



BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 7th March 2025

Dear Families

Well, we have had such an exciting week!

It is Book Week, and of course we all love to read at Bearwood! The children heard from real authors and got to share their favourite books. A librarian from Wokingham libraries came to meet with each class to talk about using the libraries to find even more exciting books. You will have received an email about signing up to a local library. On World Book Day, the children were all dressed up as their favourite book characters - and looked brilliant. You can see photographs on the school website. KS2 classes got to pair up with younger classes to do shared and paired reading, which was just delightful. Thank you to Mrs Johnson for organising the week. Do remember, from Tuesday next week we will have the Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall. You will be able to access it straight after school via the KS1 playground.

Some of our LKS2 children took part in a tag rugby event. They had lots of fun, learnt new skills and were each awarded with a goody bag. The whole group were also presented with a cup.

Next week is Science Week - so the excitement will continue!

Tomorrow, we are forecast to have a lovely sunny spring day. I hope you are all able to get outside and enjoy it.

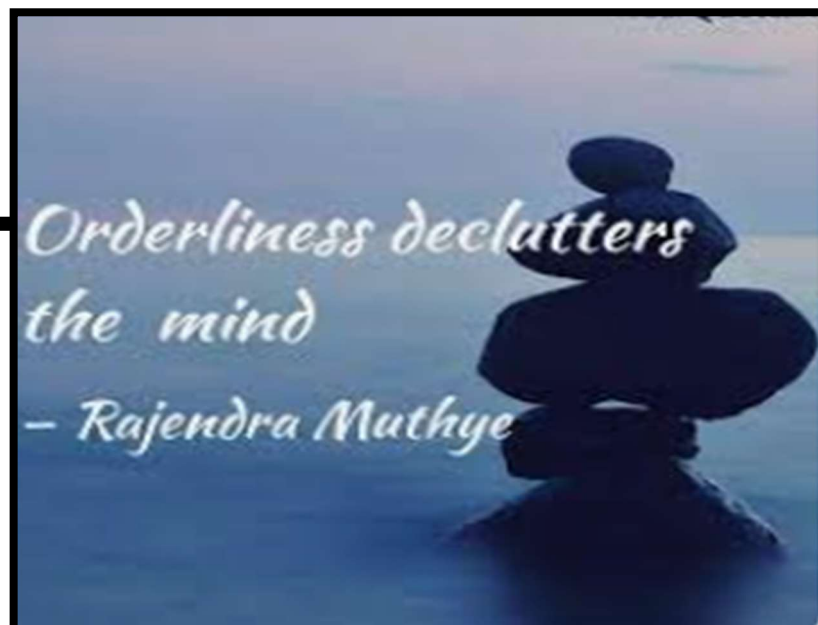
Best wishes

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Headteacher

Value for the term –

Orderliness



Superstars!



Aidan in Year 5 Otter class kindly donated a book to the school signed by the author, A.F. Steadman.

Thank you, Aidan!



Last weekend Olivia in Year 4 represented Berkshire in the county cup in a team of 5 girls. Olivia won all of her singles matches, helping Berkshire to an overall second place!

Well done Olivia!





WORLD BOOK DAY

We had an absolutely amazing time for World Book Day this year. Thank you to all families for the effort you put into the costumes that the children wore, it was so lovely to see so many wonderful and creative costume designs linked to favourite stories.

Over the week children have participated in live author sessions and live draw-a-long sessions with illustrators to help inspire them when it comes to their own stories. Some of these authors have written books that will also be available in our book fair next week. We also had a visit from the local librarian and hope many of you are able to sign up to the free library system to gain access to hundreds more books.

We have had lots of entries into the Read Your Way competition and Mrs Johnson wishes to thank every single family who took the time to take a photo and send it in. You can look at all the entries to the competition on the next pages along with the winners! Winners will receive a chocolate prize and a book voucher for the fair! Well done!

Don't forget that our book fair arrives on Tuesday and is open every evening after school until **Monday 17th March**. Your child can bring their World Book Day token to spend at the fair if they wish. We hope to see many families there.

Thank you again for all your participation in World Book Day 2025, we hope we have inspired some more reading to happen in your house.

