

BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 24th April 2026



A message from Ms Alder



Dear Families

The weather is beginning to warm up, which is brilliant! The KS2 children have been playing on the field all week, enjoying the copious amount of space we are fortunate to have.

During the Easter holiday, Louisa in Fox Class and William in Bear Cub Class met famous children's author Julia Donaldson, and she presented them with one of her books, 'The Magic Feather' to Bearwood Primary School. I read the book, which was about the main character's resilience, to the school on Monday. The EYFS also got to see the book.

This week, we had the Cubbie fitted into our new Nurture Room, and some of our children with neurodiversity have started to use it. More information about the Cubbie will be shared by our Inclusion Lead Kay Clarke in this newsletter.

The Eco Warriors have been busy in the garden area with our volunteer Jane. They have also been making sure their crops are being watered.

Red Squirrel Class presented a fabulous assembly about all they have been learning this year. They were very confident in their delivery. Thank you to the parents who came to support their child.

Hedgehog Class will be going swimming again from this week until the end of term.

Do enjoy the lovely sunshine over the weekend!

Best wishes

Funmi Alder
Headteacher





Value for the term - Resilience

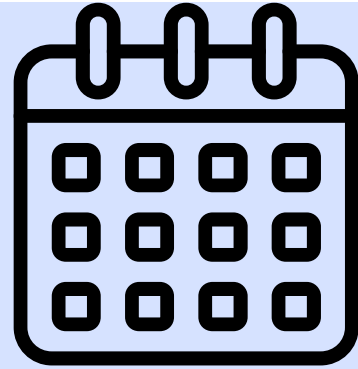
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Resilience is not about being unbreakable; it's about being able to put the pieces back together and continue on with renewed hope and courage.



A Sad Farewell

It is with great sadness that we will be saying farewell to Mrs Rowland, who has been a LSA at Bearwood for 11 years. Her last day will be next Friday 1st May. We are very grateful to Mrs Rowland for all her hard work and dedication to Bearwood, and give her our best wishes for her future.



Events ★

- **30th April:** Beaver Class
Assembly at 9am
- **4th May** - Bank Holiday
- **w/c 11th May** - SATS
- **19th May** - Class Photographs
- **22nd May** - 9.30am Parent Tour
- **22nd May** - 2pm Country
Dancing show to Parents
- **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** - Parents' Forum
Meeting 9am
- **18th June** - GRT History Month
Assembly

WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award ★

Fox Class - **Jonah** 'for always using perseverance in all aspects of his learning.'

Beaver Class - **Vogue** 'for trying her best in all her learning.'

Red Squirrel Class - **Jasmin** 'Improved focus and lovely attitude to learning.'

Hedgehog Class - **Ghamay** 'excellent focus and attention.'

Badger Class - **Mollie** 'for trying something new to support her learning.'

Otter Class - **Cayden** 'for your positive attitude and contributions to our class discussions.'

Grey Wolf Class - **Tanishi** 'for always being ready to learn and your positive attitude everyday!'

PE Award ★

Fox Class - **Arthur** 'for a great attitude during our country dance.'

Beaver Class - **Hadi** 'for great jumping technique in athletics.'

Red Squirrel Class - **Ellis, Jude FB, Sienna & Florence** 'great teamwork during relay races.'

Hedgehog Class - **Kiara** 'good effort and partner work in country dance.'

Badger Class - **Toby B** 'for excellent effort in sprinting and following instructions in maypole.'

Otter Class - **Gurvansh** 'for giving maypole your best go. Well done!'

Grey Wolf Class - **Luca** 'for excellent effort and participation in Maypole.'

Writer of the week ★

KS1 - **Tivisha** 'for her imagination when recreating a story map for the enormous turnip.'

LKS2 - **Karam** 'lovely ideas/vocab for his diary entry.'

UKS2 - **Charlie** 'fantastic descriptive and persuasive writing in your adverts this week!'

Attendance Award ★

Fox Class - 99.5%

Beaver Class - 93%

Red Squirrel Class - 95.1%

Hedgehog Class - 99.6%

Badger Class - 98.6%

Otter Class - 98.3%

Grey Wolf Class - 100% **(WINNER)**

Brown Bear Class - 99.5%

INCLUSION/SEN



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



Tuesday was an exciting day at Bearwood as our **Cubbie** was installed in our new Nurture room. Cubbie is designed to support children with their sensory regulation through sound, light and video. There are some pre-set programmes that can be used as and when a child needs it to help them focus or keep calm. Other children will need a more personalised approach and, with parental consent, will be provided with their own individualised programme designed by the Cubbie Occupational Therapy team. Sessions will be timetabled, as advised by Cubbie, and the child will be accompanied by a trained adult. As part of the training, I had a turn inside Cubbie and I can confirm that the experience was very calming!





