



# BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Families

We really have had such a brilliant week at Bearwood. As a school, we are now operating at a much higher tier - which is clearly tangible and distinct when walking around the school. We are also happy to be taking part in 2 exciting research projects with the national Education Endowment Foundation - contributing to improving the education system at a national level. The first is the 'Nuffield Early Language Intervention Preschool Project' led by Mrs Johnson. The second is the 'KS2 Reading Fluency Project' led by Miss Muller.

Our before and after school extra-curricular clubs commenced this week. We really do strive to offer our children a range of experiences, and opportunities to discover new interests. We are able to do this because of the generosity of our staff with their time.

On Monday, Mrs Weaver and Warner presented in our Values assembly. They shared about Warner's training to be a guide dog; and how he helps Mrs Weaver. We were all very impressed with his excellent 'food manners.'

A group of our UKS2 children attended the Tag-Rugby Megafest at Forest School. Thank you to Miss Davis for accompanying them.

Yesterday, we had our Harvest Festival assemblies. We thought about being thankful for the food we have and the farmers who grow our food. We also thought about families who sometimes struggle to have enough food. The children sang the Harvest Festival songs they have been practising over the last few weeks with Mrs Haden and Ms Brannigan. Thank you to all our families who were able to donate to our Harvest Festival collection. All donations will be given to the Wokingham Food Bank.

This week, Miss Clarke (our Inclusion Lead) and I had a meeting with the Mental Health Support Team (MHST). This is a very exciting initiative for selected schools in Wokingham which will enable additional support for some of our children and families. Rachael Neville, our link Education Mental Health Practitioner, will be holding a coffee morning at Bearwood at 9am on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Parents are welcome to attend to find out more. Do look out for further information on this.

For our parents who need to forward plan due to other commitments, please do remember to look at dates listed in this newsletter and in the school website diary for events that have been scheduled for this year. Most of our school dates are scheduled at the very start of the year.

Next week Friday, the school photographer will be in to take individual photographs. The office will send additional information regarding this.

Best wishes

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**Headteacher**

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Value for the term –

Respect



I was raised to treat  
the janitor  
with the same  
**respect**  
as the CEO.

# Office Notices

## Growth Mindset Awards

Fox – Vogue  
Beaver – Natasha  
Red Kite – Mason  
Red Squirrel – Karam  
Dormouse – Lauryane  
Badger – Christopher  
Otter – Somto  
Grey Wolf - Rishita

## Sports Star Awards

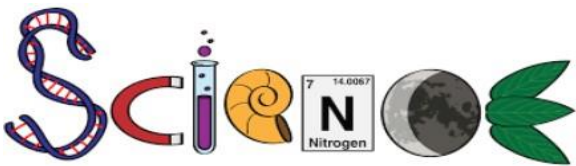
Fox – Layla  
Beaver – Evie  
Red Kite – Olly  
Red Squirrel – Aris  
Dormouse – Ollie  
Badger – Ruby  
Otter – Tanishi  
Grey Wolf – Leo



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

*LKS2 Winners – Dormouse Class 447points*

*UKS2 Winners – Otter Class 348 points*



### Scientist of the week!

**LKS2 – Niki**

**UKS2 – Maisie-Lou**

### Performer of the week!

This week's performer was the very talented Skylar singing 'All I Have Ever Known'.

Your voice is beautiful, Skylar - you sang like a real country singer!

**Well done.**



# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – School Photographer – individual photos
- 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)
- 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
- 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
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – children return



### 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 –95.65%

Fox –95.88%

Beaver –98.13%

Red Kite –90.67%

Red Squirrel –95.17%

Dormouse –98.52%

Badger – 99.59% Winner!

Otter –94.64%

Grey Wolf –98.15%



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.





# 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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Wokingham  
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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!**





# 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

# Little Sips BIG ADVENTURES

Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised\* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at [www.coolmilk.com/register](http://www.coolmilk.com/register). Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at [www.coolmilk.com/parents](http://www.coolmilk.com/parents).

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](http://www.coolmilk.com/contact) or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help!

Kind regards,

*Cool Milk*

☎: 0800 321 3248

🌐: [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



SCAN TO REGISTER

\*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.





**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.**



# flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



## 1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

## 2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

## 3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

## 4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

## 5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit  
[www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

Flu **i**mmunisation

Helping to protect children, every winter





**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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