Read Your Way Competition



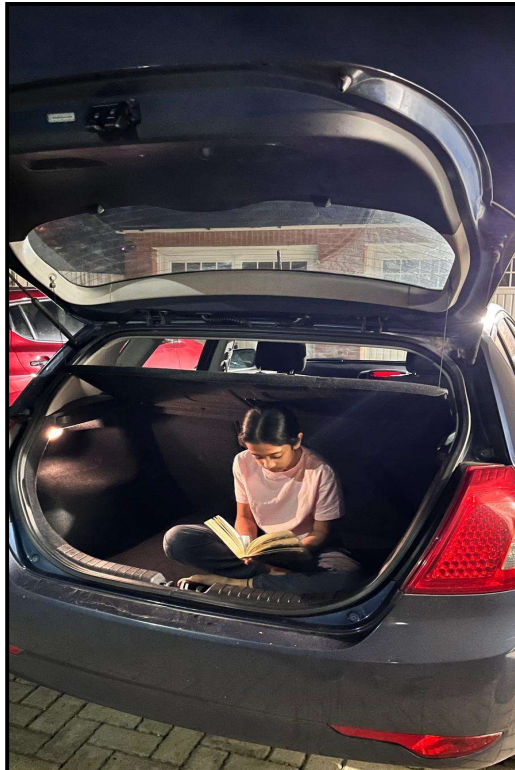
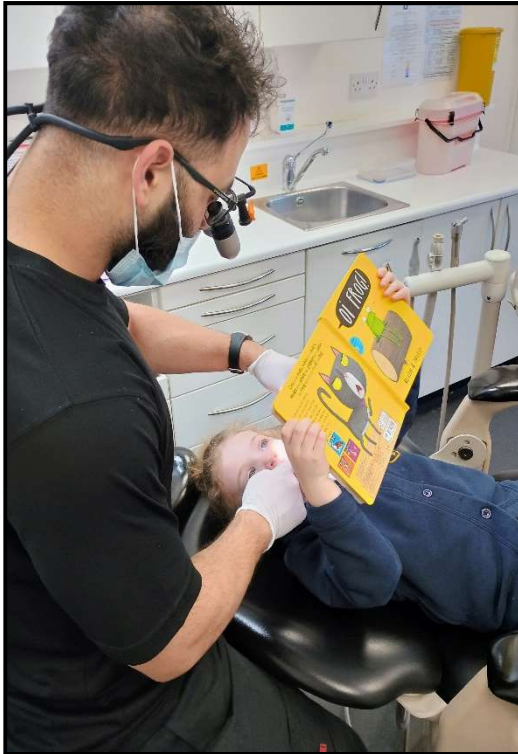
Winners:

EYFS: Rowan

KS1: Florence

LKS2: Olivia

UKS2: Rishita



Hand-drawn colorful hands in various colors (pink, green, blue, red, yellow) arranged around the text "EYFS!".

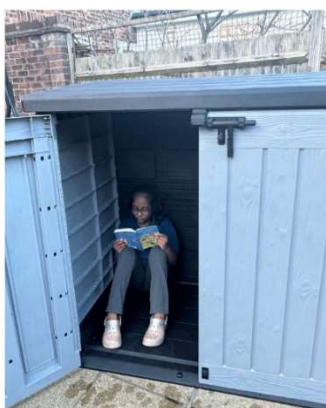
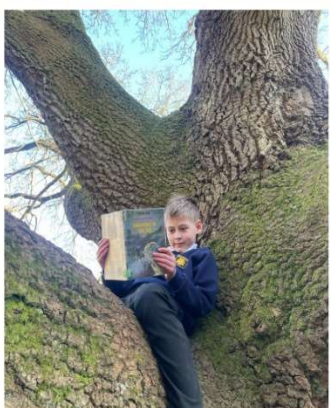
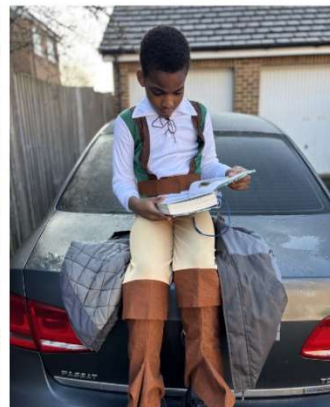
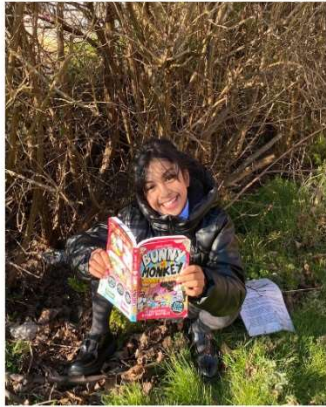
EYFS!



