

BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 22nd May 2026



A message from Ms Alder



Dear Families

Amazingly, the end of the first half of the summer term has arrived! The weeks really have just flown by.

This week, we had 2 ex-pupils return for their work experience week - Ifeanyi and Marcella. Both demonstrated maturity and professionalism beyond their years. It is such a joy when our children return after leaving for secondary school, and we can see how they are flourishing.

It has also been Walk to School Week. Heather Eley from My Wokingham came and delivered a special assembly with her colleague Dee. I am pleased to share that we have attained the Approved Travel Plan Accreditation from Modeshift STARS.

The Open the Book team and Reverend Patrick from St Catherine's Church presented a special assembly on Monday. We had the excitement of class photographs on Wednesday. The children were really excited with the PTA Break the Rules Day on Thursday.

Jane, our brilliant volunteer, along with our eco warriors, have created 3 miniature ponds, and even released a little froglet into one. We can't wait to see how the ponds develop over time. Thank you to eco warrior Akira for making up signs for the garden area.

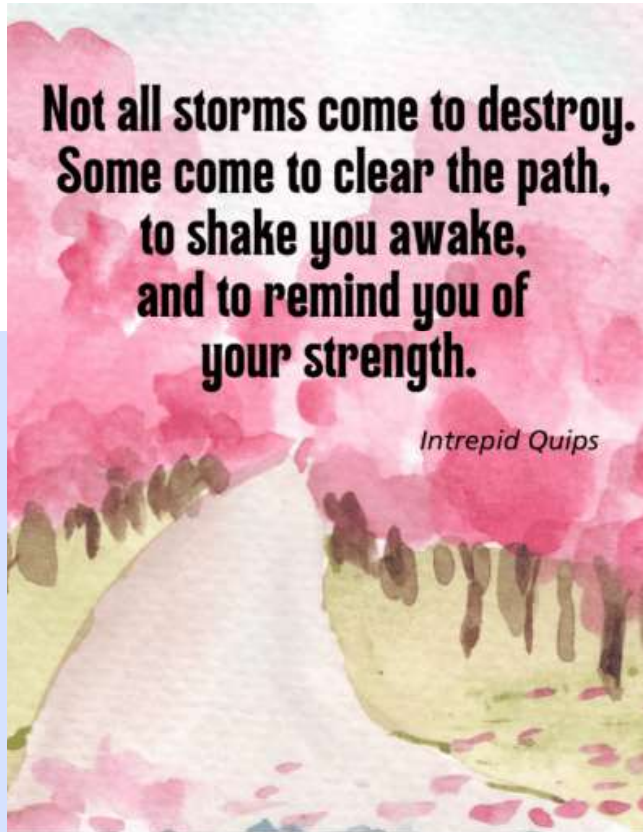
We also cannot wait for you all to see the Country Dancing Show, which will end with a whole school Dance for Diabetes!

I wish all of our families a fantastic half-term break - we are set to have very warm weather. We look forward to seeing all our families back on Monday 1st June.

Best wishes
Funmi Alder
Headteacher.



Value for the term - Resilience



Break the Rules Day!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the PTA
'Break the Rules Day!' We made:

£354.30

Events ★

- **25th May** - Summer Half - Term
- **1st June** - Children Return
- **w/c 8th June** - Yr 1 Phonics Screening check
- **w/c 8th June** - Yr 4 Multiplications check
- **16th June** - EYFS Bucklebury Farm Trip
- **18th June** - GRT History Month Assembly
- **w/c 22nd June** - Year 6 residential
- **23rd June** - Parents' Forum Meeting 9am
- **25th June** - Fox Class Assembly
- **26th June** - Prospective Parents' Tour - 9.30am
- **3rd July** - Summer Fair - Time TBC
- **6th July** - end of year reports home.
- **6th July** - New Classes afternoon
- **7th July** - Parents' Evening drop

WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award ★

Fox Class - Tivisha 'for her enthusiastic attitude towards all other learning this week.'

Beaver Class - Enzo 'for always working hard and trying his best to focus.'

