



# BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Families

We have much excitement to share this week!

Last Friday afternoon, our football team played 2 matches in the local schools' league - and won both! A huge congratulations and well done to them; our very able and capable coach/manager Mr Bourke; and our PE lead Miss Davis.

On Monday, Red Kite and Red Squirrel Class got to go to the Chiltern Open Air Museum. They learnt more about the Anglo-Saxons, connected to their history topic on the invaders and settlers who came to Britain, and how the country changed as a result. They had a wonderful time engaging in the different workshops. Thank you to the staff and parent helpers who accompanied them.

Our Reception parents got to experience an interactive and highly informative workshop on helping to support their children to learn to read. The children enjoyed the experience of reading to their parents at school too. Thank you to Mrs Johnson for running the workshop.

Our link Education Mental Health Practitioner Rachael Neville delivered her first Coffee Morning for parents. I hope those of you who attended found it helpful. She will soon be sharing a parent survey to find out what parents would find useful for future workshops related to parenting.

The PTA school disco last night was absolutely amazing. The decorations in the hall and the lighting really helped to create a fantastic atmosphere. The children who attended had a great time. Thank you to the PTA for all your hard work and effort - it was brilliant. Thank you to the staff who also supported.

Next week, we have our first parents' evenings for the school year. It is an opportunity for you to find out how your child has settled into their new class with the higher expectations. The class teacher will share some targets with you for reading, writing and maths. This will enable

you to know what your child needs to work on next for their learning. You will also have an opportunity to look at the work your child has completed so far this year. It is very important for you to attend. If you have not done so already, please do book a slot on your Arbor App.

Next week Friday, it will be our annual 'International Attire Day.' This is when all children (and staff) come to school dressed in the clothes of a chosen culture. Children can wear the attire from the country their family are from; or can dress up in the clothing from a country they have no connection to. It is always fantastic to see children dressed up in a very wide range of cultural backgrounds. It really does show what a global family we are. I am always interested in the creative interpretations for traditional English attire.

Do have a lovely weekend.

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**Headteacher**

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Value for the term –

Respect



# Office Notices

## Growth Mindset Awards

Fox – Annie  
Beaver – Elyssia  
Red Kite – Babri  
Red Squirrel – Jackson  
Dormouse – Dylan  
Badger – Emma  
Otter – Ella-Grace  
Grey Wolf - Adeela

## Sports Star Awards

Fox – Amelia  
Beaver – Kai  
Red Kite – Aamodha  
Red Squirrel – Lily & Shaurya  
Dormouse – Viaan  
Badger – Frankie  
Otter – Keira-Mya  
Grey Wolf – Eliana



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

*LKS2 Winners – Dormouse 250 Points*

*UKS2 Winners – Grey Wolf 214 Points*



### Scientist of the week!

*LKS2 – Shrayaan*

*UKS2 – Luca*

### Performer of the week!

*Will be announced next week!*

# Superstar!



Kayla in Year 1 Fox class achieved her stage 9 certificate of gymnastics. Well done for her determination to overcome any challenges!

If you would like your child to star in our weekly newsletter, please send a photo and a brief description to the school office of their achievements.



The PTA would like to say a huge **thank you** for supporting the Autumn Disco Ball. Thank you to the wonderful teachers who stayed to help and their amazing dance moves! We would also like to thank Mrs Brock, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Spencer, Mrs Chesterman, Mrs Drew, Miss Palmer and Mrs Nanna Palmer for helping the PTA to set up, do all the wonderful glitter face painting and tattoos and tidy up too!







A huge thank you to Oscar and his Dad in year 4 who made some fantastic outside seating for our KS1 area. Also thank you to Slatter Cricket and Play for donating the artificial grass.



Thank you to Noelle in Year 1, Zac in Year 4 and Ellis in Year 2 for the bulbs that you donated. The bulbs have now been planted by the ECO Warriors in the KS1 playground.



Don't forget to order your Christmas cards, deadline is Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024.

# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

- 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
- 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
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – 7pm – PTA Christmas Wreath Making Workshop
- 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
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Year One parents phonics workshop
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Grey Wolf Class assembly
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 9am – Otter Class assembly
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Reception parents' Drawing Club (writing) workshop
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Badger Class 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 – 82.61%

Fox – 97.32%

Beaver – 93.7%

Red Kite – 91.11%

Red Squirrel – 92.42%

Dormouse – 98.89%

Badger – 99.2% - Winner

Otter – 94.44%

Grey Wolf – 94.81%



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>.