Year 1 and 2



Year 3 and 4



Class WBD Photos







Office Notices

Growth Mindset Awards

Fox – Amelia
Beaver – Lilah
Red Kite – Aadya
Red Squirrel – Isla
Dormouse – Chris
Badger – Gurvansh
Otter – Leland
Grey Wolf – Amelie

Sports Star Awards

Fox – Beatriz
Beaver – Shreya
Red Kite – Babri
Red Squirrel – Robyn
Dormouse – Freya, Louisa, Olivia & Mollie
Badger – Amber
Otter – Keira Mya
Grey Wolf – Karl



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

LKS2 Winners – Red Squirrel 339 points

UKS2 Winners – Badger 73 points



Scientist of the week!

LKS2 – Vincent

UKS2 – Jenson



Wow! Look at our amazing new seats in Y1. They were made by Mr Taylor (Oscar and Olivia's dad) and they are a great place to sit and read a book with a friend on a beautiful sunny day! We are going to enjoy using them now the weather is sunnier and warmer. We love them!

Many thanks to all of the people and companies who made them possible: Mr Taylor for making them and sourcing the donations, the timber from Travis Perkins in Woodley, the paint from Brewers Decorator Centre in Woodley and to Mr Washington (Bella and Arthur's dad) for the tyres.

IMPORTANT

dates to remember

- Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day & UKS2 In2 Hockey – 15:00-18:00 (Invite only)
- Tuesday 25th March – 3:45 to 6:15pm – Parents' Evening
- Thursday 27th March – 4:30 to 7pm – Parents' Evening
- Friday 28th March – 9.30am – 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 – 9.30am – prospective parents' tour
- Thursday 1st May – Sikh Vaisakhi assembly
- Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday
- W/C 12th May – Year Six SATs
- Monday 19th May – Year Six Residential Meeting (5pm)
- 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
- W/C 9th June – Year Four Multiplication Tables Check
- Thursday 12th June – 9am – Red Squirrel Class assembly
- Thursday 19th June – 9am – Beaver Class assembly
- W/C Monday 16th June – Year Six residential
- W/C 25th June – Year Six secondary transition day
- Thursday 26th June – GRT History Month assembly
- Friday 27th June – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Wednesday 2nd July – new classes
- Thursday 3rd July – 9am – Fox Class assembly
- Thursday 10th July – Sports Day
- Friday 11th July – reports home
- Tuesday 15th July – 3:30 to 5pm – Parents' Evening drop-in
- Friday 18th July – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Wednesday 16th July – 2pm – Year Six production to parents
- Thursday 17th July – 6:30pm – Year Six production to parents
- Thursday 18th July – end of year class parties
- Monday 21st July – 5 to 6:30pm – Year Six BBQ
- Wednesday 23rd July – attendance medals assembly

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 – 98.1%

Fox – 91.9%

Beaver – 94.1%

Red Kite – 98.7%

Red Squirrel – 97.9%

Dormouse – 98.5%

Badger – 98.9% - *Winner!*

Otter – 90%

Grey Wolf – 97.4%



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



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

MOANA 2 MOVIE NIGHT



Wednesday 19th March 2025

4.30pm (Prompt) to 6.30pm | £5.00 per ticket

**Price includes Popcorn + Drink
Tickets available on Arbor Shop**



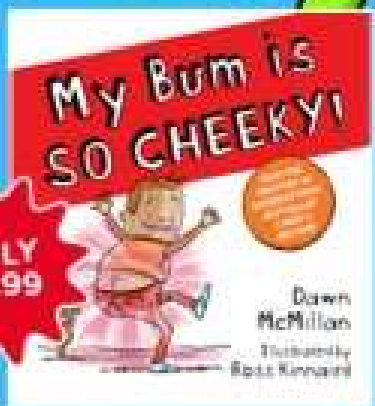
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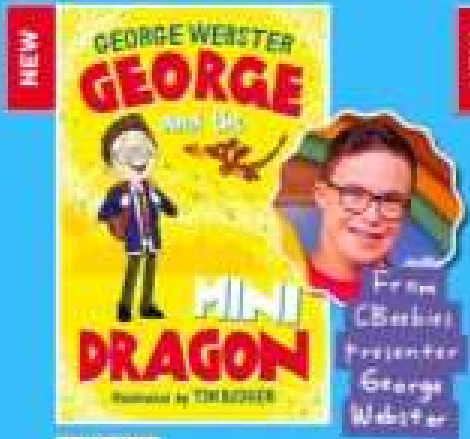
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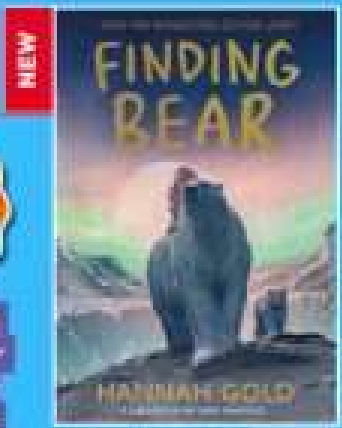


