children are required by law to attend 190 school days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

### HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 lessons

89% and below  
Drastic effect on academic achievement



95% - 90%  
Cause for concern



100% - 96%  
Excellent



We have noticed an increase in children being absent. Please note children are allowed to come into school with coughs and colds or if they are on antibiotics.

If your child is too unwell for school please make sure you call or email each day your child is absence. You must also state what is wrong with your child, in order for us to inform the DFE accordingly.

You may find the following link useful in determining whether you should keep your child at home.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>





# 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>.

# 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.



# Bearwood Primary School

# PTA

## Coffee Morning and AGM

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

School Hall

From 8.35am

Come and meet the current PTA team and find out what we do to help support the school in providing enhanced learning experiences for our children.

*Volunteers are always welcome and can be a great way to connect with other families in the Bearwood community.*

*Volunteers do not need to commit to being involved in every event.*

*To find out more please come to our coffee morning.*

An election for the PTA committee will take place during the AGM.

Any queries, plus nominations for PTA committee can be submitted in advance via e-mail to [PTA@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk)

**We look forward to seeing you there!**



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### Support the School

The PTA is vital to the success of the school. Funds raised enrich your child's learning and make every child's experience better.

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### It's Flexible

Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved. It doesn't have to be a big commitment. Small jobs such as designing posters or running a stall are also crucial.

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### Make Lasting Friendships

Meet and get to know families from different classes and year groups. Spend time with others who share yours and the school's values.

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### Be Better Connected

If you are new to the school the PTA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community.

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### It's fun!

Be part of a team who organises the best events and get-togethers. Suggest and discuss your most hare-brained ideas and see them develop into fun and exciting opportunities for our children.

# 10

## Reasons to be part of the PTA!

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### Change School for the Better

Work with the school and other parents to help make changes and improvements in identified areas across the school, influencing the experience of all our children.

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### Learn New Skills

Everyone has something they can bring to the PTA, but you can also learn new skills by trading with others.

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### Improve Your Child's Learning

Studies show that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. Engaging with the PTA shows your child their education is important to you.

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### It's Not Just for Mums

Everyone in the family is welcome! It is important to also have Dads and male carers represented. Dads and other family members bring different skills and a different perspective.

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### Create Memories

Our children will remember the difference we make for a lifetime. They will cherish the activities and games we fund, learn using the resources we buy and remember the events we hold.





BEARWOOD PTA PRESENTS

# AUTUMN DISCO BALL

Thursday 17th October 2024

Reception & KS1

4:30pm - 5:30pm

KS2

6pm - 7pm

£2.50 per child (please pay via Arbor app)

Dress to impress! Fancy dress also welcome







BEARWOOD PTA PRESENTS

# PRELOVED UNIFORM SALE

- Tuesday 22nd October 2024
- Thursday 24th October 2024

Join us in the school hall from

**3.15pm onwards**

(throughout parents evening)

where we will be selling a range of pre loved uniform including Bearwood embroidered tops and jumpers.

**Prices starting from 50p!**





BEARWOOD PTA PRESENTS

# PRELOVED UNIFORM SALE

## Price List

**£2 per item**

- Bearwood jumpers
- Bearwood cardigans
- Bearwood PE tops

**50p per item**

- Grey shorts/trousers
- Grey dresses/skirts
- White polo tops
- Summer dresses





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!





# Bilingua Sing

Love Learning Languages

Multi-Award  
Winning!

## FREE Spanish Halloween session

### Thursday 31st October, 10am



A fun, **FREE** Spanish song and craft session – suitable for ages 4–8

Find out more about Día de los Muertos / Day of the Dead and have some fun!

**Bracknell Library, RG12 1BH**

Learning a second language has a whole range of developmental benefits for your child:



**It boosts their brain power**



**It enhances their speech development**



**It increases their self-confidence**



**Suitable for ages 4–8**

No knowledge of Spanish needed – everything will be in English too!

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No need to book – just turn up!  
Suitable for children aged 4–8 years

”

[cari@bilinguasing.com](mailto:cari@bilinguasing.com)

# BOOK NOW



Camp Starts at 9am  
Drop Off From 8:30am  
5-12 Year Olds to 3pm

**£25** Per Day

4 Year Olds to 1pm

**£19.50** Per Day

## DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

- 20% HAF DISCOUNT
- 10% SIBLING DISCOUNT
- MULTI DAY DISCOUNTS



## OCTOBER HALF TERM

# HOLIDAY CAMP

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR...

