



# BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Families

We have had a glorious last week of the autumn term.

Last weekend, our choir performed at the Mayor's Christmas Carol Service. We were so proud that Oliver in Year Four was selected to open the service with his solo piece. I'm not surprised he was chosen, as he sings like an absolute angel. Our choir were of course fantastic. Thank you to Mrs Shaw and Mrs Haden for helping them to rehearse to such a high standard.

We had a lovely Christmas assembly delivered by our children. Ella-Grace, Somto, Elsie and Emma shared a presentation on what Christmas is all about, and sang a beautiful African Christian song. Our Year Four children played their recorders - sounding brilliant. Katrick and Joseph played the piano superbly. Our choir sang some moving hymns too.

Our KS1 children put on a terrific Christmas performance to parents. They sang and acted beautifully - to a very high standard. Well done to them and the KS1 staff - excellent team work.

The KS1 children also got to see a pantomime at a real theatre - really getting into the Christmas spirit. We all enjoyed our class Christmas parties yesterday.

All of the children contributed to creating our 'Peace Chain' as part of the Picture News 'Let's Spread Peace' Christmas campaign. The children were very thoughtful about what to put on their link. You can find a photo of our long Bearwood Peace Chain on the school website.

We had our attendance medals assembly today. All children who have attended school every day since the start of the school year was awarded with a bronze medal, which they can wear with pride. Thank you to all our parents who have helped us to achieve really strong attendance this year.

Today is our last day of the autumn term. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

We look forward to welcoming back our children on Wednesday  
3<sup>rd</sup> January.

Best wishes

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Value for the term –

Compassion



We can't heal the world today,  
but we can begin with a voice  
of **compassion** a heart of love,  
an act of kindness.

- Mary Davis

# Office Notices

## Growth Mindset Awards

Rabbit – Albie  
Otter – Whole Class  
Beaver – Whole Class  
Red Kite – Niki  
Fox - Rashed  
Dormouse – Ruby  
Red Squirrel – Skylar, Vienna, Sean  
Hedgehog – Reya  
Pine Marten – Armaan

## Sports Star Awards

Rabbit – No awards due to  
Otter – play.  
Beaver –.  
Red Kite – Zac  
Fox - Bella  
Dormouse – Emma  
Red Squirrel – Rhema  
Hedgehog – Damon  
Pine Marten – Edward



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

*LKS2 Winners –*

*UKS2 Winners –*

## Mrs Haden's Performer of the Week!

Mrs Haden's 'Performer of the Week' goes to EYFS and KS1 for working so hard on their Nativity performances.

Please do take a look on our website class pages for photos or take a look at our gallery: [https://www.bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk/web/school\\_gallery/608522](https://www.bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk/web/school_gallery/608522)

***Have a lovely Christmas!***

# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> January – INSET
- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Children Return
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> January – Ashmolean Museum LKS2 trip
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> January – 9am Year 1 Parents' Phonics Workshop
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Pine Marten Class Assembly
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Hedgehog Class Assembly
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> February – 9am – Red Squirrel Class Assembly
- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> February – Year 1+2 Windsor Castle
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day – Parents' Workshop – 9am+5pm
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> February – 9am – Dormouse Class Assembly
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> February to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February – Spring Half Term
- Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February – Children Return
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> February – 9am – Fox Class Assembly
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March – 3:30-6pm – Parents' Evening
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March – 4 to 6:30pm – Parents' Evening
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- W/C 11<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March – 5pm – Year 6 Parents' Meeting on SATs and residential
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> March – Jewish Passover Assembly
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> March – 9:30am – LKS2 production to parents
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March – 2pm – LKS2 production to parents

# Superstar!



Salena in Year 1 passed her 5 metres swimming test!

**Well done Salena!**



Oscar has blown Mr Bell away with his talent and generosity - he has been busy in Grandma's workshop. Using a lathe to create two beautiful hand-crafted wooden fruits! Wood turning is tricky and Oscar has put in a fantastic effort!

**Well done Oscar!**



Would you like your child to star in our next newsletter? Please email a photo and a brief description into the school office.

# Superstar!



Jeeya would like to share her achievement of her first Gymnastics Badge. She has completed her preliminary skills badge. **Well done Jeeya!**



Olivia started Martial Arts 4 weeks ago and has already done her 1st grading and passed! She has gone from a white belt to now a purple belt.

**Well done Olivia!**

## 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 Gallery



School success starts  
with attendance

## Weekly Attendance

RJ Koda –93.8%

RM Orsa –92.3%

Rabbit –89.5%

Otter –100% Winners 🏆

Beaver – 100% Winners 🏆

Red Kite –90%

Dormouse 93.1%

Fox – 95.8%

Red Squirrel –90%

Hedgehog –93.3%

Pine Marten –90%



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 festive film screening and Christmas cost of living help

Free festive film screenings are taking place at Wokingham Leisure Centre at Carnival Hub in the run up to Christmas.

The event is being hosted by Places Leisure on Friday 22 December and features a trio of Christmas films on show:

- Miracle on 34th Street (1947) - 10am to 12noon
- Elf - 2pm to 4pm
- Deck the Halls - 6pm to 8pm

The event is free and open to everyone, whether you are attending with friends and family, alone or just wanting to escape the cold for a few hours.

Free refreshments will also be available, including mince pies, shortbread, tea, coffee and hot chocolate.

