

# BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 10th July 2026

## A message from Ms Alder



Dear Families

Thank you to everyone who attended the school summer fair last Friday. It was a tremendous success - such a positive, village-type atmosphere. A huge thank you to Miss Amor and Mrs Proud for organising it. Thank you also to all the staff and parents who helped out - ensuring it really was phenomenal.

On Monday, the children got to meet their new class teachers and see their new classrooms. Children who will be new to our Reception class also got to visit.

On Tuesday, we had a special 'Summer Reading Challenge' assembly, delivered by Children and Young People's Librarian Sarah Jenkins. Information has been sent to all parents. Please do encourage your child to take part. It will be great preparation for their new school year.

You will all have received your child's end of year reports.

The Year Six production, 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' was excellent. The children really excelled. It was just brilliant seeing how they have all flourished in confidence. A huge well done to all of the Year Six children. Thank you to Mr Marshall, Miss Maaka and all the other staff who supported the children in rehearsals. Thank you to families who helped with consumes and props.

The temperature is set to continue to be very hot next week. Please do continue to send your child into school with their water bottle and sun hat.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

**Funmi Alder, Headteacher.**

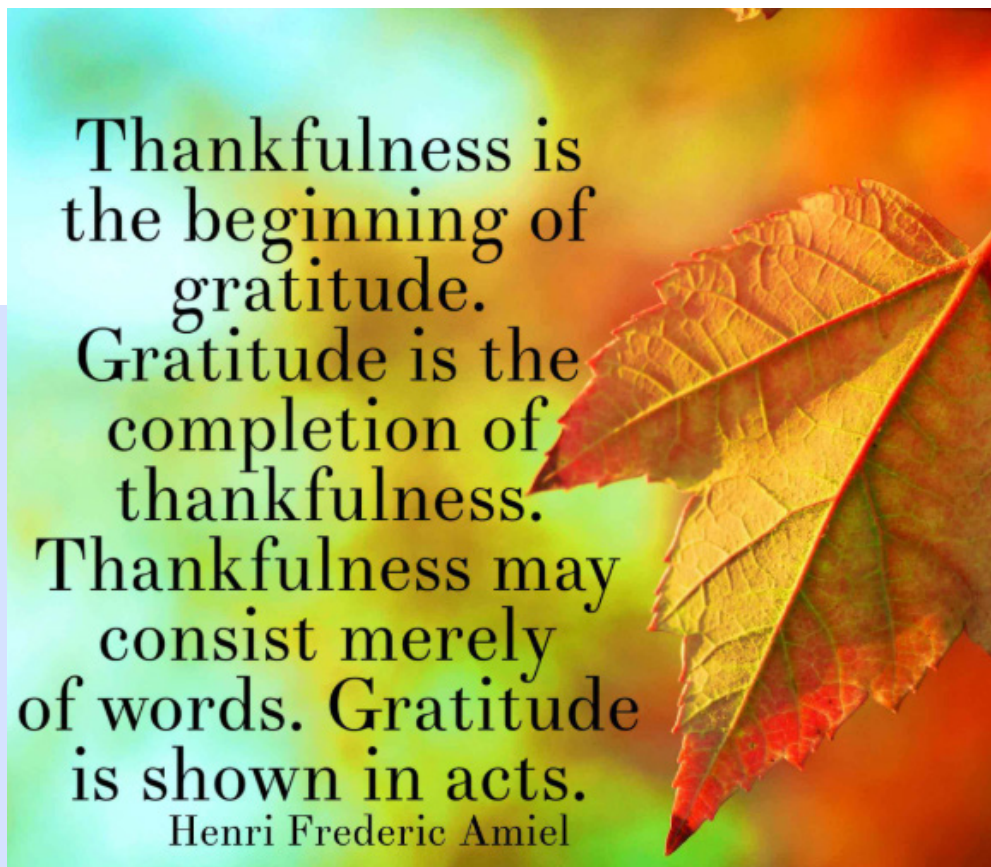
## Events

- **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 - 1.30pm
- **17th July** - Last day of summer - 2pm finish

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## Value for the term - Thankfulness



### Farewells

We will be saying farewell to the following staff who will be leaving us at the end of this school year: **Miss Cowdell, Miss Maaka, Mrs Deen, Mrs Grainger and Miss Rai.** We would like to thank all of them for their commitment and contribution during their time with Bearwood, and wish them the very best for the future.





## SUMMER FAIR 2026



We just want to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to our wonderful Summer Fair last Friday!



It was a fantastic day, and we're so grateful to everyone who joined us, supported us, and helped make it such a special event. Your enthusiasm, smiles, and community spirit made all the difference.

Thank you for being part of it, we loved seeing you all there! **We raised over £900!** Which is fantastic on such a hot day!