Autism Strategy: One year on

In April 2024, the Wokingham Autism Partnership launched the All Age Autism Strategy - created in collaboration with autistic residents and families and stakeholders.

A new video reflects on the first year of this five-year plan. This is just the beginning of a long-term journey.

The video offers a glimpse behind the scenes at some of the work underway across six priority areas.

Resident involvement and personal experiences continue to shape the projects. The partnership is committed to improving experiences and outcomes for neurodivergent residents across Wokingham Borough and is continuing to build on this momentum.

The strategy is jointly owned by Wokingham Borough Council, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West ICB, Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust, SEND Voices Wokingham, Promise Inclusion, ASD Family Help, Autism Berkshire, and CLASP.

Watch the video - [Our Journey So Far FINAL](#)

Help shape support available in family hubs

We are inviting parents and carers to have their say on the services and support they'd like to see in our family hubs.

It follows the re-launch of our children's centres as Best Start Family Hubs.

Best Start Family Hubs are part of a national programme and are designed to make it easier for families to find the right help at the right time, in places that feel welcoming and familiar. They will bring a wide range of services together in one place, supporting families from pregnancy through the early years and up to age 19, or up to 25 for young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

As part of this, we hope to understand what matters most to families in Wokingham Borough. We want to hear directly from parents, carers and families about the services and support they would like our Best Start Family Hubs to provide, so that they reflect real local needs.

Feedback from the survey will help shape how Family Hubs develop across the borough and how support is offered in the future.

If you are a parent or carer, or work with families, please take a few minutes to complete the survey or share it with others who may be interested.

Take part in the survey by 3 May here:

<https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/projects/best-start-family-hubs-shaping-support-for-families-in-wokingham-borough/>

WEEKLY SUPERSTAR



Toby in Year 5 has won Man of the Match for the second week in a row!
Well Done Toby!



**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



In EYFS this week the children have been enjoying the story of Superworm by Julia Donaldson. You can listen to a version read aloud here: <https://youtu.be/DSaDFVkkP0w>

The children have been exploring measurement, weaving worms and making sock worms. The children are also learning about all different types of minibeasts and next week they will be finding out more about spiders.



Class reminders

12th May 2026 - Nursery Stay & Play Session 9am-9.45am

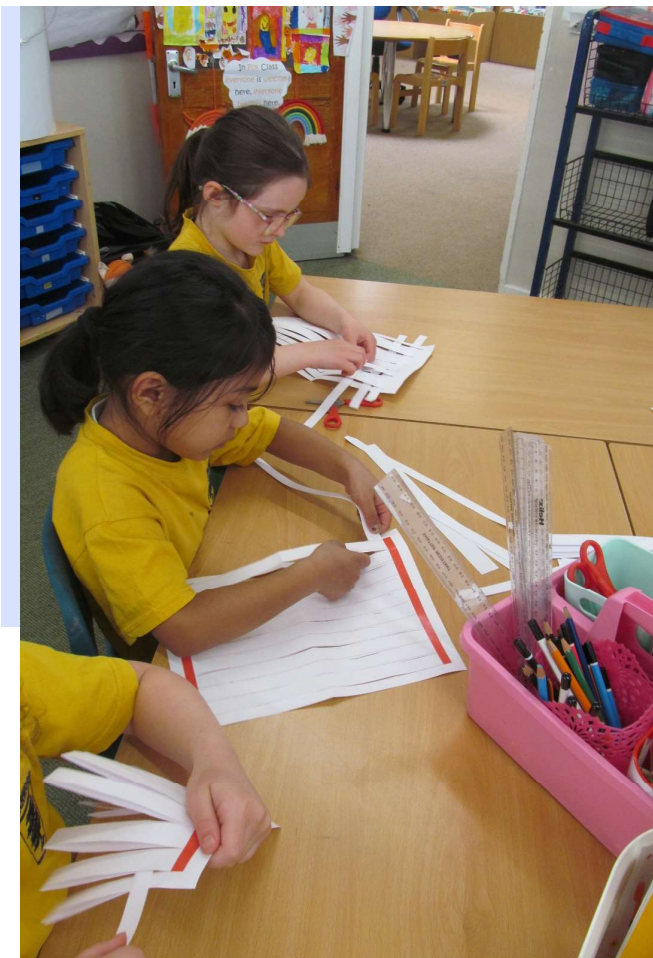
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Year 1- Fox Class



In Year 1 we have been practising our weaving skills this week in DT.



