



BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear Families

This week's colder temperature has not been able to dampen down the dynamic spirit of Bearwood!

Our UKS2 classes were very excited to experience a special trip to the Ure Museum in Reading to learn more about the Ancient Greeks. The children took part in a workshop where they were able to handle ancient Greek artefacts whilst wearing gloves - like real historians.

Some of our classes have trialled our 'reading for pleasure' in their classrooms - finding innovative but comfortable ways to tuck into a good book. Some photographs of Beaver Class will be shared on the Facebook page over the weekend.

A group of LKS2 children went to Maiden Erlegh School for a Sportshall Athletics event. This gave them the opportunity to experience using athletic equipment like real sports stars. Thank you to Miss Davis for accompanying them.

Yesterday, all of the children experienced an important assembly on road safety. Do ask your child what they learnt.

This week, we have had 2 first year Reading University student teachers starting their school experience with us. They are both based in Beaver Class.

Next week, we are holding a series of prospective Reception parents' events. If you know anyone who has a child who was born between 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021, then do let them know. The sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday 26th November at 1:30pm - presentation and tour of school
- Wednesday 27th November at 9.30am - presentation and tour of school

- Thursday 28th November at 5pm - presentation
- Saturday 30th November - drop-in between 10am and 12pm - bring your child to see the setting and interact with the range of activities that will be set out.

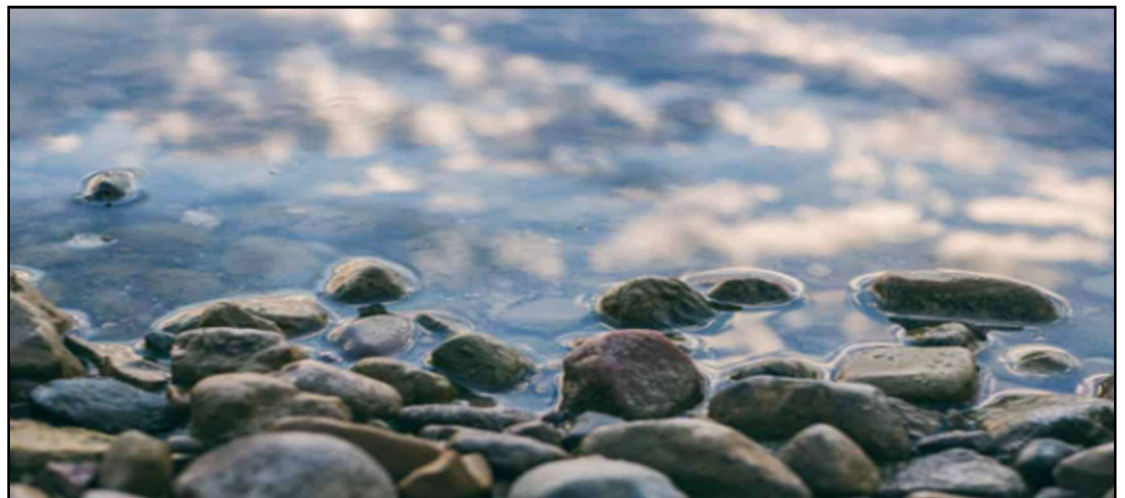
Do have a lovely weekend.

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Headteacher

Value for the term –

Peacefulness



“You find peace not by rearranging the circumstances of your life, but by realizing who you are at the deepest level.”

ECKHART TOLLE

Superstar!



Ayda in Year 1 has moved up to stage 2 in swimming this week. Here is Ayda and her instructor Annabel.

Well done Ayda!



A huge well done to Ezra in Year 1 who played a football tournament on Monday and has been scouted to Chelsea football pre-academy.

Well done Ezra!

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!



Evie in year 2 played in her first football match with her all girls team at Woodley Wanderers this week. She scored a goal and won player of the match.

Well done Evie!

Office Notices

Growth Mindset Awards

Fox – Srishti
Beaver – Remy
Red Kite – Vincent
Red Squirrel – Kiana
Dormouse – Advik
Badger – Whole Class
Otter – Chace
Grey Wolf - Reya

Sports Star Awards

Fox – Hadi
Beaver – Jude B
Red Kite – Matthew
Red Squirrel – Chathurya & Eliza
Dormouse – Zac D
Badger – Henry
Otter – Bobby & Somto
Grey Wolf – Savannah



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

LKS2 Winners – Red Squirrel 656 points

UKS2 Winners – Otter 441 points



Scientist of the week!

LKS2 – Alana

UKS2 – Alicia



Performers of the week!

This week's superstar was Louisa in Year 4. She played two songs for us on her own keyboard. We were so impressed with how she has taught herself to play the keyboard by following the keys presented on a little screen.

A big well done, Louisa.

You played with such confidence!

IMPORTANT

dates to remember

- Tuesday 26th November – 1:30pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Afternoon
- Wednesday 27th November – 9:30am – Prospective Reception Parents' Morning
- Thursday 28th November – 5pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Evening
- Thursday 28th November – 7pm – PTA Christmas Wreath Making Workshop
- Friday 29th November – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- Saturday 30th November – 10am to 12pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Open Morning drop-in
- W/C 2nd December – Maths Week
- Tuesday 10th December – EYFS Nativity play to parents
- Tuesday 10th December – KS1 Panto to South Hill Park
- Thursday 12th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch
- Friday 13th December – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- Tuesday 17th December – 9:30am – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Wednesday 18th December – 2pm – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Thursday 19th December – pm – Class Christmas Parties
- Friday 20th December - attendance medals assembly
- Friday 20th December – last day of Autumn term – 2pm finish
- 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

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 – 87.0%

Fox – 92.3%

Beaver – 94.1%

Red Kite – 92.6%

Red Squirrel – 96.5%

Dormouse – 95.6%

Badger – 98.8%

Otter – 98.9% - **Winner**

Grey Wolf – 98.9% - **Winner**



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.

Consulting on school admission numbers

We are looking to reduce the number of school places offered to reception pupils in eight primary schools in the borough to help schools to better plan for future resources.

We want to make sure people have the chance to have their voice heard, so please see our [consultation document](#) for full details.

The changes would be in place for the school year 2026/27 at the following schools:

- Radstock Primary School
- Robert Piggott CofE Infant School
- The Colleton Primary School
- Gorse Ride Infant School
- Gorse Ride Junior School
- Bearwood Primary School
- Winnersh Primary School
- Walter Infant School

There are currently significantly more primary school places in Wokingham borough than are needed.

This is due to a decline in the birth rate, which is steeper in the borough than the national average. Families moving into new housing as well as other demographics of local areas mean not all schools have experienced the same decline in applications.

These changes have a major impact on school operations, as funding received is per child, not per class.

By reducing school places offered, these proposals will allow schools to structure and plan more effectively and be more financially stable, all leading to better quality education.

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.



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**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



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>.



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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

by 5th February 2025





BEARWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open Morning

SATURDAY

30TH

NOVEMBER

10-12pm



Drop-in and play at Bearwood EYFS

- Biscuit Making
- Playdough Table
- Outdoor Play
- Craft Station



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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

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Thursday 28th Nov—5pm

Saturday 30th Nov—10am-12pm
Drop in session



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“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!

