

BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 23rd October 2026



A message from Ms Alder

Dear Families

Amazingly, we are already at the end of the first half term. The children have been working hard, as you would have seen in their books if you came along to one of the parents' evenings. They have also enjoyed enriching experiences.

On Friday, our KS2 children were able to enjoy the PTA disco. We have got some really amazing dancers at Bearwood!

On Monday, the Open the Book team and Reverend Patrick came and delivered the last story of Joseph and his brothers. Some children were volunteers helping to act out the story.

Some of our Year Sixes presented our BHM assembly this week. The theme was on recognising people who help our communities. You can see some photographs overleaf.

Mrs Sanghera (English subject lead) and I had a look at the children's English books, and were very impressed with the quality of writing the children are producing.

It has been great to see the children and staff dressed up for our annual International Attire Day. We really are blessed to be a global village school.

Do have a lovely half-term break. We look forward to welcoming our families back on **Tuesday 3rd November.**

Best wishes

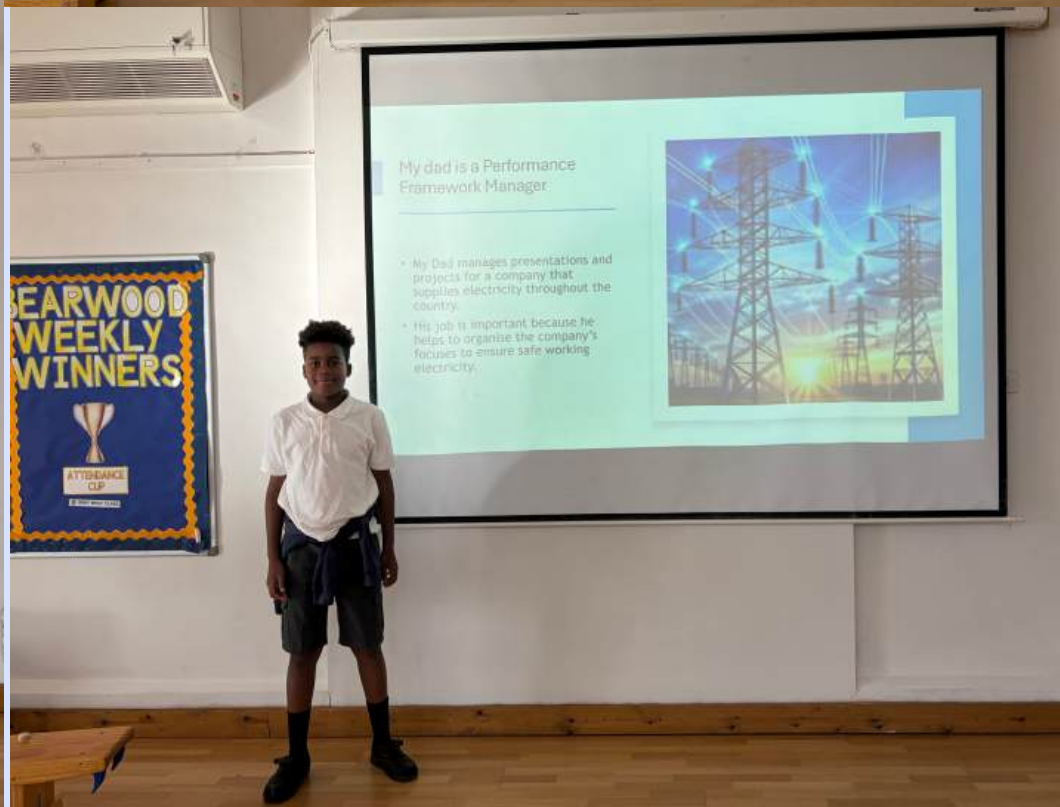
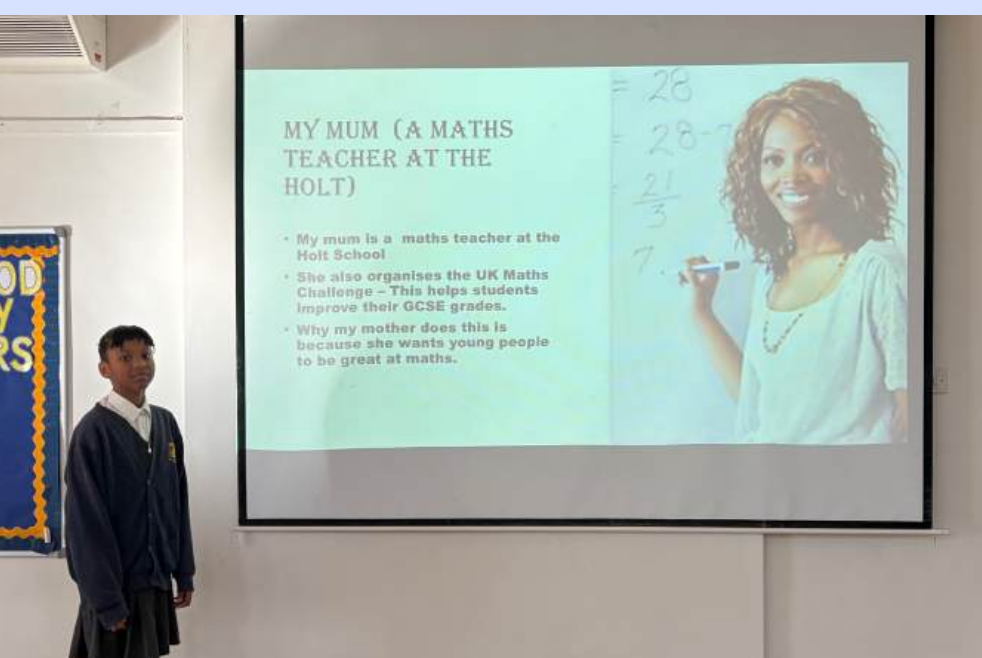
Funmi Alder, Headteacher.

