



BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 14th March 2025

Dear Families

We have had yet another exciting week! It was Science Week, and we had some very special assemblies. Mrs Marquis, a scientist in robotics, brought in a dog-like robot which absolutely enthralled all the children. She also gave an interesting talk on AI. Mr Juna, another scientist and former parent, came and talked to the children about some of his work on creating alarm systems. Some of the children got to test out an alarm system, which was very exciting. A huge, grateful thank you to Mrs Marquis and Mr Juna for generously sharing their considerable knowledge with our children.

Each of our UKS2 classes became geographers as they went on their geographical field trip to Reading. They applied hands-on geographical skills as they followed their route on a map; identified different buildings and land use; carried out a traffic survey and made sketches. They could see how Reading as a town is different to Winnersh. They will also be able to use their gathered evidence to compare and contrast Reading with Rio de Janeiro.

We have had the Scholastic book fair in the school hall with a fabulous range on offer to suit all interests. Thank you to our families who have purchased books from the actual fair, or online. The school will get a portion of the profits to buy new books for our library. If you still want to get a book, the last day for the book fair is Monday.

Mr Marshall delivered a presentation to Year Four parents on the Multiplication Tables Check that all Year Four children across the country have to take. I hope the parents who attended found it informative.

Our Year Five children enjoyed a visit from The Forest School Headteacher Roadshow, where they got to find out about all that The Forest School has to offer and what it is like to attend a secondary school.

Today, some of our LKS2 footballers are taking part in a football tournament with other schools. We wish them well - come on you Bears!

Next week, we look forward to our Movie Night fundraiser for the MUGA on Wednesday 19th March from 4:30pm. Tickets can be purchased on the school Arbor shop. On Friday 21st March, it is Red Nose Day, when we can all dress in something red in exchange for some change for a good cause. Warm, spring weather is also forecast next week.

