



# BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Families

Last weekend, some of our school choir performed for the Winnersh Christmas Lights and Market, and were absolutely delightful. Well done to Matthew, Alana, Bella, Lily and Mollie. Thank you also to Miss Reed for leading the choir. You can see a video clip of them performing on our Facebook page.

The children returned to school this week to find our Christmas decorations up - and the naughty Elf up to his tricks again!

On Tuesday, our Year One children had the chance to do some scooter training, so they know how to ride along the pavements safely.

This week has been especially exciting with Maths Week in full swing. It was great to see parents come along to our maths open morning. It gave you a chance to actually see how we teach maths. Mr Marshall, our maths subject lead, delivered an excellent interactive presentation with parents, sharing further information on our maths approach, and how it is being further developed. Photos will be shared.

We are all looking forward to the PTA Christmas Fayre after school today. The PTA have been busy preparing things for most of the day, so I am sure it will be spectacular. Thank you for the bottle donations. I can't wait to see the donkeys! I look forward to seeing you all there too.

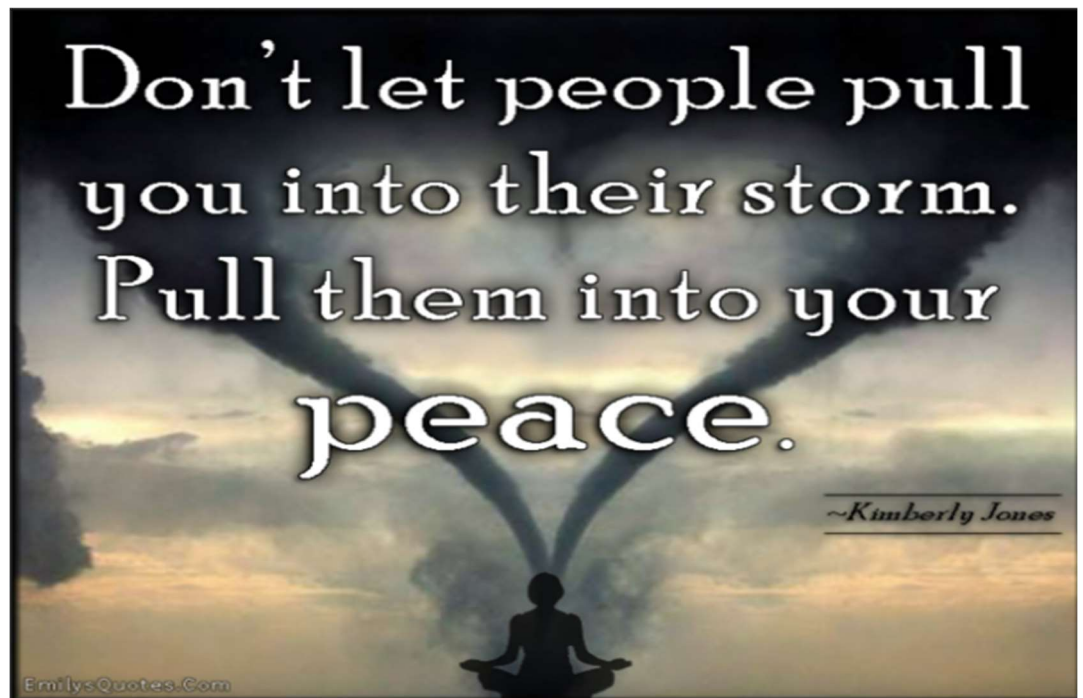
Do have a lovely weekend.

Funmi Alder

**Headteacher**

Value for the term –

Peacefulness



Listening to our parents

We do listen to the views of our parents, and make adjustments to our practises based on feedback. Recently, we have had a number of conversations with parents regarding our therapeutic approach behaviour policy. As a result, and after careful reflection, some changes are to be implemented for KS2 from Monday. These changes will be shared with our KS2 children on Monday morning.

# Superstar!



Oliver in Year 4 and Emily in Year 2 took part in a 5k Santa dash in Windsor on Sunday 1st December to raise money for Alexander Devine children's hospice. They raised £105 so far. Here is the link if anyone else wants to donate to this amazing hospice which looks after very poorly children and supports their families.

<https://alexanderdevine.enthuse.com/pf/fran-stafford-12c44>

**Well Done Oliver and Emily!**



Olivia in Year 4 received her certificate for passing stage 3 swimming yesterday (ability to swim 10m on her own) She's on stage 4 now where she's learning different strokes - a new challenge!