# Bearwood Primary School

# PTA

## Coffee Morning and AGM

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

School Hall

From 8.35am

Come and meet the current PTA team and find out what we do to help support the school in providing enhanced learning experiences for our children.

*Volunteers are always welcome and can be a great way to connect with other families in the Bearwood community.*

*Volunteers do not need to commit to being involved in every event.*

*To find out more please come to our coffee morning.*

An election for the PTA committee will take place during the AGM.

Any queries, plus nominations for PTA committee can be submitted in advance via e-mail to [PTA@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk)

**We look forward to seeing you there!**





BEARWOOD PTA PRESENTS

# PRELOVED UNIFORM SALE

- Tuesday 22nd October 2024
- Thursday 24th October 2024

Join us in the school hall from

**3.15pm onwards**

(throughout parents evening)

where we will be selling a range of pre loved uniform including Bearwood embroidered tops and jumpers.

**Prices starting from 50p!**





BEARWOOD PTA PRESENTS

# PRELOVED UNIFORM SALE

## Price List

**£2 per item**

Bearwood jumpers  
Bearwood cardigans  
Bearwood PE tops

**50p per item**

Grey shorts/trousers  
Grey dresses/skirts  
White polo tops  
Summer dresses



# 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.

Tickets can be  
purchased via  
Your Arbor  
School Shop

£30.50 per  
ticket

First come first served, limited  
availability.

 Bearwood PTA

Christmas wreath workshop

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm

Adults only please.

Feel free to bring your own bottle!



# Bilingua Sing

Love Learning Languages

Multi-Award  
Winning!

## FREE Spanish Halloween session

### Thursday 31st October, 10am



A fun, **FREE** Spanish song and craft session – suitable for ages 4–8

Find out more about Día de los Muertos / Day of the Dead and have some fun!

**Bracknell Library, RG12 1BH**

Learning a second language has a whole range of developmental benefits for your child:



It boosts  
their brain  
power



It enhances  
their speech  
development



It increases  
their self-  
confidence



No knowledge of Spanish needed – everything will be in English too!

“

No need to book – just turn up!

Suitable for children aged 4–8 years

”

[cari@bilinguasing.com](mailto:cari@bilinguasing.com)



# BOOK NOW



Camp Starts at 9am  
Drop Off From 8.30am  
5-12 Year Olds to 3pm

**£25** Per Day

4 Year Olds to 1pm

**£19.50** Per Day

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# OCTOBER HALF TERM

# HOLIDAY CAMP

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR...

- BOOKINGS
- DAYS & DATES
- MULTI-DAY DISCOUNT RATE



 **Over 300**  
Google Reviews

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# BEARWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP

# Online Parent Workshop for Supporting Children with Anxiety

Wed 6th Nov | 9:30-10:45 | Wed 13th Nov | 18:00-19:15

**Concerned that your primary school aged child may be struggling with anxiety or low mood? Is your child showing signs of:**

- Avoiding activities they need or want to do
- Difficulty thinking, concentrating or making decisions
- Low confidence and giving up easily
- Change in eating or sleeping habits
- Unexplained tiredness, stomach-aches or headaches
- Withdrawing from previously enjoyed activities
- Persistent tearfulness or irritability



**Come along to the Mental Health Support Team's online parent workshop for tips on what to look out for and simple tools and ideas for supporting your child.**

**To book, please email the Mental Health Support Team, stating name of school your child/young person attends and which session you would like to join.**

**at [MHSTAdmin@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:MHSTAdmin@wokingham.gov.uk)**



# 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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Bearwood Road  
Wokingham  
RG41 5BB

0118 978 4628  
[admin@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk)



***“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!**





**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.**





**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



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**07715643418 / 01189799253**



# READING FC COMMUNITY TRUST FOOTBALL CAMPS

OCTOBER  
HALF TERM



GIRLS & BOYS  
5-14 YRS

£27.50 PER DAY

28 OCT - 1 NOV:  
CANTLEY, WOKINGHAM  
SOUTH READING  
LEISURE CENTRE

28 - 30 OCT:  
GOALS, WOODLEY

31 OCT - 1 NOV:  
HENWICK, THATCHAM

10-3PM



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