Hedgehog Class - Michelle 'great focus when learning to play the Dood.'

Red Squirrel Class - Florence 'always being kind and considerate to others.'

Otter Class - Cayden 'amazing contributions to class discussions and focus and effort in all learning.'

Grey Wolf Class - Niki 'enthusiasm and curiosity for learning in every subject.'

PE Award ★

Fox Class - Oscar 'for his enthusiastic dancing for the dance for diabetes.'

Beaver Class - Whole Class 'for a super country dance!'

Red Squirrel Class - Jasmin 'Great enthusiasm in our country dancing.'

Hedgehog Class - Vincent 'Great effort in swimming - moved up a group.'

Badger Class - Whole class 'for their amazing effort in country dancing and dance for diabetes.'

Otter Class - Babri 'fantastic effort and participation in athletics - especially the relay and hurdles.'

Grey Wolf Class - Whole class 'for their amazing effort in country dancing.'

Writer of the week ★

KS1 - Louisa 'for making sure she used an 'ed' ending when writing 'Huffed' and 'Puffed'.

LKS2 - Jaibir 'using lovely creative language when writing about 'The Lighthouse'.

Attendance Award ★

Fox Class - 94.7%

Beaver Class - 94.2%

Red Squirrel Class - 97.1%

Hedgehog Class - 95.1%

Badger Class - 99.1% **(Winner)**

Otter Class - 96.6%

Grey Wolf Class - 96.7%

Brown Bear Class - 90.4%

INCLUSION/SEN



A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead)



PINS Project (Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools): 'One Small Change'

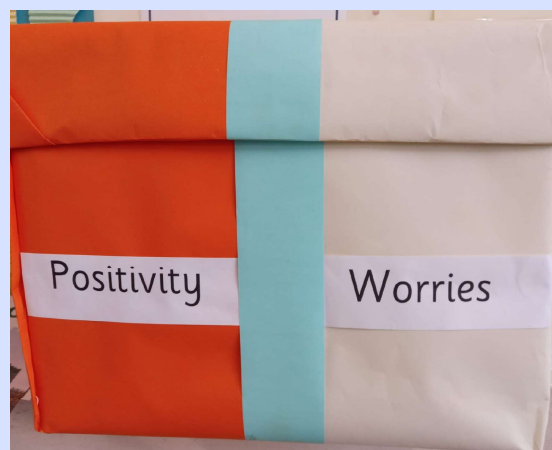
At our staff training session with our link Educational Psychologist, Dr Lucy Beynon, last month, teachers were challenged to think of 'one small change' they could make to their classroom environment to make it even more inclusive. I would like to share some of these changes with you so you can see that the PINS project is leading to real changes in everyday practice at Bearwood:

The Early Years team are working on using more visuals to support clear communication and inclusive access. Resources are labelled with pictures, as well as words, and clear symbols are used for instructions.



Key Stage One have introduced a 'positivity / worry box'. The positivity box encourages children to focus on kind words & actions and the worry box gives children another way to share a worry with their teachers. Children were very excited about the box and told me that it 'helps sort out your worries' and that the teachers read out the positives in assembly.

Finally, Key Stage Two are working on developing their calm corners and display areas to ensure that classrooms are not too overwhelming for our neurodiverse children.



WEEKLY SUPERSTAR



Akira in Year 4 received the "managers player of the year" award in football last week. **Well done Akira!**



Would you like to star in our next newsletter?



If you would like your child to star in our next week's Newsletter, please email a photo and a brief description of your child's achievements into the school office.

