

BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 3rd July 2026



A message from Ms Alder



Dear Families



It is just amazing that we have just 2 weeks left of this school year. As usual, lots of exciting events are planned right up until the last day.

This week, we held a Parents' Forum meeting, where our Art subject lead, Clare Stacey, talked about how we teach art at Bearwood. It was highly informative, and we thank the parents who attended. Examples of children's sketchbooks were there. You will be able to see your child's art sketchbook if you come along to the Parents' Evening drop-in on Tuesday 7th July.

We had our new Nursery children's meetings on Wednesday. I am sure they are very excited about starting Nursery in September.

Some of our Year Three and Four children attended a tennis skills event at Beechwood Primary School after school on Wednesday. I wonder if we have a future Wimbledon winner!

Red Squirrel and Hedgehog Classes went to the Hexagon Theatre to see an orchestra playing as part of the National Year of Reading. They were presented with a big boxful of brand-new books for our library too - donated by a charity.

The Rocksteady bands put on their concert for Beaver and Fox classes and their parents. They were of course all amazing.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the school summer fete later!

Best wishes

Funmi Alder
Headteacher.



Value for the term - Thankfulness

“Choosing thankfulness is not about denying that hard things are happening or showing fake happiness or toxic positivity. It’s about being honest and real about the painful things, and yet choosing not to make that our sole focus.”

Anna Kettle

Farewell

With much sadness, we must say farewell to Jen Proud, one of our admin assistants, who is leaving us for a promotional administrative position at a Local Authority. Jen has been a tremendous force in our front office for 7 years. She has played a pivotal role in many of the positive changes in the school's administration during that time. We are especially grateful for her work on the weekly newsletter; the school's Facebook page; the school's website; and the organisation of special events. She has been a friendly and professional face for our many visitors to the school. She will be very sorely missed. We thank Jen for all she has done for us and wish her the best of luck in her new post.

Events



- **6th July** - end of year reports home.
- **6th July** - New Classes afternoon
- **7th July** - Parents' Evening drop in
- **8th July** - Year 6 Production to Parents at 2pm
- **9th July** - Year 6 Production to Parents at 6.30pm
- **10th July** - Sports Day
9.15am-10:45am
- **13th July** - Year 4 Music Concert
1.30pm
- **15th July** - Bearwood Fest (end of year celebrations)
- **16th July** - Year 6 Leaver's BBQ
- **17th July** - Attendance Medals
- **17th July** - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 1pm
- **17th July** - Last day of summer - 2pm finish

WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award ★

Fox Class - **Kiara** 'for showing great determination during Maths and English.'

Beaver Class - **Olivia** 'for great focus and effort in all your work!'

Red Squirrel Class - **Remy** 'for his enthusiasm in lessons especially in Latin this week.'

Hedgehog Class - **Akira** 'Great attitude in English. Very motivated to produce a lovely story.'

Badger Class - **Emma** 'Great focus and learning all year.'

Otter Class - **Chi** 'for excellent attitude and focus on all of your learning.'

Grey Wolf Class - **Shreya** 'for having an excellent attitude to everything.'

PE Award ★

Fox Class - **Arthur** 'for his great jumping technique.'

Beaver Class - **Wayne** 'great effort during our relay races.'

Red Squirrel Class - **Albie** 'for good power in his batting in rounders.'

Hedgehog Class - NO PE AWARDS DUE TO TRIP

Badger Class - **Shraddha** 'great participation in rounders.'

Otter Class - **Mollie** 'excellent leadership in rounders.'

Grey Wolf Class - **Rowan** 'for excellent participation in rounders.'

Writer of the week ★

KS1 - Amelia 'for a fantastic setting description based on 'The Catch.'

LKS2 - Jude B 'for fantastic contributions to our class when writing alternative chapters this week.'

UKS2 - Zac D 'for excellent progress in your writing.'

Attendance Award ★

Fox Class - 100% (**Winner**)

Beaver Class - 97.8%

Red Squirrel Class - 96.8%

Hedgehog Class - 94.4%

Badger Class - 97.1%

Otter Class - 97%

Grey Wolf Class - 98.4%

Brown Bear Class - 93.4%

INCLUSION/SEN



A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead)



What is an ISP?

Children who have been identified as having special educational needs (SEN) have an individual support plan, known as an ISP. In some schools they are known as an IEP (individual education plan).

An ISP outlines the child's personal targets, the additional support that they will receive in school and any referrals that have been made to services like Speech & Language, Educational Psychology or Learning Support.

ISPs are reviewed and new targets are set in the autumn, spring and summer terms. This is part of the Assess-Plan-Do-Review cycle from the SEND Code of Practice.



In the autumn and spring terms we invite parents / carers to discuss their child's ISP at parents' evening.

In the summer term, ISPs are sent home with reports in July. We ask parents / carers to sign the parent slip enclosed with the ISP and return it to school to let us know that you have read the ISP and are happy with the targets.