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Black History Month Assembly

Our Year Sixes Kayson, Lauryane, Reinhard, Chris and Chi presented a special BHM assembly where they shared important jobs people in their families do for the community - including nationally. They also shared their aspirations.



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Reminders & Updates

School Grid - food ordering system

Innovate Food Group are transitioning to a new food ordering system after half term, called "School Grid".

Emails have been sent from School Grid to the first priority emergency contact email address for each child.

Follow the instructions in the email to log in, ready to start placing orders after half term. You can contact School Grid for assistance using:
support@schoolgrid.co.uk

INSET day - Monday 2nd November

A reminder that Monday 2nd November is a teacher training day, and school is closed to students.

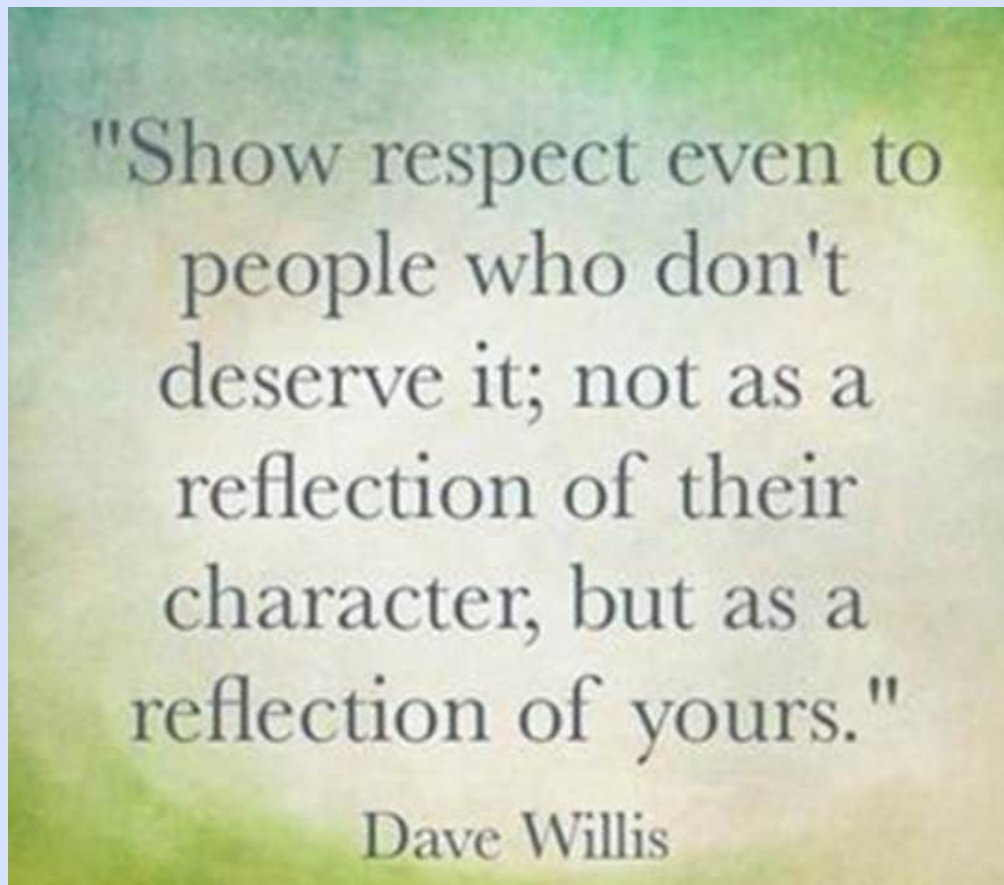
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Spencers Wood Proposal Update

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Value for the term - RESPECT



Events

- **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
- **19th Nov** - 9am Maths morning for parents
- **24th Nov** - 2pm prospective Reception parents afternoon
- **25th Nov** - 9am prospective Reception parents morning
- **26th Nov** - 5pm prospective Reception parents meeting
- **27th Nov** - 9am prospective parents tour

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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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Gardening Club



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!



WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award ★

- **Beaver Class** - Riyanshi, for fantastic counting forwards and backwards from 100!
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Eliana, for her positive, smiley attitude and always having a go
- **Red Kite Class** - Isla, for being a kind and thoughtful friend
- **Hedgehog Class** - Ellis, for always being kind and helpful to his classmates
- **Otter Class** - Bella, for having an excellent attitude to her work all term and always showing the school values
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Eva, for excellent attitude and participation in every lesson, every day



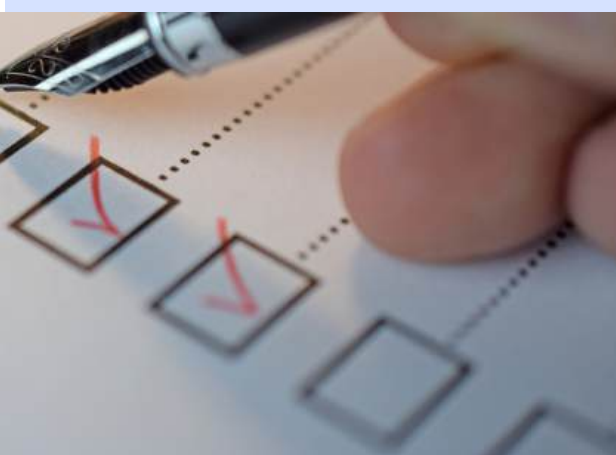
PE Award ★

- **Beaver Class** - Whole class, for great perseverance in skipping
- **Red Squirrel Class** - Arthur, for his enthusiasm when learning different skipping techniques
- **Red Kite Class** - Wayne, for being a supportive and encouraging partner when playing tennis
- **Hedgehog Class** - Thomas, for amazing effort during the bleep test challenge
- **Otter Class** - No PE awards this week, due to bad weather!
- **Grey Wolf Class** - Reinhard, for excellent encouragement and coaching in fitness lessons!



Writer of the week ★

- **Lower Phase** - Arthur, for fantastic use of our new phase 5 sounds in your writing
- **Middle Phase** - Srishti, for her fantastic use of speech which created humour for the reader
- **Upper Phase** - Liam, for a great poem. He thought carefully about vocabulary and even made it rhyme



Attendance this week ★

- Brown Bears - 93.3%
- Fox Class - 91.5%
- Beaver Class - 92.1%
- Red Squirrel Class - 91.7%
- Red Kite Class - 99.0%
- Hedgehog Class - 98.0%
- Otter Class - 93.0%
- Grey Wolf Class - 95.3%

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to Thea in Beaver Class (Year 1), she received her first Gymnastics certificate last weekend. Well done!



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)



Thank you to those who attended a SEND parents' evening appointment with me this week. It was lovely to see you to talk about your child's progress, any concerns you had and to think about next steps. If I said I would send you some information, this will be sent out by the start of next term.

If any parent / carer was unable to book a meeting with me and has any special educational needs concerns, please email me or contact the office to arrange a phone call or face-to-face appointment: senco@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk



Parent Carer Meeting

**Thurs 5th November 2026
8.50am**

Bearwood Primary School

We invite all Parent Carers of children with SEND or suspected SEND at Bearwood School to join us for an informal, relaxed meeting to share your views and experiences as part of a new SEND Parent Engagement Programme across Wokingham Schools.

No booking required, just turn up!

or if you have any queries please email
cathy.dearlove@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



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

This week our focus story is What's in the Witch's Kitchen by Nick Sharratt, the children have been very creative making fantastic Witch's cats, bubbly cauldrons and had great fun going on a "Spooky hunt".



We really enjoyed having a break from the rain and had a super busy time outside building!



Look at this amazing house, it has so many rooms as well as a room full of dinosaurs!

We wish all our families a wonderful half term break and thank you for your continued support and kindness.

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 1 - Beaver Class



This week in Art we were creating faces inspired by Pablo Picasso, using a variety of materials.

We have really enjoyed putting all our features in the wrong places and had a real giggle creating them.