**Well done Olivia!**

If you wish for your child to star in our newsletter. Please send a photo and a brief description of your child's achievements to the school office.

Thank you

# Superstar!



**THANK YOU!**

A huge thank you to Michael in Year 1 and his family for donating a lovely Christmas Tree ready for our Christmas Celebrations on Friday.

**Thank you, Michael!**



Srishti's in Year 1 has completed her 'Duckling level 4' swimming.

**Well done Srishti!**

# Office Notices

## Growth Mindset Awards

Fox – Riyansh  
Beaver – Albie  
Red Kite – Akira  
Red Squirrel – Shaurya  
Dormouse – Eva  
Badger – Henry  
Otter – Whole Class  
Grey Wolf - Gem

## Sports Star Awards

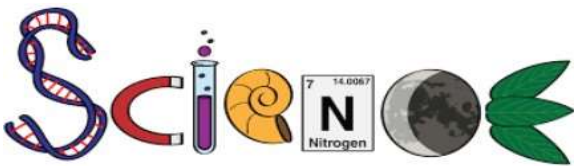
Fox – Hadi  
Beaver – Paxton  
Red Kite – No Awards this week.  
Red Squirrel – Charlotte  
Dormouse – All Swimmers  
Badger – Shajpreet  
Otter – Omreyansh  
Grey Wolf – Rishita



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

*LKS2 Winners – Otter Class 1116 points*

*UKS2 Winners – Dormouse Class 733 points*



### Scientist of the week!

*LKS2 – Emily*

*UKS2 – Pasha*



### Performers of the week!

We loved watching our very own Bearwood girl band perform this week! They sang perfectly in time with each other and the mini dance routine was brilliant. Well done, girls. We look forward to your next performance!

# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

- 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
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Year Six SATs meeting
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 9am – Dormouse Class assembly
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February Safer Internet Day – workshop for parents – 9am and 5pm
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – 9am – Red Kite Class assembly
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Spring half-term
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – children return
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- W/C 10<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – 3:45 to 6:15pm – Parents' Evening
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – 4:30 to 7pm – Parents' Evening
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 9:30am – LKS2 production to parents
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 2pm – LKS2 production to parents
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – attendance medals assembly
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – last day of Spring term – school closed at 2pm
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – children return
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Jewish Passover assembly
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Sikh Vaisakhi assembly
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- W/C 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year Six SATs
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Muslim Eid 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 – 94.7%

Fox – 91.2%

Beaver – 99.6% - **Winners!**

Red Kite – 94%

Red Squirrel – 96.5%

Dormouse – 96.3%

Badger – 99.2%

Otter – 95.8%

Grey Wolf – 96.2%



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.**

# £5 for your school PTA

Join the  
**Sheeplands  
Friends Club**  
& support your  
school PTA

## when you buy any real or artificial Christmas Tree from Sheeplands

Mention your school  
PTA when you join our  
Friends Club AND not  
only will they get £5  
per tree, but 5% of  
your spend will be  
donated to your PTA  
all year round.  
Membership is FREE



[www.harehatchsheeplands.co.uk](http://www.harehatchsheeplands.co.uk)  
0118 9401600



**SHEEPLANDS**  
GARDEN CENTRE CAFE FARM SHOP



# Helping your child who self- harms

Join our online workshop with  
**Dr Liesse Greene, Clinical  
Psychologist**, to understand more  
about self-harm and how it affects  
young people age 8+.

Learn coping strategies to help  
your young person manage their  
self-harm.



**SIGN UP TO JOIN  
ONE OF THE BELOW:**

**Tuesday  
14th January  
09:30-11:00**

**Tuesday  
21st January  
18:00-19:30**

**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:**

[MHSTadmin@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:MHSTadmin@wokingham.gov.uk)



**WOKINGHAM  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



**Berkshire Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust**



# 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>.



**WOKINGHAM**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL



**NHS**  
Berkshire Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

## 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](mailto:MHSTAdmin@wokingham.gov.uk)

**by 5th February 2025**



# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS



Visit Our Website For...

Venue Details | Bookings | Days & Dates



**Over 300**  
Google Reviews

**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)

*Is your child registered for*  
**SCHOOL MILK?**

*Child*  
**UNDER 5**

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.



*Child*  
**OVER 5**

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under fives is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over fives is subsidised by DEFRA.

**REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY**

Register online  
[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



Need help?  
Send us a message  
at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](http://www.coolmilk.com/contact)  
or give us a call on **0800 321 3248**

 FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA - SEARCH COOLMILKSCHEME