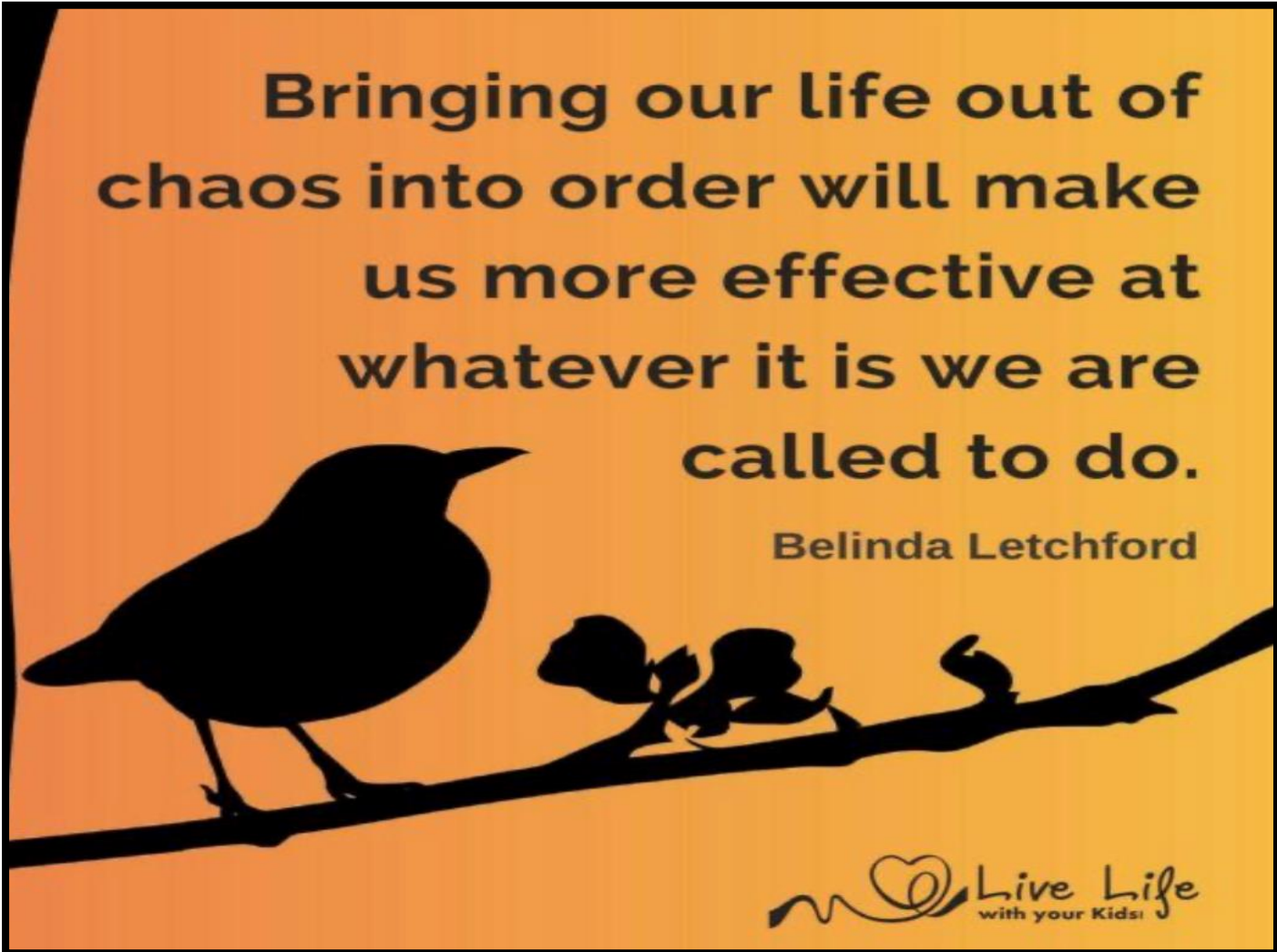
Best wishes

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Headteacher

Value for the term –

Orderliness



**Bringing our life out of
chaos into order will make
us more effective at
whatever it is we are
called to do.**

Belinda Letchford

**Live Life**
with your Kids!

Office Notices

Growth Mindset Awards

Fox – Noelle
Beaver – Evie
Red Kite – Alana
Red Squirrel – Shaurya
Dormouse – Freya
Badger – Frankie
Otter – Kaiden
Grey Wolf – Kindah

Sports Star Awards

Fox – Enzo
Beaver – Lee
Red Kite – Liam
Red Squirrel – Shuban
Dormouse – Lauryane
Badger – Emma
Otter – Chace
Grey Wolf – Riley



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

LKS2 Winners –

UKS2 Winners –



Scientist of the week!

LKS2 –

UKS2 –



Please do not allow your children to use our Adventure Equipment in the KS2 playground during home time.

The equipment is not supervised by staff during this time.

Thank you for your support.

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 – 93.52%

Fox – 96.2%

Beaver – 96.67%

Red Kite – 98.67% **Winner!**

Red Squirrel – 93.58%

Dormouse – 97.7%

Badger – 97.7%

Otter – 94.44%

Grey Wolf – 94.44%



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>.

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



Adobe Express



BEARWOOD PTA PRESENTS

Nearest
&

Dearest Day

THURSDAY 27TH MARCH

£2.50 PER CHILD

PLEASE PAY VIA THE ARBOR APP

Buy a gift for someone special!

**Children are invited to choose a small gift for a
loved one in our surprise room.
One gift per child.**



We're taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025 challenge.

Join in by walking, wheeling,
scooting or cycling to school
between 24 March-4 April.

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help us win some fantastic prizes

www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk

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CAVERSHAM Thameside Primary
WOKINGHAM Floreat Montague 3G
WOODLEY Woodford Park 3G
SLOUGH Claycots School (Townhall)

Camps Start at 9am

Drop Off From 8:30am

5-12 Year Olds to 3pm

£27.50 Per Day

4 Year Olds to 1pm

£21.50 Per Day



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR
DATES, DISCOUNTS &
ONLINE BOOKING

MULTI-SPORTS

ARBORFIELD Farley Hill Primary
BRACKNELL St Margaret's Primary
CAVERSHAM Thameside Primary
SLOUGH Claycots Primary Town Hall
WOODLEY South Lake Primary
WHITLEY Geoffrey Field Junior School
READING Newtown Primary School
WINDSOR Hilltop First School
MAIDENHEAD St Luke's Primary School

WWW.U-SPORTS.CO.UK/HOLIDAY-CAMPS



EXPAND THE FUN BEYOND SPORT AT OUR BRAND NEW UKIDS CAMP!