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



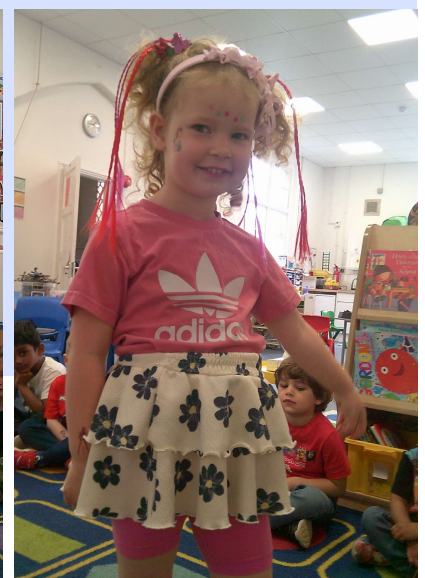
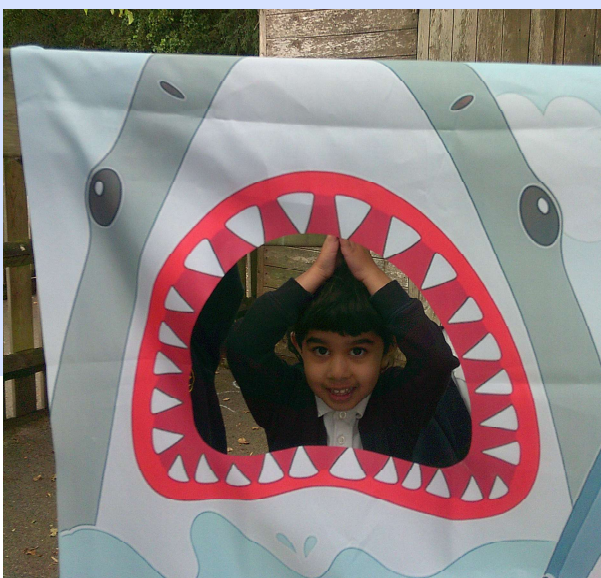
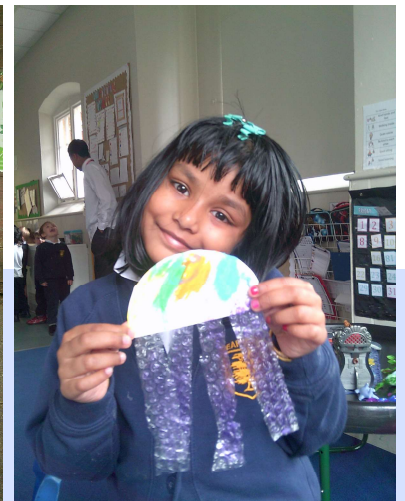
EYFS Team



This week we released all five butterflies, it was wonderful to watch them all fly away.

The children had a fantastic day "Breaking the Rules" dancing, eating unhealthy snacks and played funny rhyming games. The Reception children have enjoyed the story of Tiddler by Julia Donaldson. In Drawing club they have written great adventures about where they would take a Seahorse if they found one.

We wish all our families a "Happy Half Term Break" and we thank you all for your continued support.



Class Reminders

- **16th June 2026** - Bucklebury Farm Trip

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 1- Fox Class



We have been putting in a lot of practice for our phonics screening quiz, here we are adding sound buttons to real and alien words to help us to spot the diagraphs, trigraphs and split diagraphs.



Class reminders

• **Thursday 25th June** - Class Assembly - 9am

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 2 - Beaver Class



In Science this half term we have been learning about 'animals and their habitats'. This week we created the habitats we have been learning about; jungles, deserts, arctic and oceans.

In Art, we used our stamps to make our final Orla Kiely inspired art work.

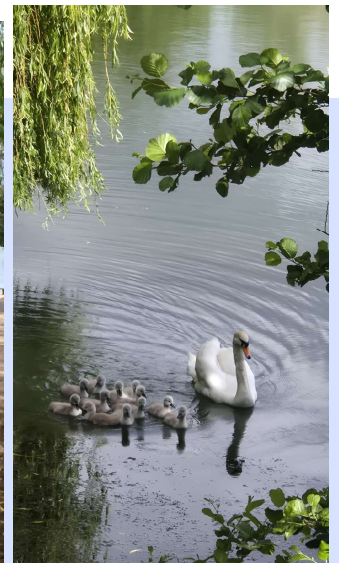


WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 3 - Red Squirrel & Year 4 Hedgehog Class ★ ★



This week year 3 and 4 went on our trip to Dinton Pastures. We got to see the River Loddon which flows through the park. While there we tested the flow of the river and did a sketch of it, labeling the different features that we saw.