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Date:

Week Commencing 11th March 2025

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Free arts and cultural activities to inspire climate actions

Wokingham Borough Council are excited to bring the award-winning 'Forest of Imagination' arts project to the borough, thanks to a grant from the government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

[Wokingham Borough's Forest of Imagination 2025](#) offers a wide range of free arts and cultural experiences for residents to connect with nature and learn about the climate emergency.

Kicking these off are engaging sessions led by Toby Thompson, an award-winning poet, musician and global storyteller, from Thursday 6 March to Sunday 9 March. Be sure to sign up for this inspiring experience!



The project continues with a four-day showcase at Dinton Pastures Country Park from 22 to 25 May, featuring sensory installations, participatory activities, performances, digital experiences and more. Stay tuned for more details as we approach this amazing event!

Wokingham Borough's Forest of Imagination 2025 is a collaboration between us, Bath Spa University, House of Imagination and Grant Associates. Together, we bring the project outside of Bath, its original home, to raise awareness about the climate crisis.



A little reminder that children in **LKS2/UKS2** are allowed to bring into school a small piece of fruit for snack time.

ASSIST workshops

ASSIST is offering a number of workshops to parents, carers, autistic individuals and professionals. This term, they are offering the following:

- **Tuesday 11 March, 9.30am** – Supporting autistic individuals to understand and self-manage emotions and feelings (including anger)
 - **Tuesday 1 April, 9.30am - 12pm** (in person) – Supporting siblings
- **Tuesday 29 April, 9.30am - 12pm** (in person) – Creating and using visual supports including social scripts, drawing whilst talking
- **Tuesday 6 May, 7pm** (online) – Supporting autistic individuals to understand and self-manage emotions and feelings (including anger)
- **Tuesday 13 May, 9.30am - 12pm** (in person) – Autism specific workshop on sexual development and puberty

To find out more about these workshops or book a place, please contact us by emailing ASSISTWorkshops@wokingham.gov.uk.

EARLY BIRD TICKET OFFER... 20% off!

We are excited to let you know that we have a **20% off code** for all students to share with their family and friends who would like to attend this concert! (*this ends on 10th March*)

All you need to do is type the code '**BMT20**' in the promo code section in your basket and the discount will be applied.

This code will expire at the end of the day on Monday 10th March.

Click the link below which will take you to the website to buy tickets:

<https://whatsonreading.com/venues/hexagon/whats-on/film-fantasia-2-berkshire-music-trust>



Cuffley Final Balance

The final balance for Cuffley Residential is due **10th March**. Please ensure your balance is at zero, we are unable to accept any late payments.

A red rectangular stamp with the word 'OVERDUE' in bold, white, capital letters. The stamp has a thick red border.

Lunches must be paid for in advance. Please ensure your lunch balance is at zero.

Thank you for your support.

Changing Behaviour, Changes Behaviour

An opportunity to explore different ways of thinking about
behaviour

We can offer advice & strategies to support your child

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

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

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

Dates: Wednesday 7th, 14th & 21st May 2025

Time: 10-11.30am

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

Email – First@wokingham.gov.uk

This workshop will be delivered by:

Simone Hall and Helen Tracey

Therapeutic Thinking & Foundations for Attachment Practitioners

The sessions will include:

1. Behaviour & communication, identifying triggers & causes, the upstairs & downstairs brain & The Window of Tolerance
2. Getting on better, the behaviour wave, positive handling plans & how you respond
3. CALM stance, sensory avoidant & seeking, rewards, activities resources & self-care



Waking up to Healthy Sleep

Online course for parents / carers who have a child or young person with a disability (or on the pathway for an autism assessment) aged 3 -18 who live in the Wokingham Borough

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

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

**Dates: Thursday 19th, 26th June & 3rd July 2025
Time: 10 – 11.30am**

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

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

Email – First@wokingham.gov.uk

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

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



**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Wokingham World Autism Awareness Day



Wednesday 2nd April



2pm to 7pm, book & drop-in when suits you



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(nearby parking and buses - details on booking page)

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