Class reminders

- Thursday 25th June - Class Assembly - 9am

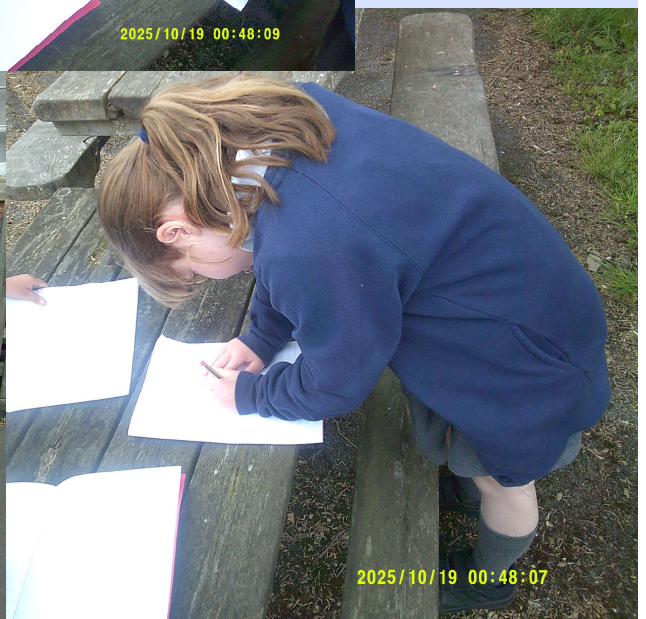
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Year 2 - Beaver Class



This week in Science, we were learning about the impact that litter can have on the environment and the animals around us. We went on a walk around school and collected data on what litter we found.



Class reminders

- Thursday 30th April - Beaver Class Assembly 9am
- Thursday 7th May - Windsor Castle Trip

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 3 - Red Squirrel



This week Red Squirrel presented their class assembly to the other classes in middle phase and our parents. We got to share all of the amazing learning we have been able to do throughout the year so far.



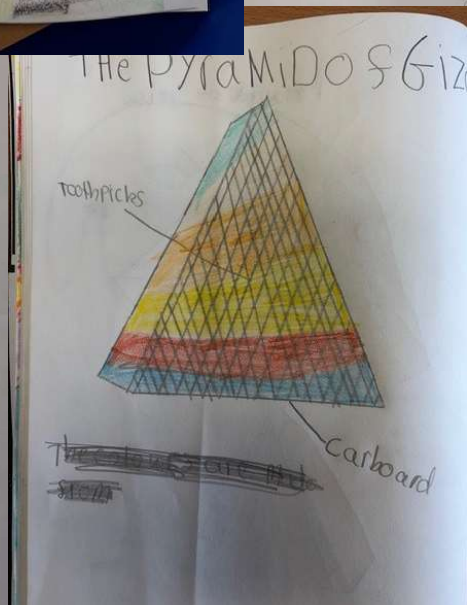
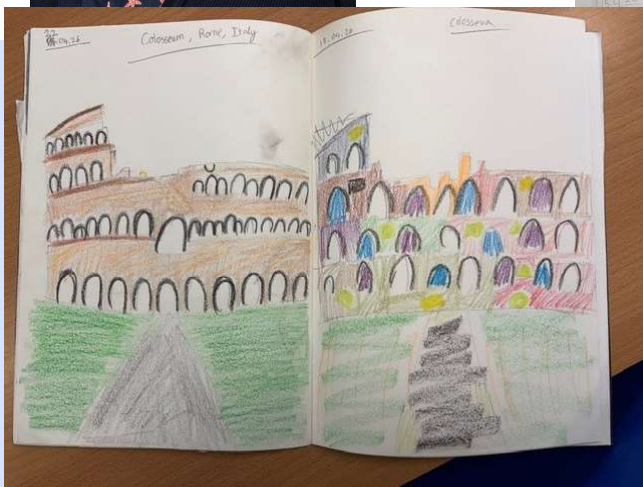
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Year 5



This week in Year 5 we have been studying landmarks around the world for our Art unit. We have sketched them out and planned how we will create small sculptures of them. We will then collage these to finish them. As part of this unit, we will need some materials - if you have any newspapers or magazines that you are no longer using we would appreciate them to use for sculpting and collaging.