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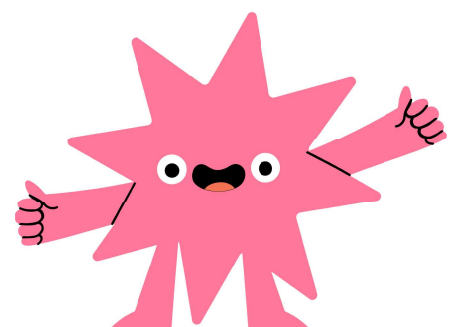
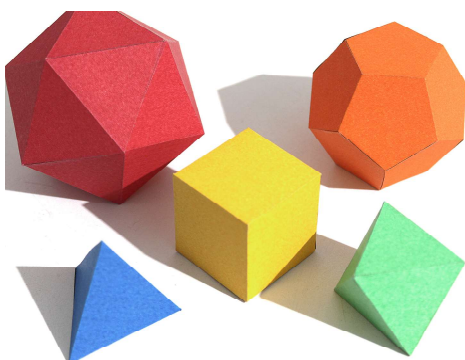
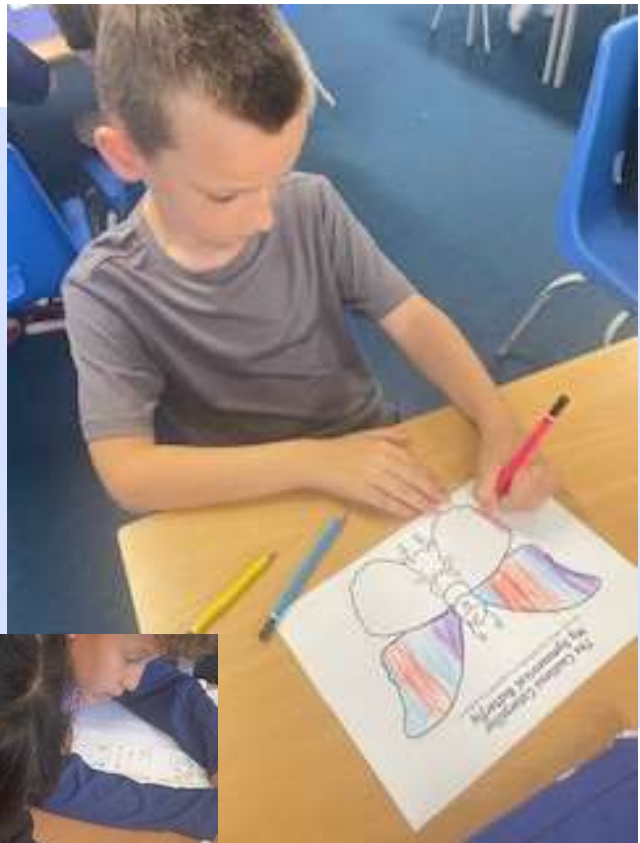
- **9th June** - Reddam House 'Raise Your Voice' Music Event for Year 3

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 4 Hedgehog Class



In Maths, we have been learning about symmetry. It wasn't so easy for some as the children had to pay close attention to detail!



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 5 - Otter Class



Year 6 - Grey Wolf

Grey Wolf and Otter combined for PE, practising a range of athletics skills. Well prepared for sports day next term! It has been a positive end to the term, especially for our Year 6s post-SATs.



COOKING CLUB...



This week in Cooking Club, we made a classic American potato salad! We learned how to combine tender potatoes with crunchy celery, onions, and a creamy dressing to create a delicious side dish.

ART CLUB...



This week in Art Club, we got creative by decorating masks and turning toilet roll holders into animals. It was a fun opportunity to explore creativity and bring our artistic ideas to life.

ECO CLUB...



Eco Warriors have continued to develop their mini-ponds with Jane. They also had a special visitor .