## DANCE FOR DIABETES

 Bearwood raised **£1529.00** towards 'Dance for Diabetes.' 

 Which contributed nationally to the **£77,919.00** raised. 

 Which in turn raised **£611** for the school! 

 **Well done Bearwood!!!** 

# WEEKLY AWARDS



## Growth Mindset Award ★

EYFS - **Jim** 'for always writing fun imaginative sentences.'

Fox Class - **Lucas N** 'for super focus in Science - Great facts about dogs Lucas!'

Beaver Class - **Samridh** 'for always listening and following instructions.'

Red Squirrel Class - **Ollie & Labiba** 'for great partner work.'

Hedgehog Class - **Olivia** 'working so hard in her creative writing.'

UKS2- **Year 6** 'for amazing resilience performing the play under extreme heat.'

## PE Award ★

Fox Class - **Whole Class** 'for a super sports day practice.'

Beaver Class - **Whole Class** 'for a super sports day practice.'

Red Squirrel Class - **Natasha** 'for fantastic running in our sports day practice.'

Hedgehog Class - **Isla** 'great participation in our mini sports day.'

UKS2 - **All of UKS2** 'amazing participation in our mini sports morning yesterday.'

## Writer of the week ★

**EYFS - Siarla** 'for always taking care when writing some super sentences.' & **Vihika** 'for excellent letter formation and some lovely sentences in Drawing Club.'

**KS1 - Kiara** 'for using super wonderful golden sentence when writing animal facts.'

**LKS2 - Liam** 'Great enthusiasm in his creative writing. Produced a great story!'

**UKS2 - Year 6** 'for writing fantastic memories about their time at Bearwood.'

## Attendance ★

Fox Class - 97%

Beaver Class - 97.3%

Red Squirrel Class - 95.5%

Hedgehog Class - 94.2%

Badger Class - 94.2%

Otter Class - 97%

Grey Wolf Class - 94%

Brown Bear Class - 94.8%

# INCLUSION/SEN



**A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead)**



## Transition Updates

Invitations to an additional transition visit on our Inset day for children who may be feeling anxious about moving to a new class will be sent out this week. This will be a short visit to see the new teacher & classroom when it is quieter and children do not need to wear school uniform. Please respond to your invitation by emailing the school office or me directly: [senco@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:senco@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk)

## Y6 to Y7 Transitions

There is a free course, using the access code below, to help families support children with additional needs as they leave Bearwood and move on to their secondary school.

**Free course on moving to secondary school**



Togetherness is an online learning platform for families who live in Wokingham Borough. It offers free NHS informed courses.

There is a course to help families support children with additional needs as they move up to secondary school.

The course covers:

- How to support your child's emotional wellbeing
- Practical tips to help you communicate
- Ways to better understand your child's needs during this change

Use the access code: **bwfamilies**

There is also a general 'moving up' video for ALL children moving up to Reception class or secondary school: <https://togetherness.co.uk/moving-up/>



Moving up to primary school



Moving up to secondary school



Moving up to secondary school for children with additional needs

# WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



## EYFS Team



The children in EYFS were very excited to meet their new teachers on transition afternoon and to support this we have been sharing lots of stories about transition, such as The Colour Monster goes to school by Anna Llenas and Harry and his bucketful of Dinosaurs start school by Ian Whybrow.

The children loved the Ice Cream shop this week and queued up patiently to place their order, agreeing afterwards that it was the "best snack time ever!"

We have lots of fun activities planned for our last week, please look at your See Saw App for more information.



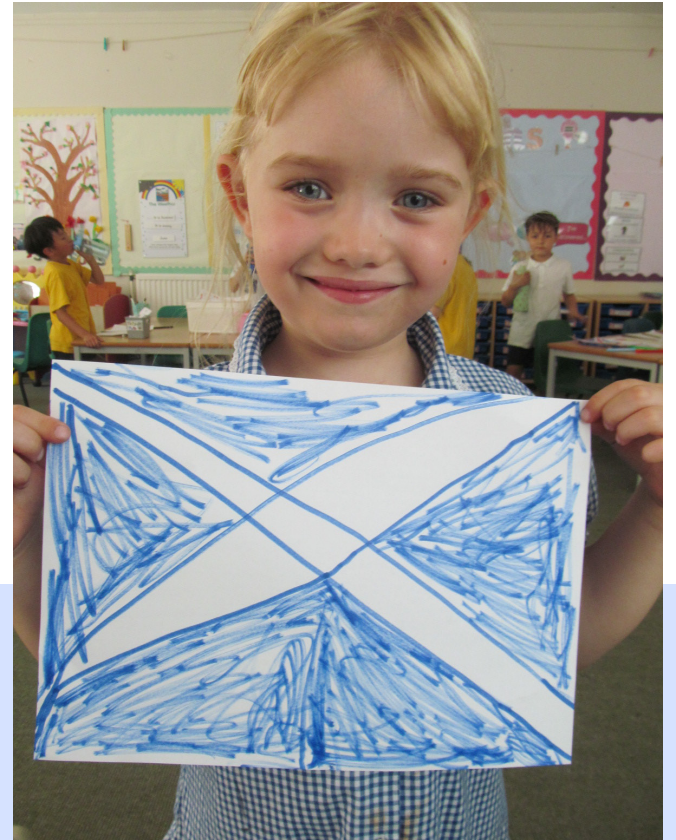
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## Year 1- Fox Class