Name of child _____	Year: _____	Class: _____	
<small>Summer 2026: I have received my child's SEND individual support plan (ISP). I understand how much progress has been made towards their individual targets and I agree with the new targets. If I have any questions or concerns I know that I can request a meeting with the class teacher or I can contact the Senco.</small>			
Comments: 			
Signed _____	Relationship to child _____	Date _____	

If you would like to discuss your child's ISP please make an appointment with the class teacher.

If you have any further questions or concerns about your child's ISP, you are very welcome to contact me: senco@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK!



Shanaya in Year 1 has received the Certificate and Award in advance for participating in 'Summer Funk' conducted by Shiamak Davar Dance Academy, London (award distribution always take place in the class before the dance show).

'Summer Funk' is a live dance performance at Watford Theatre London with an audience of around 600 people and Shanaya is going to perform there on Sunday, 5th July 2026. Shanaya has been part of this dance academy for a year and has already performed live shows e.g. Winter Funk and few others with the academy.



If you would like your child to star in our newsletter. Please email the office a photo and a brief description of their achievements.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



EYFS Team



This week in EYFS our focus story has been Oliver's Milkshake by Vivien French. The children have been finding out about how to keep healthy and look after their teeth, especially enjoying brushing the model sets of teeth in the classroom. For the next two weeks we will be doing lots of fun activities to support the children with the transition to their next classes.



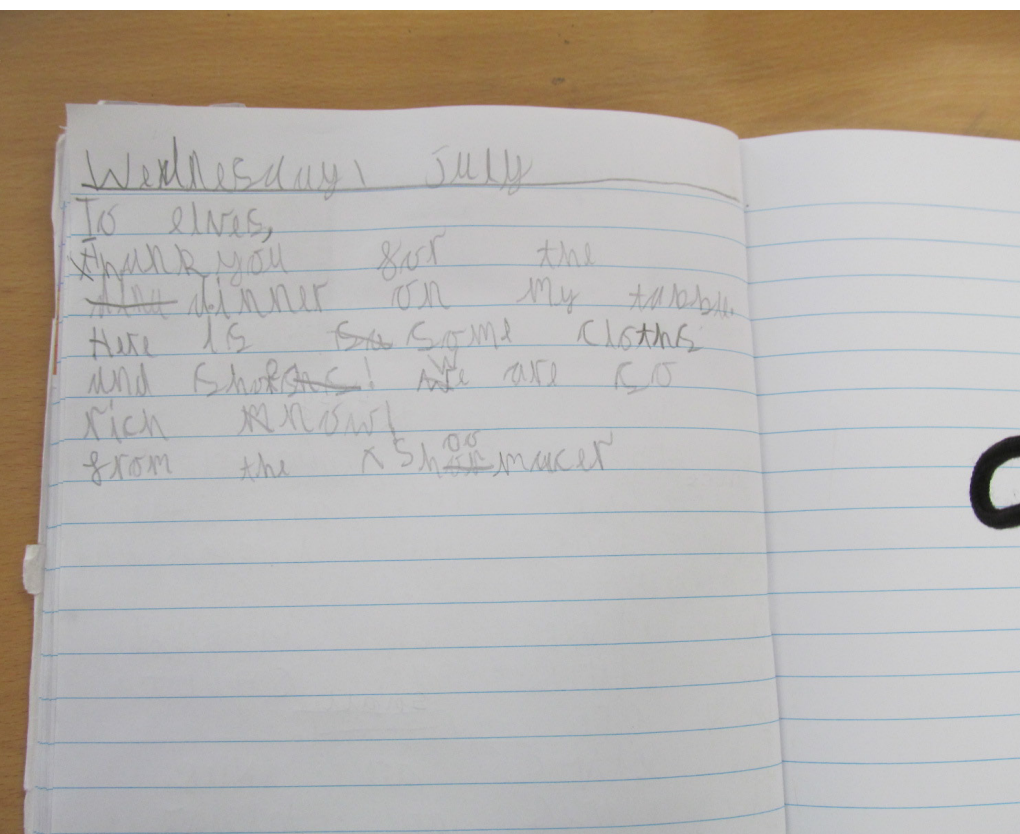
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Year 1- Fox Class



This week in English we have been reading the Elves and the Shoemaker. We wrote thank you letters to the Elves from the Shoemaker.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 3 & 4



This week, year 3 and 4 went on our school trip to the Hexagon. We got to experience a musical concert, exploring the magical power of storytelling through music. We got to listen to a range of pieces of music, from Harry Potter to Wicked and more.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



UKS2



Here are some of our Year 5 and 6 children having a little down time with Warner! Warner is very happy with all of the attention, look at that smile!

Class Reminders

- **Wednesday 8th July = Year 6 Production to Parents - 2pm**
- **Thursday 9th July - Year 6 Production to Parents - 6.30pm**
- **Friday 10th July - Sports Day - 9.30am -12pm**
- **Thursday 16th July - Leaver's BBQ - Time TBC**

ECO WARRIOR UPDATE...



The children worked hard in the garden yesterday, Jane our wonderful volunteer treated the children to some strawberries for all their hard work.