[Reserve your space online](#) or you can call [0118 9770007](tel:01189770007) to speak to a member of the team,

Please note when booking online, scroll to the timetable section of the page. Select 'kids' from the menu options and Friday 22 December as the date. Booking options for the three films will then appear.

## Festive cost of living help

Our [help at Christmas webpage](#) has details of the support options available locally for the festive period – including crisis support, help with gifts, Santa's grottos and more.

There are other cost of living help options, depending including:

- [Support options guide for people with children](#)
- There is [free bus travel](#) on Saturdays in the borough in the run up to Christmas
- [Apply to the Household Support Fund](#) to get money (up to £240) to help with your food, energy bills or other essentials
- [Support with free and low/no cost food](#) is available
- Use the [winter warmers scheme](#) to access free items which could help lower your bills like slow cookers, air fryers and more
- Help with budgeting - use the [Citizens Advice Wokingham budgeting tool](#)
- See if you're eligible for financial support? Use the [Citizens Advice Wokingham financial support calculator](#)
- Check [the cost of living help hub](#) for latest support options

# Donations wanted!

EYFS are in need of more resources! Do you have any of these that you don't need any more? We'd love them in our Nursery and Reception classes!

-Your **recycling!** Boxes, cardboard, tubes, plastic tubs...we make lots of creations out of them!

-**Paper, envelopes, stationary** of all shapes, sizes, colours and condition, we love to draw!

-**Craft resources** such as paper plates, pipe cleaners, pom poms, sequins...anything crafty!

-**Toys** for 5 year olds (please no board games or puzzles!) such as magnetic tiles, k-nex.

- Do you have any **wooden pallets? Logs? Cable drums? Tyres?** We'd love them too!

Anything we don't use will be added to our sale table! Thank you so much for your donations!

# EYFS garden sale!

**When? Every Thursday**

**Where? in the KS1 playground,  
next to EYFS gate.**

**Why? to help us raise money to  
buy more amazing resources**

We have too many of some things, things that are a little young for us, or some resources that are best in a home environment as they are not easy to share!

We would love for you to stop by and make a purchase to help us reach our goal!

# Multi-Sports Holiday Camps



## Christmas Holidays

**Bearwood Primary School**



**Wokingham, RG41 5BB**

**NEW  
VENUE**



NEARLY 200 5 STAR GOOGLE  
REVIEWS

**4 TO 12 YEARS\***

CHILDREN IN FOUNDATION TO YEAR 7

**RANGE OF SPORTS  
AVAILABLE EACH DAY**

**WEDNESDAY  
TO THURSDAY**

20TH - 21ST DEC

**9AM - 3PM**

DROP OFF FROM 8:30

**£25** PER  
DAY

**£44**  
FULL WEEK

[u-sports.co.uk/berkshire-holiday-camps](http://u-sports.co.uk/berkshire-holiday-camps)

  
**uSports**



## Supporting Behaviour

Is your child experiencing behaviour difficulties?  
Would you like advice & strategies to support your child?

Online workshop for parents who have a child or young person with a disability aged 3 -18 who live in the  
**Wokingham Borough**

\*Please note parents with a child or young person who does not have a disability may attend this workshop if capacity allows

Join us for **Supporting Behaviour**

**Date: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 24**

**Time: 6.30 – 8pm**

**This will be delivered via Microsoft Teams so please download the app prior to the session.**

To book or for more information, please contact us via:

[first@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:first@wokingham.gov.uk)

This workshop will be delivered by Simone Hall Assistant Team Manager – FIRST and Helen Tracey both of whom have many years of experience of working with children with a disability and their families.

The workshop will include:

1. *Understanding behaviour - Identifying triggers & causes*
2. *How the Behaviour Wave affects both you and your child*
3. *Strategies & resources to help overcome distressed behaviour*



## Sleep Matters

Online information session for parents who have a child or young person with a disability who live in the Wokingham Borough

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Is your child experiencing sleep problems?  
Would you like to find out more about sleep?

Join us for **Sleep Matters**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 24**

**Time: 6.30 - 8pm**

This will be delivered via Microsoft Teams so please download the app prior to the session.

To book or for more information, please contact us via:

Email – [First@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:First@wokingham.gov.uk)

Our training is delivered by practitioners trained by The Sleep Charity & Southampton University Hospital Sleep Disorder Service

### This session will include:

- A brief overview of sleep cycles and the science of sleep
- The importance of sleep for health, learning and wellbeing
- How much sleep your children require
- Sleep routines / sleep cues / positive bedtimes & common sleep issues
- Information about our next informative and detailed Waking up to Healthy Sleep Course



Sleep Matters



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## Waking up to Healthy Sleep

### Online Course for parents who have a child or young person aged 3 -18 who live in the Wokingham Borough

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**Is your child experiencing sleep problems?  
We can support you to improve their sleep routine.**

**Dates: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> , 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March 24**

**Time: 10 – 11.30 am**

**This will be delivered via Microsoft Teams so please download the app prior to the first session.**

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This is an interactive course and attendees are required to participate and attend all 3 sessions which include:

- Understanding sleep cycles
- Causes of sleep issues
- Establishing appropriate routines
- Identifying and managing sleep problems
- Positive bedtimes



Waking up to Healthy Sleep



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## Changing Behaviour, Changes Behaviour

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Join us for **Changing Behaviour, Changes Behaviour**

**Dates: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> January & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

**Time: 6.30 – 8pm**

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