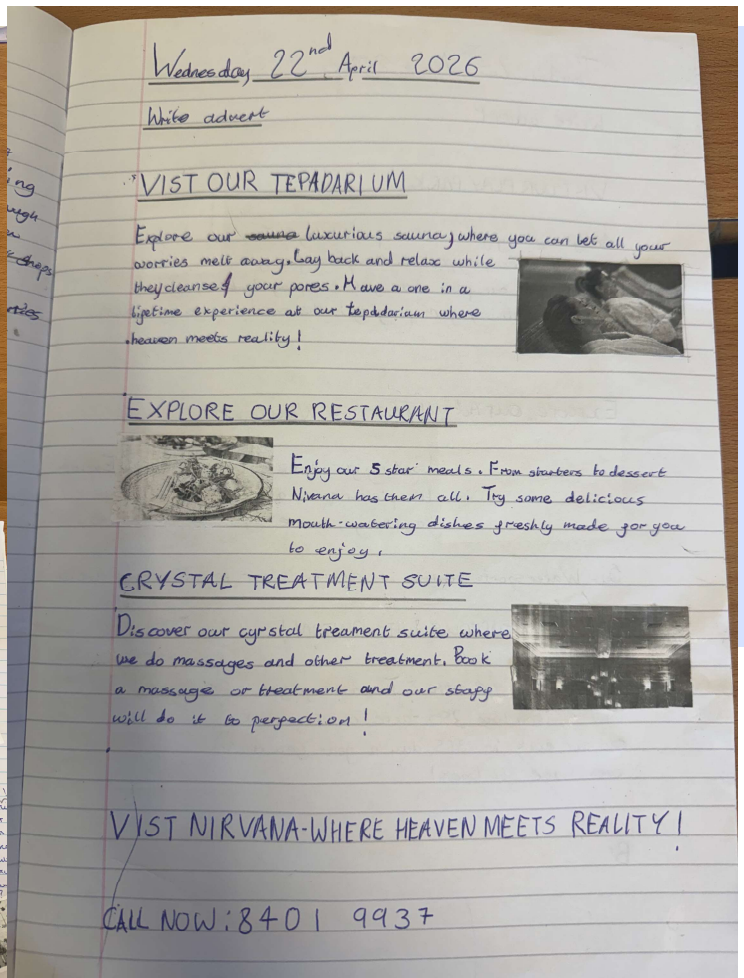
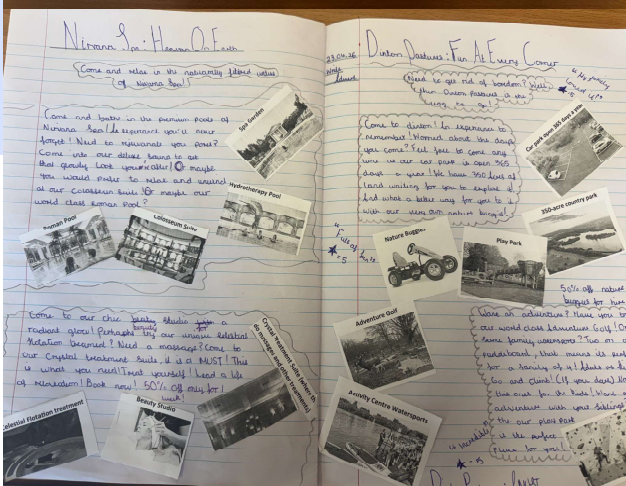
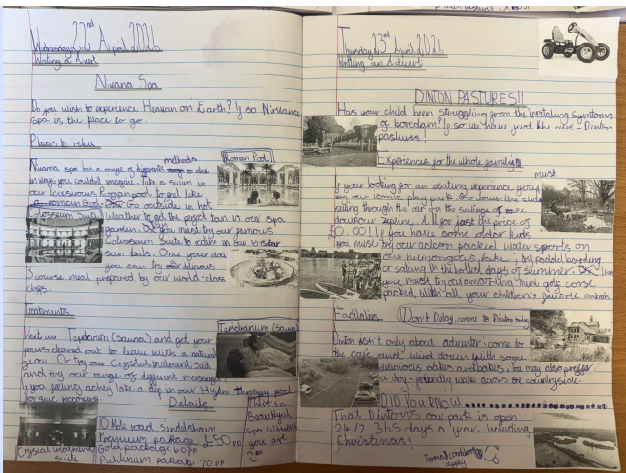
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Year 6



This week in Year 6, we have been writing advertisements. We have looked at examples of adverts and discussed all of the different features such as: repetition, slogans, rhetorical questions, modal verbs, commands and emotive vocabulary to help persuade. Dinton Pastures and Nirvana Spa have been the topics of our adverts and we have really enjoyed discussing and writing about these local attractions.



Class reminders

- Monday 22nd June - Friday 26th June - Year 6 Residential

OTHER NEWS...



Eco Warriors

The Eco Warriors have been busy in the garden area with our volunteer Jane. They have also been making sure their crops are being watered.

