

BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 19th March 2026



A message from Ms Alder



Dear Families

It really has been yet another exciting week at Bearwood!

Last Friday, for the first time, we had our very own hockey team play in a tournament at Luckley House School. We actually won! The children were each presented with a medal, and we have another trophy to add to our collection in the reception area. Well done to the team and our fantastic Miss Davis.

On Monday morning, our Bear Cubs and Brown Bears put on a brilliant Mothers' Day Stay and Play event for their mums. It really was superb - the whole hall was decked out with different engaging activities, and the children sang some really sweet songs to their mums. Thank you to all the parents who came, and a huge thank you to Mrs Stacey and the rest of the EYFS team for organising and putting it together.

On Tuesday, four of our chess players took part in the Berkshire Chess Tournament at Aldryngton School. We were very proud to come third.

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As part of the PINS Project, 2 professionals from the project came and conducted a learning walk of the school. They gave us very helpful feedback that included the things we are doing very well, and suggestions for how we can further enhance our provision for our children with neurodiversity.

The Forest School headteacher and some of our past pupils came to present to our Year Five children. The children got to hear about The Forest School, and learn a bit more about what it is like at secondary school.

Some of our UKS2 children presented a special Eid assembly to the school. Eid Mubarak to all our Muslim families.

The NSPCC delivered 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' workshops to Beaver, Otter, Grey Wolf and Badger Classes on Thursday.

Thank you to everyone for dressing in something red for Red Nose Day!

The Rocksteady bands performed their termly concert to their parents, and Red Squirrel and Hedgehog Classes. They were as usual really superb! Thank you to Matt for your tutoring of them and to the PTA for serving refreshments.

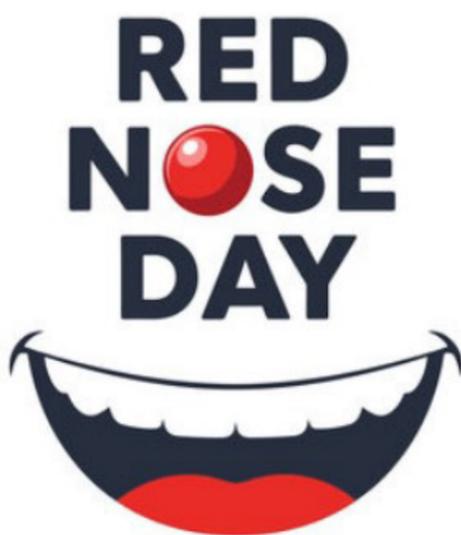
I am really looking forward to watching our school choir performing in the WASMA concert at the Hexagon Theatre in Reading on Saturday. They have been rehearsing very hard - and I am sure they will be brilliant.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

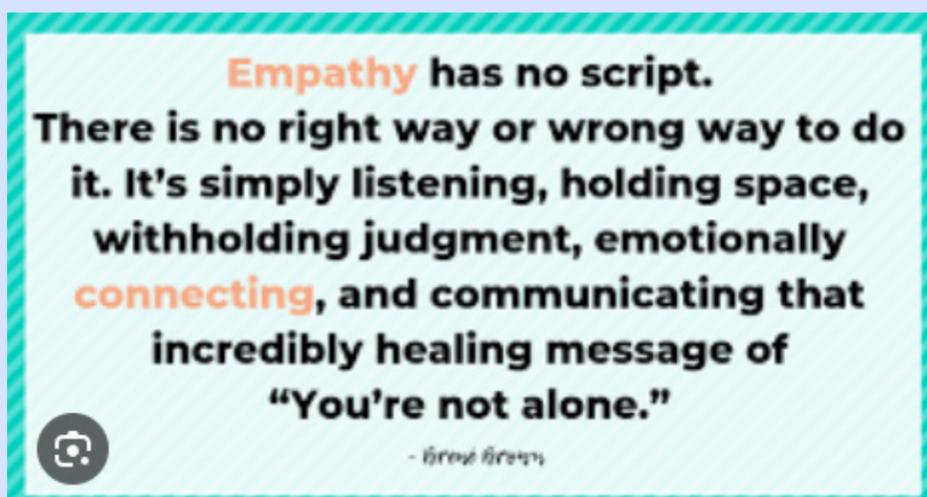
**Funmi Alder
Headteacher.**

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Thank you for taking part in our Comic Relief Red Nose day. We made:
£100.19