8am - 5:30pm

Late Pick Up Until 6PM + £5

4-12 Year Olds All Day

£44 - £50 Per Day

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GRANGE
SCHOOL**



U-SPORTS.CO.UK/UKIDS-HOLIDAY-CAMP

- Brain Busters
- Operation Outdoors
- Crazy Crafts
- Super Sports
- Massive Moments



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**PERFORMING ARTS
HOLIDAY WORKSHOP**

BOYS & GIRLS AGED 6 - 16

ushine Workshop | 9am - 4pm | £150 For All 3 Days

uKids Extended Day Optional Add On + £10 Per Day
MORNING 9am - 9am & AFTERNOON 4pm - 5:30pm

SHOW
TIME!

John Madejski Academy, RG2 8AF

Wed 19 March • 18:00-19:00

Fri 21 March • 18:00-19:00

YEAR ONE • UNDER 6'S

TRIALS

FOOTBALL

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CLUB SCOUTS IN ATTENDANCE!



EVOLEZE



ASD Family Help

Autism & neurodiversity - embracing differences

Been forwarded this email? [Join our mailing list](#)

Wokingham Drop in FUN Session: Wednesday 12th March 4.15pm to 5.15pm

A safe and welcoming space for everyone to connect. Everyone is welcome - neurodivergent adults, children with additional needs with their parents/carers and the whole family!

This month we are *planting sunflower seeds in little pots and making cress heads for you to take home!*

What better way to start welcoming the sunshine.

Our friendly staff are here to guide you through the activity, or you can choose just to enjoy time chatting to others or playing Lego!

This session is **FREE** to attend and you do not need to book.

Free tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are provided.

[Fun Club - Wokingham | Facebook](#)

DLA & PIP Workshops!

If you missed our last recent workshops on Benefits or DLA & PIP, but you would still like some help in this area, we are holding another workshop on **Friday 14th March 2025** in Thatcham. The workshop is FREE to attend but please book a space.

[DLA & PIP Explained! THATCHAM Tickets, Fri 14 Mar 2025 at 12:30 | Eventbrite](#)

If you can't make this weeks workshop, keep an eye out for further workshops coming up!

If you need someone to one support with a DLA or PIP form, please get in touch for a free appointment with one of our liaison workers.

FREE One to One Appointments

Are you a neurodiverse adult or a parent/carer with a child or young person with additional needs?

Do you need some one to advice, information or somebody to chat to?

We are here for you with one to one appointments face to face, over the phone or online via Teams.

We can help you to find the right information for:

- * Benefits (including DLA & PIP forms)
- * Socialising
- * Health & Wellbeing
- * Finances
- * Employment & Education
- * Adult Care Support

You can book with us online using our booking link: [Booking Link](#)

(If you need help to book online, email Jayne@asdfamilyhelp.org or call, text or WhatsApp us on 07733 601755)

Coffee Drop Ins

We hold weekly coffee drop ins on Monday mornings from 10am to 11.30am. We use different cafe's around Wokingham to meet up and everyone is very welcome to join our friendly group.

Our next dates are:

17th March 2025 at Cantley Cafe, Wokingham

24th March 2024 at Henry Street Garden Centre Cafe, Arborfield

Football Club! 4th Wednesday of each month 5pm to 6pm.

Now the sun is starting to join, why not join us for a kick about on 4th Wednesday of each month at Cantley Park 3G football pitch!

Our football club is perfect for children aged approximately 8 to 13 years who want to have a bit of fun and burn off some energy with a football.

If you want a bit more information or to sign up, you can find everything you need on our webpage here: [NEW Inclusive Kids Football Club Kicks-Off!](#) or email Rachael@asdfamilyhelp.org

Exciting Autism Event in Wokingham!! 2nd April 2025 2pm to 7pm

We are excited to be a part of a Wokingham World Autism Awareness Day on 2nd April 2025. It will run from 2pm to 7pm at the Oakwood Centre, Headley Road, Woodley, RG5 4JZ.

This is a totally FREE event to mark National World Autism Awareness Day.

Free tickets can be booked online (but with your ticket you are welcome to drop in at any time to suit you).

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



The Oakwood Centre,
Woodley, RG5 4JZ
(nearby parking and buses - details on booking page)

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