



BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Families

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fair last Saturday. The PTA as usual did a wonderful job. I came along with my daughter and my 2-year-old grand-daughter - who absolutely loved it - including her visit to Santa's Grotto.

Thank you also to our PTA for the excellent wreath making workshop.

Our school choir have been going from strength to strength. They sang at the Winnersh Lights last Saturday. They also performed at Lord Harris Court. Their singing is a delight. Thank you to Mrs Haden and Mrs Shaw for supporting them.

Our UKS2 classes visited the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium. They were able to retrieve their learnt knowledge on our solar system. They were a credit to the school.

Our EYFS performed their Nativity play. They were fantastic. The whole school got to enjoy Christmas lunch yesterday, whilst wearing our Christmas jumpers. Photographs can also be found on our new school Facebook page.

Today, our Rocksteady bands got to put on a rock concert in the hall for their parents. They were brilliant. You will receive further information about RockSteady, and how you can sign your child up to participate.

Do have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone for our last week of school, which will be next week.

Best wishes

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Value for the term –

Compassion

**A KIND GESTURE CAN
REACH A WOUND THAT
ONLY COMPASSION
CAN HEAL.
-STEVE MARABOLI**



Farewell and Welcome

Mrs Jackson will be leaving us at the end of this term. She has been an employee at Bearwood since 2016. This year is her fourth year as a teacher at Bearwood. We thank her for her time and effort here, and wish her the best of luck for her future.

From January, we welcome a new teacher to Bearwood. The teacher for Hedgehog Class will be Ms Muller, an experienced Year Six teacher who will further enhance the many strengths at Bearwood.



Early finish – Friday 15th December 2023

All children will finish at 2pm



Nursery Closure

Nursery will be closed on Friday 15th
December*

**Whilst we prepare for our Spring intake*

Office Notices

Growth Mindset Awards

Rabbit – Jude FB
Otter – Thomas
Beaver – Whole Class
Red Kite – Meline
Fox - Ollie
Dormouse – Oliver
Red Squirrel – Whole Class
Hedgehog – Waleed
Pine Marten –Chinelo

Sports Star Awards

Rabbit –
Otter – No KS1 Awards due to
play rehearsals.
Beaver –.
Red Kite – Louisa
Fox - Zac
Dormouse – Tanishi
Red Squirrel – Claire
Hedgehog – Whole Class
Pine Marten – Mustafa



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

LKS2 Winners – Fox Class 737 Points

UKS2 Winners – Hedgehog 429 Points



Mrs Haden's Performer of the Week!

Performer of the week - Brooke with Heartbreak Anthem

Brooke was very nervous but demonstrated great growth mindset and sang the whole song to the school. Well done, Brooke!