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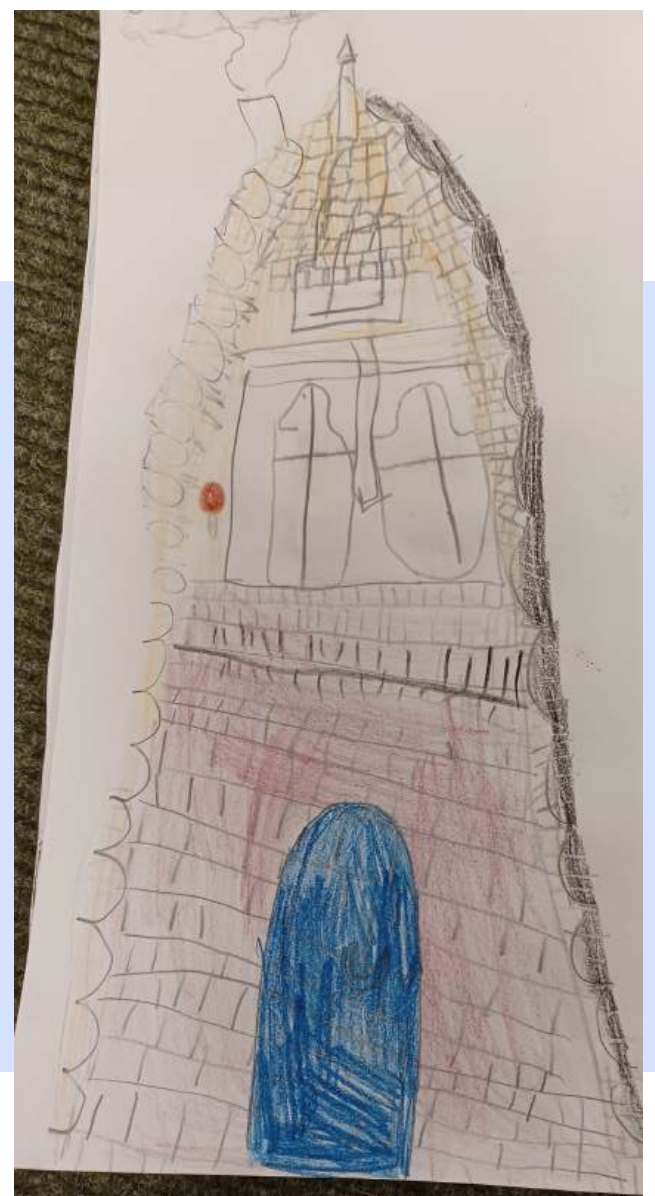
Year 2 - Red Squirrel Class



Year 2 have been practising drawing buildings.

This week we created our final piece of artwork, drawing the original part of our school building built as part of the model village.

We focused on the lines, textures and shadows created to show the clear details in our artwork.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 3 - Red Kite Class



This week Red Kite were visited by the wonderful Eco Warriors who came to share the results of the Travel Chart and how walking, scooting or cycling to school can help to save the environment.

Thank you to the Red Kite Eco Warriors for their clear and detailed presentation.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 4 - Hedgehog Class



This week, Hedgehog Class have been using watercolour paint to add detail to their portrait sketches.

They have taken inspiration from landscape artists, choosing colours to fit the mood and preferences of their models.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 5 - Otter Class



Otter class have been studying contemporary abstract art this term.

They have learnt about the artist, Yayoi Kasuma and created their own work inspired by her vibrant dot designs.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 6 - Grey Wolf Class

This week, Year 6 have been writing poems all about Autumn, applying our figurative language and descriptive skills.

They drafted their first drafts, ready to edit, improve, present and perform!

Thursday 22nd October
Writing poetry:

Autumn crabbled in
Leaves violently slammed
On the ground,
Wind went round and round,
Morning
~~Morning~~ dew dripped down
cobwebs like tears
Wet rain fell onto naked branches -
~~When~~ grey clouds kidnapped the
~~sky~~ sky.

Pumpkins were cut
With every pot of luck,
Halloween decorations swung
in the wind,
And with a ting
The hot chocolate was done -
and everyone had some fun.

Mist covered the fields
like a blanket.
As everyone set up their
halloween baskets.
Candels ^{were} lit with ~~ever~~
with every bit of love.

Autumn arrived with open arms
inviting all with love.
Dancing branches played merrily
in the warm breeze -
the past was lost and the
~~present~~ present began.

Autumn sunlight beamed below
the swaying weeds, giving
giving a warm breeze to all ~~morning~~
morning dew glimmered like a river of diamonds,
the light mist spread its arms
across the emerald grass field.

Autumn

Silver branches danced peacefully in the sunlight

Whilst spiders spun cobwebs at an amazing height

And starbucks sells pumpkin lattes to boost your appetite,

Sitting on your sofa as rain pelted against your lawn,

It's so satisfying, it will almost make you yawn!

Leaves hovered across the sky drifting through the night,

as you fall asleep and you start dreaming,

you can only think about, the branches swaying.