



# BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Families

Welcome back to the new school year. It has been lovely to see the children return looking smart in their school uniforms and ready to learn. It has also been a delight to walk around the school and see the children happily engaged in their learning.

We also welcome the new children who have joined us in EYFS and in year groups across the school. We are also happy to welcome three members of staff to our Bearwood family: Mr Marshall (Grey Wolf teacher); Miss Cowdell (Badger Class teacher) and Miss Rai (Badger LSA). Miss Gwilliam has rejoined Bearwood, and is now the LSA in EYFS.

This week, we have held parent welcome meetings for our new parents, and parents of KS1 and LKS2 children. Thank you to the parents who attended. I hope you found them to be helpful. Next Tuesday at 9am, UKS2 parents are invited to attend a welcome meeting. On Wednesday, EYFS parents are invited to attend their welcome meeting.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

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**Headteacher**

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Value for the term –

Respect

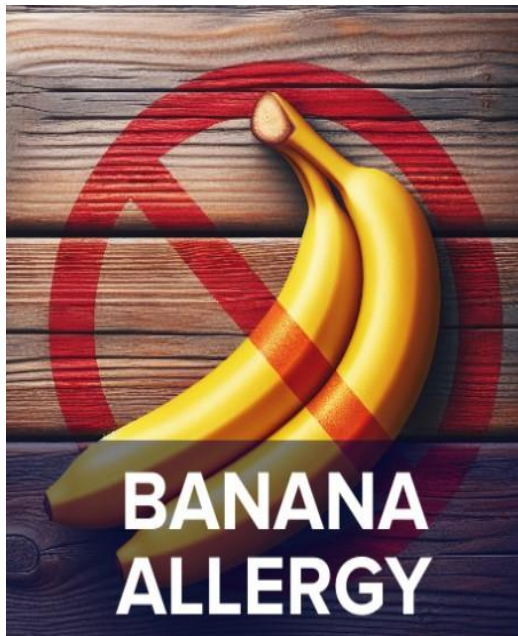
Respect is how to treat  
everyone, not just those  
who you want to  
impress.

# ALLERGY NOTICE

Dear Parents and Carers

Unfortunately, due a child bringing in stationary from home containing latex a member of our Bearwood community has had a severe reaction due to allergies.

The school ensures all items stocked in school are latex free, we will therefore remind families no items should be brought into school from home.



Thank you for your understanding.

# Superstar!



Over the summer Olivia in Year 4 won the Windsor Open, the Central & East England tour and finished second in the Berkshire Junior County Championship!

She has worked very hard at her Tennis this year!

**Well done Olivia!**

If you would like your child to star in our weekly newsletter please email the school office with a photo and a brief description.

# Office Notices

## Growth Mindset Awards

Brown Bears – Whole Class  
Fox – Whole Class  
Beaver – Whole Class  
Red Kite – Connie  
Red Squirrel – Charlotte  
Dormouse – Shrayaan  
Badger – Joshua  
Otter – Aubree-Fay  
Grey Wolf - Vienna

## Sports Star Awards

Brown Bears –  
Fox –  
Beaver –  
Red Kite –  
Red Squirrel –  
Dormouse –  
Badger –  
Otter –  
Grey Wolf -

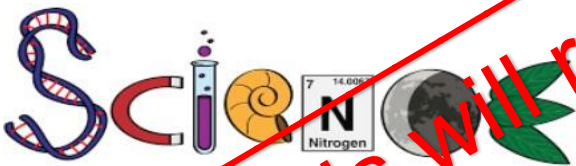
**No PE this week. Will recommence next week.**



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

LKS2 Winners –

UKS2 Winners –



### Scientist of the week!

LKS2 –

UKS2 –

**Awards will recommence next week**

### Performers of the week!



# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – children return
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – 9am – KS1 Parents' Welcome Meeting
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September – 9am – LKS2 Parents' Welcome Meeting
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – 9am – UKS2 Parents' Welcome Meeting
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – 9am – EYFS Parents' Welcome Meeting
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Festival Assembly
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – 9am – Prospective Parents' tour
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – School Photographer – individual photos
- 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
- 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
- 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
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Nativity play to parents
- 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

## 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](#)

[Gallery](#)



School success starts  
with attendance

## Weekly Attendance

Brown Bears – 100%

Fox – 97.69%

Beaver – 99.33%

Red Kite – 99.29%

Red Squirrel – 97.5%

Dormouse – 100%

Badger – 97.78%

Otter – 99.29%

Grey Wolf - 96.67%



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.

# 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.



# Christchurch Meadows

Sunday 8 September 2024 | 11-4pm



Free and fun day out for all the family!

- Stunt displays
- Try out bikes
- Meet local groups
- Obstacle course
- Pump track
- Free bike checks
- Face painting
- Ice cream
- Delicious food
- Great music
- Lots more...

