



BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Families

We have at last come to the end of a very long autumn term. Everyone has worked so hard, and we really do all deserve a good rest!

This week, our fantastic KS1 children performed their Christmas play - all about the gnome who was alone, but desperately wanted to help out Santa! Our children were brilliant - excellent acting, singing and dancing. Well done and thank you to the KS1 children, Miss Davis, Ms Brannigan, Mrs Rowland and Mrs Davis. Photographs of the KS1 and EYFS performances can be found on the school's website.

The children enjoyed their class Christmas parties yesterday. Children in the EYFS even had a special visit from Santa Claus and one of his elves. Mrs White shared a special parcel from Santa Claus with the EYFS and Year One children, that contained special reindeer food the children will be able to leave out for Santa's reindeer on Christmas Eve.

Today, we are looking forward to our end of term Attendance Medals assembly.

I wish you all a peaceful break with your family.

We will have a staff Inset day on Monday 6th January. Children return on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Do have a lovely break.

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Headteacher

Value for the term –
Peacefulness



*Farewell
Good luck*

Farewell and Welcome

We say a sad farewell to Miss Muller, who has decided to embark on exciting plans outside of education. We take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work, professionalism and commitment to the school in this last year, and wish her well for the future.



From January, we welcome Miss Maaka, who will be the new class teacher for Otter Class. Miss Maaka joins us as an experienced teacher and will be working closely with Mr Marshall and Miss Cowdell in the UKS2 team. We will also be welcoming Mrs Sanghera, another experienced teacher, who will be taking Red Kite Class on Thursdays and Fridays from the start of term, in preparation for Mrs Haden starting her maternity leave. I am sure you will join me in welcoming both to the Bearwood family.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all of our brilliant volunteers helping in school this term, we are so thankful for your support.

We have many volunteers who help read with the children and who help on school trips. We couldn't do it without you!

If you would like to volunteer, please do contact the school office.

We would like to thank our amazing **PTA** team for all their support in the last few weeks! They have gone above and beyond especially this term with our fantastic Christmas Fete, Wreath Making Workshop, Christmas Lunch Day, Second Hand Uniform Sale and lots more. You are all amazing, thank you!

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Office Notices

Growth Mindset Awards

Fox – Whole Class
Beaver – Whole Class
Red Kite – Rhys & Callum
Red Squirrel – Whole Class
Dormouse – JJ
Badger – Maisie-Lou
Otter – Chace
Grey Wolf – Summer

Sports Star Awards

Fox – No Sports Awards
Beaver – No Sports Awards
Red Kite – Shravan
Red Squirrel – No Sports Awards
Dormouse – Whole Class
Badger – Pasha
Otter – Jacob
Grey Wolf – Brooke



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

LKS2 Winners – Dormouse 843 points

UKS2 Winners – Badger 636 points



Scientist of the week!

LKS2 – No Science awards this week.

UKS2 – No Science awards this week.

Performers of the week!

Another Bearwood girl band performance, this time from KS1! Evie sang Last Christmas and Salena, Sienna and Florence danced with enthusiasm in the background. You did such a great job girls, the audience couldn't help but sing along with you! Thank you for making us all feel festive in the last week of the term.

Have a lovely Christmas everyone!



IMPORTANT

dates to remember

- Monday 6th January – INSET
- Tuesday 7th January – children return
- Wednesday 15th January – 9am – Year One parents phonics workshop
- Thursday 16th January – 9am – Grey Wolf Class assembly
- Thursday 23rd January – 9am – Otter Class assembly
- Wednesday 29th January – 9am – Reception parents' Drawing Club (writing) workshop
- Thursday 30th January – 9am – Badger Class assembly
- Friday 31st January – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Wednesday 5th February – Year Six SATs meeting
- Thursday 6th February – 9am – Dormouse Class assembly
- Tuesday 11th February Safer Internet Day – workshop for parents – 9am and 5pm
- Thursday 13th February – 9am – Red Kite Class assembly
- Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February – Spring half-term
- Monday 25th February – children return
- Friday 28th February – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Thursday 6th March – World Book Day
- W/C 10th March – Science Week
- Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day
- Tuesday 25th March – 3:45 to 6:15pm – Parents' Evening
- Thursday 27th March – 4:30 to 7pm – Parents' Evening
- Friday 28th March – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Wednesday 2nd April – 9:30am – LKS2 production to parents
- Thursday 3rd April – 2pm – LKS2 production to parents
- Friday 4th April – attendance medals assembly
- Friday 4th April – last day of Spring term – school closed at 2pm
- Tuesday 22nd April – children return
- Thursday 24th April – Jewish Passover assembly
- Friday 25th April – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Thursday 1st May – Sikh Vaisakhi assembly
- Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday
- W/C 12th May – Year Six SATs
- Thursday 22nd May – Muslim Eid assembly
- Friday 23rd May – 2pm – Country Dancing Show to parents
- Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May – Summer half-term
- Monday 2nd June - INSET
- Tuesday 3rd June – children return
- W/C 9th June – Year One Phonics Screening Check

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 – 88.4%

Fox –92.6%

Beaver –98.1% - **Winner**

Red Kite – 92.1%

Red Squirrel –91.9%

Dormouse –98.9%

Badger –95.8%

Otter –91.2%

Grey Wolf –88.1%



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.



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>.



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NHS Foundation Trust

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

We are a team who work in local schools with young people aged 5-18 years and their parents/carers to provide early help support with mental health and wellbeing.

WHAT WE OFFER - FOR PRIMARY (AGE: 5-11)



01 Parent programme for anxiety
Based on the book: Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries



02 Parent programme for behavioural difficulties
Based on the book: Incredible Years



03 Whole School Approach
Supporting your school to promote mental health and wellbeing

We can also signpost you to other helpful services and information

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

- Complete the referral form through the website below or scan the QR code
- Speak to your school SENCo or Senior Mental Health Lead

Website: www.wokingham.gov.uk/mhst

Website





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Wokingham Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Helping your Child with Fears and Worries Online Parent Group Programme A Guided Self-Help Approach



Learn coping strategies to help your child manage anxiety.
Is your child between 5-12 years of age and facing difficulties with anxiety?



This group parent programme will enable you to understand what is causing your child's worries and to carry out evidence based, step-by-step practical strategies that you can use at home to support your child in order for them to overcome problems with anxiety.

The programme aims to support parents to work through the accompanying book *Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries: A self-help guide for parents (2nd Edition)*.



Course Outline

- Introductory assessment phone call
- 5 x 90 minute online group sessions on Wednesdays 26th February, 5th, 12th, 19th March and 2nd April, 9:30 - 11:00am.
- Useful handouts for each session.

To book a place on the course please return completed referral form circulated with this flyer to:

MHSTAdmin@wokingham.gov.uk

by 5th February 2025



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS



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Camps Start at 9am

Drop Off From 8:30am

6-12 Year Olds to 3pm

£27.50 Per Day

4 Year Olds to 1pm

£21.50 Per Day



MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS

- **Caversham** | Thameside Primary School
- **Arberfield** | Farley Hill Primary School
- **Malenhead** | St Luke's Primary School
- **Reading** | New Town Primary School
- **Windsor** | Hilltop First School
- **Bracknell** | St Margaret's Primary
- **Woodley** | South Lake Primary School
- **Slough** | Claycots School (Townhall Campus)

FOOTBALL CAMPS

- **Bracknell** | Garth Hill College
- **Woodley** | Woodford Park 3G
- **Caversham** | Thameside Primary School
- **Slough** | Claycots School (Townhall)