Our Geography topic inspired some of the children to make their own flags. Which flags do you recognise?



# WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



## Year 3 Red Squirrel Class



Last Friday Red Squirrel had a DT day where we got to make rice crackers. We designed our rice crackers, made them and got to taste test them as an evaluation. We also got to learn about how to stay safe in the kitchen and about food hygiene.



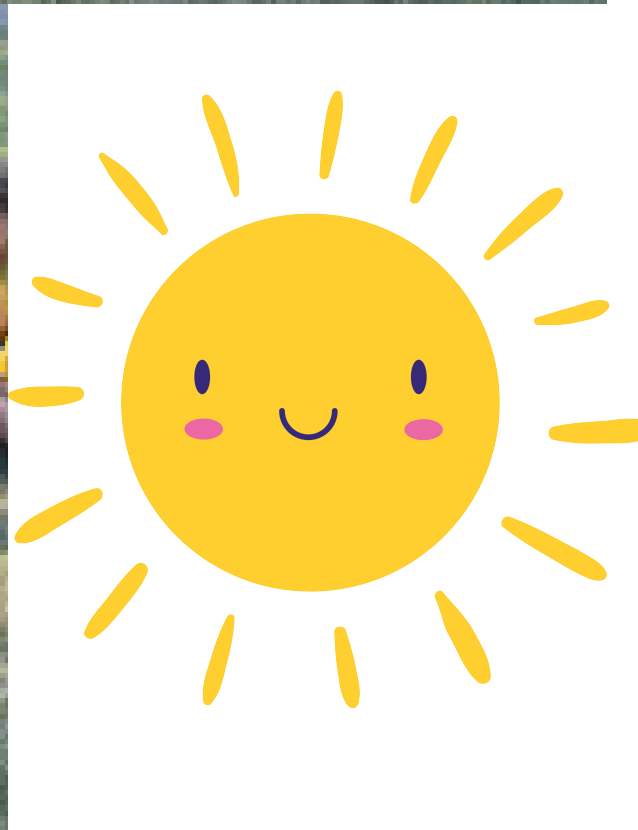
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## Year 4 Hedgehog Class



This week, we held our very own mini Sports Day while the morning was still nice and cool. The children had a fantastic time showing off their speedy feet, balancing skills, and team spirit in the relay races, running races, and beanbag race.

There were plenty of smiles, cheers, and excitement throughout the games! Larch put on an amazing performance, winning two of the events, while Sycamore proudly claimed victory in one of the games. Most importantly, everyone joined in, tried their best, and had lots of fun. It was wonderful to see the children encouraging each other and celebrating their achievements together!



# WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



## UKS2



We are so proud of our Year 6 children this week who have worked incredibly hard in this heat to perform in their last ever production 'Pirates of a Curry Bean!' Well done Year 6!



## Class Reminders

- **Thursday 16th July - Leaver's BBQ - Time 4.30-6pm**
- **Friday 17th July - Leaver's Assembly - Time 1.30pm**
- **Friday 17th July - Early Finish - Time 2pm**

# READ TO THE BEAT...



This week we had a librarian deliver a special assembly to the school. She discussed the new Summer Reading Challenge 'Read to the Beat.'  
Please do encourage your child to take part.

**THE READING AGENCY** | **UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP UNITED KINGDOM**

## READ to the BEAT

### Summer Reading Challenge 2026

**Turn up the volume on reading this summer!**

This summer, The Reading Agency invites children to discover the joy of reading through themed Read to the Beat! — the music-themed Summer Reading Challenge 2026.

With a fantastic collection of books inspired by music from around the world, children can explore stories, poetry, graphic novels, and nonfiction for all reading levels. Best of all, books are FREE to borrow from the library.

As part of the National Year of Reading, libraries are encouraging families to make reading part of their summer adventures. Children can sign up at the library and enjoy rewards along the way.

Sign up at your local Wokingham Borough library from Monday 29 June 2026.

Wokingham Borough libraries will run a programme of events alongside the reading challenge. Further details will be available shortly on the library event's page.

[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)



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