- BOOKINGS
- DAYS & DATES
- MULTI-DAY DISCOUNT RATE



 **Over 300**  
Google Reviews

 **Ofsted**  
Registered



[u-sports.co.uk/berkshire/wokingham-sports-camp](https://u-sports.co.uk/berkshire/wokingham-sports-camp)



## BEARWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP



# Online Parent Workshop for Supporting Children with Anxiety

Wed 6th Nov | 9:30-10:45 | Wed 13th Nov | 18:00-19:15

**Concerned that your primary school aged child may be struggling with anxiety or low mood? Is your child showing signs of:**

- Avoiding activities they need or want to do
- Difficulty thinking, concentrating or making decisions
- Low confidence and giving up easily
- Change in eating or sleeping habits
- Unexplained tiredness, stomach-aches or headaches
- Withdrawing from previously enjoyed activities
- Persistent tearfulness or irritability



**Come along to the Mental Health Support Team's online parent workshop for tips on what to look out for and simple tools and ideas for supporting your child.**

**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.**

**at [MHSTAdmin@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:MHSTAdmin@wokingham.gov.uk)**





# 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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Bearwood Road  
Wokingham  
RG41 5BB

0118 978 4628  
[admin@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk)





***“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!**







# WHAT IS PROMISE INCLUSION'S OUTREACH SERVICE?

IDENTIFYING SUPPORT FOR CARERS OF THOSE  
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES AND /OR AUTISM

- EMOTIONAL SUPPORT**-IF YOU ARE IN CRISIS, UPSET OR JUST NEED TO TALK.
- EMERGENCY PLANS**- WE CAN OFFER CARERS CARDS AND HELP SUPPORT YOU IN MAKING EMERGENCY PLANS AND ASSIST IN REFERRALS FOR CARERS' NEEDS ASSESSMENTS.
- SIGNPOSTING**-CONNECTING YOU WITH SERVICES PROVIDED BY PROMISE INCLUSION AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND PROFESSIONALS.
- MEETING SUPPORT**-CONNECTING YOU WITH LOCAL CARERS GROUPS.
- FORM FILLING**-HELPING COMPLETE FORMS FOR BENEFITS/HOUSING/SUPPORT/SERVICES.

We offer coffee mornings, evening groups, events and trips for carers to take a break, socialise and receive support from new friends who understand their situation.

PHONE US: 0300 777 8539 EMAIL:MAXINE@PROMISEINCLUSION.ORG





## Monthly Carers Events

### Drop in sessions- for support & advice

**1st Wednesday**-Carers walk at Dinton/meet at showcase carpark -10.00am

**1st Thursday**-Henry Street Garden Centre, RG2 9JY- 1.00-3.00pm

**3rd Friday**- Finchampstead Baptist Church Centre 1.00-3.00pm.

**Last Thursday**-.Loddon Valley Leisure Centre, Lower Earley 10.30-12.00pm

### Daytime groups

**1st Tuesday**-Carers Club Shinfield, School Green Centre RG2 9EH-9.30-11.30am

**2nd Wednesday**-Carers Club Wokingham, Bradbury Centre-10.00-12.00pm

**3rd Tuesday** - Carers Club Woodley, Coronation Hall-1.30-3.30pm

### Evening groups

**2nd Thursday**-Evening Carers Group, Bosco Lounge Woodley-6.30-8.30pm

**Last Wednesday**-Evening Carers Group, Sederio Lounge Wokingham-6.30-8.30pm



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# Local Offer Live 2024

Family Information Day for those in Wokingham Borough with a child or young person 0-25 years with any Special Educational Needs &/or Disability

**Saturday 12th October**  
**10.30 – 12.30pm or 1pm – 3pm**

St Crispin's School Leisure Centre,  
London Road, Wokingham, RG40 1SR

- Information & Advice Stalls
- Berkshire Reptile Encounters
- Circus Skills • Face Painting
- Tea/coffee/squash/cake



Book your **FREE** ticket on Ticketsource:  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/send-voices-wokingham>



More information on our website:  
[www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk](http://www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk)  
or email: [info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk](mailto:info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk)

Many thanks to St Crispin's School for supporting this event



**Citizens Advice will be at:  
Bearwood Primary School**

**Thursday 7th November  
between 2pm and 3:30pm**

**with our Mobile Advice Unit.  
Providing free, confidential  
advice, information and support.**





# NETBALL NINJAS



**MONDAYS 5-6PM**  
**THE HOLT SCHOOL**  
**SPORTS HALL AND GYM**

*Group 1: Years 2, 3, 4*

*Group 2: Years 5, 6, 7*

*Qualified coaches and PE teachers*

*Suitable for beginners*

*Games against other clubs*

*Book at [www.netball-ninjas.co.uk](http://www.netball-ninjas.co.uk)*







**Funtastic  
Kids**

# October Half Term Holiday Camps!

Childcare from £3 an hour

**Open across Berkshire**

**Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November\***

*\*Dates and activities may vary according to location.*

What's on offer:

**Autumn themed timetables:** Woodland  
Wonderland, Bonfire Bonanza &  
Spooky Spectacular

**Creative activities:** arts & crafts, drama,  
science & baking!

**Energetic sports:** archery, new age kurling,  
badminton, dance & more!

"The providers are passionate about delivering  
high-quality childcare, which meets the needs  
of all children at their clubs."

– Ofsted, Falkland Holiday Camp, August 2024



**Ages 4 - 13  
Ofsted Registered  
Sibling Discount**



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