IMPORTANT

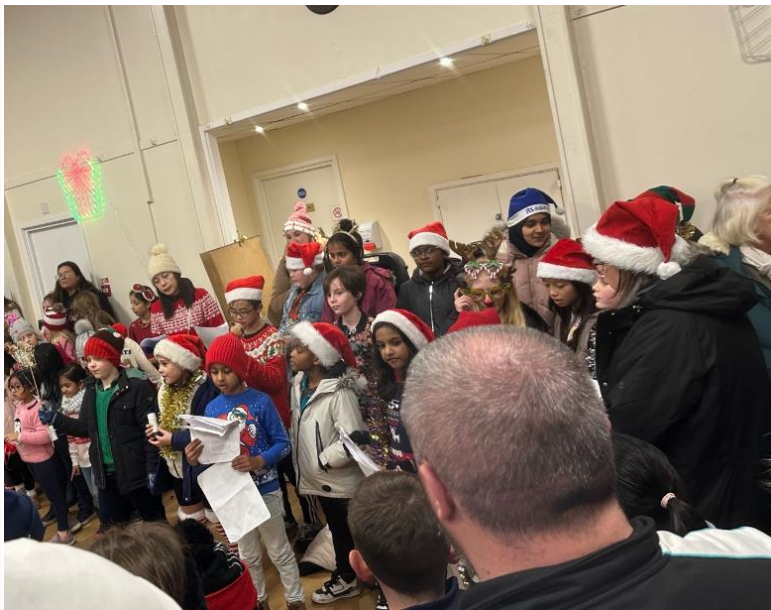
dates to remember

- Tues 12th December – 2pm – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Thurs 14th December – 9.30am – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Thurs 14th December – pm – Class Christmas Parties
- Fri 15th December – Attendance Medals Assembly
- Fri 15th December – Last day of Autumn Term – 2pm finish
- Tues 2nd January – INSET
- Wed 3rd January – Children Return
- Fri 5th January – Ashmolean Museum LKS2 trip
- Wed 17th January – 9am Year 1 Parents' Phonics Workshop
- Thurs 18th January – 9am – Pine Marten Class Assembly
- Thurs 25th January – 9am – Hedgehog Class Assembly
- Fri 26th January – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- Thurs 1st February – 9am – Red Squirrel Class Assembly
- Thurs 1st February – Year 1+2 Windsor Castle
- Tues 6th February – Safer Internet Day – Parents' Workshop – 9am+5pm
- Thurs 8th February – 9am – Dormouse Class Assembly
- Mon 12th February to Fri 16th February – Spring Half Term
- Mon 19th February – Children Return
- Fri 23rd February – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Thurs 29th February – 9am – Fox Class Assembly
- Mon 4th March – 3:30-6pm – Parents' Evening
- Wed 6th March – 4 to 6:30pm – Parents' Evening
- Thurs 7th March – World Book Day
- W/C 11th March – Science Week
- Wed 20th March – 5pm – Year 6 Parents' Meeting on SATs and residential
- Thurs 21st March – Jewish Passover Assembly
- Fri 22nd March – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Tues 26th March – 9:30am – LKS2 production to parents
- Wed 27th March – 2pm – LKS2 production to parents

CHOIR NEWS



Choir at Duke of Edinburgh Care Home - Bearwood Choir demonstrated an act of kindness, respect and care at the local residential care home. They sang Christmas songs to the residents and wished them all a Merry Christmas with a box of chocolates. We were very proud of the children! More photos to follow.



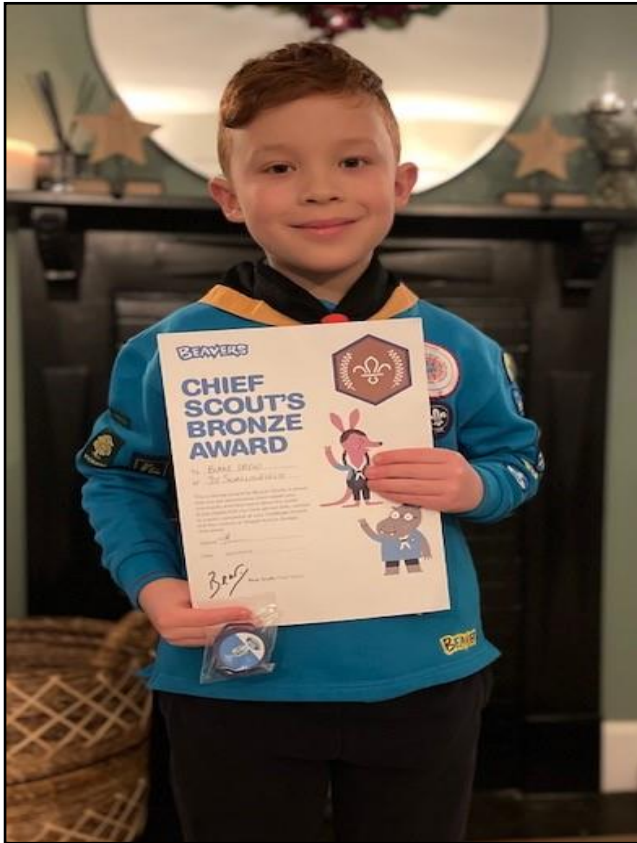
Choir at Winnersh Lights - The choir sang a medley of Christmas songs at the Winnersh community event. There was a huge crowd of people which did not phase Bearwood Choir! They sang beautifully. Well done!



Oliver's solo audition with James Baker from Berkshire Music Trust.

We are very proud to announce that Oliver from Year 4 has been chosen to sing the only solo part at the Christmas event taking place at Loddon Valley Leisure this weekend. Good luck, Oliver!

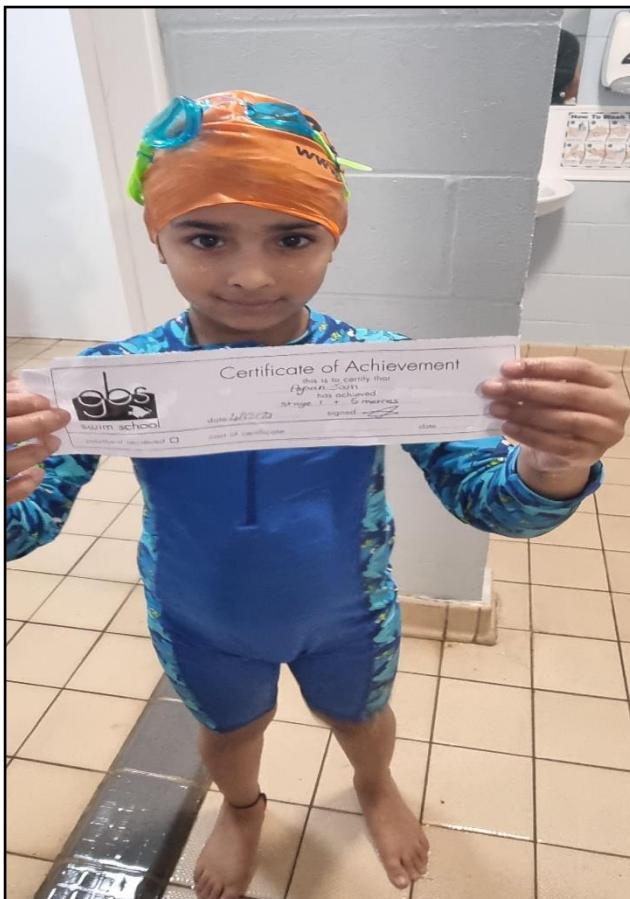
Superstar!



Blake wanted to share that he received the Chief Scouts Bronze award (top award) for completing all his challenge awards plus four activity/staged activity badges.

He has now completed his Scout's journey and will be progressing on to Cubs in January.

Well done Blake!



Ayansh in year 2 has got a Certificate of Achievement for clearing Stage 1 + 5 Meters from his swimming teacher. He has been promoted to Stage 2 now.

Well done Ayansh!

Would you like your child to star in our next newsletter? Please email a photo and a brief description into the school office.

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 Gallery



Weekly Attendance

RJ Koda –91.8%

RM Orsa –90.2%

Rabbit –96.6%

Otter –98.5% Winners 🏆

Beaver –95.7%

Red Kite –96.6%

Dormouse –97.3%

Fox –98.5%

Red Squirrel –96%

Hedgehog –96.3%

Pine Marten –97.7%



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.

Free festive film screening and Christmas cost of living help

Free festive film screenings are taking place at Wokingham Leisure Centre at Carnival Hub in the run up to Christmas.

The event is being hosted by Places Leisure on Friday 22 December and features a trio of Christmas films on show:

- Miracle on 34th Street (1947) - 10am to 12noon
- Elf - 2pm to 4pm
- Deck the Halls - 6pm to 8pm

The event is free and open to everyone, whether you are attending with friends and family, alone or just wanting to escape the cold for a few hours.

Free refreshments will also be available, including mince pies, shortbread, tea, coffee and hot chocolate.

[Reserve your space online](#) or you can call [0118\) 9770007](tel:01189770007) to speak to a member of the team,

Please note when booking online, scroll to the timetable section of the page. Select 'kids' from the menu options and Friday 22 December as the date. Booking options for the three films will then appear.

Festive cost of living help

Our [help at Christmas webpage](#) has details of the support options available locally for the festive period – including crisis support, help with gifts, Santa's grottos and more.

There are other cost of living help options, depending including:

- [Support options guide for people with children](#)
- There is [free bus travel](#) on Saturdays in the borough in the run up to Christmas
- [Apply to the Household Support Fund](#) to get money (up to £240) to help with your food, energy bills or other essentials
- [Support with free and low/no cost food](#) is available
- Use the [winter warmers scheme](#) to access free items which could help lower your bills like slow cookers, air fryers and more
- Help with budgeting - use the [Citizens Advice Wokingham budgeting tool](#)
- See if you're eligible for financial support? Use the [Citizens Advice Wokingham financial support calculator](#)
- Check [the cost of living help hub](#) for latest support options

Donations wanted!

EYFS are in need of more resources! Do you have any of these that you don't need any more? We'd love them in our Nursery and Reception classes!

-Your **recycling!** Boxes, cardboard, tubes, plastic tubs...we make lots of creations out of them!

-**Paper, envelopes, stationary** of all shapes, sizes, colours and condition, we love to draw!

-**Craft resources** such as paper plates, pipe cleaners, pom poms, sequins...anything crafty!

-**Toys** for 5 year olds (please no board games or puzzles!) such as magnetic tiles, k-nex.

- Do you have any **wooden pallets? Logs? Cable drums? Tyres?** We'd love them too!

Anything we don't use will be added to our sale table! Thank you so much for your donations!

EYFS garden sale!

When? Every Thursday

**Where? in the KS1 playground,
next to EYFS gate.**

**Why? to help us raise money to
buy more amazing resources**

We have too many of some things,
things that are a little young for us,
or some resources that are best in a
home environment as they are not
easy to share!

We would love for you to stop by and
make a purchase to help us reach
our goal!

Multi-Sports Holiday Camps



Christmas Holidays

Bearwood Primary School

Wokingham, RG41 5BB



**NEW
VENUE**



NEARLY 200 5 STAR GOOGLE
REVIEWS

4 TO 12 YEARS*

CHILDREN IN FOUNDATION TO YEAR 7

**RANGE OF SPORTS
AVAILABLE EACH DAY**

**WEDNESDAY
TO THURSDAY**

20TH - 21ST DEC

9AM - 3PM

DROP OFF FROM 8:30

£25 PER
DAY

£44
FULL WEEK

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