Value for the term - Empathy



Events



- **27th March:** Attendance Awards
- **27th March:** Last day of term
2pm finish
- **27th March:** Easter Bonnet Parade
- **13th April:** Children Return
- **16th April:** Vaisakhi Assembly
- **23rd April:** Red Squirrel Class Assembly at 9am
- **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

WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award ★

Fox Class - **Ethan** 'for using great teamwork during our Science experiment about roofs.'

Beaver Class - **Isla** 'for never giving up during sewing.'

Red Squirrel Class - **Elijah** 'for fantastic focus in Science.'

Hedgehog Class - **Alana & Matthew** 'for their effort and determination in sewing, helping others too!'

Badger Class - **Omreyansh** 'for always wanting to show his best when learning.'

Otter Class - **Jenson** 'for your determination and effort in all learning.'

Grey Wolf Class - **Luca** 'for your excellent diary writing and for including all features.'

PE Award ★

Fox Class - **Lucas L** 'for using great hand/eye co-ordination to catch a ball after a big bounce.'

Beaver Class - **Annie** 'for listening well and improving her technique when passing.'

Red Squirrel Class - **Jude FB** 'for amazing confidence when performing his dance routine.'

Hedgehog Class - **Whole Class** 'for their fantastic efforts in tag rugby this term.'

Badger Class - **Shraddha** 'for persevering and doing her best.'

Otter Class - **Raul** 'for effort and participation in rugby this term.'

Grey Wolf Class - **Ruby** 'brilliant choreography in your Banghra dancing.'

Writer of the week ★

KS1 - **Noelle** 'for great improvement in her writing - especially her spelling.'

LKS2 - **Elyssia** 'for brilliant use of adjectives for effect in her narrative writing. Her story was captivating!'

UKS2 - **Shrayaan** 'well done for always pushing yourself in English and for including high level vocab and outstanding figurative language.'

Attendance Award ★

Fox Class - 90.29%

Beaver Class - 93.8%

Red Squirrel Class - 92.37%

Hedgehog Class - 93.7%

Badger Class - 99.07% **(Winner)**

Otter Class - 98.28%

Grey Wolf Class - 97.5%

Brown Bear Class - 98.5%

PTA NOTICE



Dear Parents and Carers

On Thursday 26th March, the PTA team have organised an Easter Egg Hunt during the day for all children at Bearwood.

If you do not wish for your child to take part, please email the school office no later than Tuesday 24th March.

All children will be bringing home an Easter Egg, please do check the dietary requirements to ensure it is suitable for your child.

Bearwood PTA

WEEKLY SUPERSTAR



Eliza in Year 4 joined Brownies this week and learned her Brownie Promise. She is looking forward to next week for her first session as a Brownie.

Well done Eliza!



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.

OFFICE NOTICES



Our lost property will be donated/disposed of at the end of term. We seem to have a collection of cardigans/jumpers. Please do check if you are missing any items.

Could we take this opportunity to remind you all to label your children's items. Named items will be returned to the child's class.

Important Reminders ★

- **Year 6 Cuffley 2026** - Final balance due 10th April
- **Tuesday 19th May - Class Photographs**
- **Missing Sports Kit** - We are still missing some of our Sports Kit - If your child has recently taken part in our Sports event - Please check at home for our Kit. In particular our football socks - Thank you

Early Finish Time - Reminder ★

Friday 27th March 2026

All children will finish at 2pm on the last day of term.

Children will return Monday 13th April.

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



EYFS Team



We have had a super week in EYFS, starting off the week with our wonderful Mother's Day Stay and Play. The children really enjoyed their families coming to listen to them sing and share activities with them, they are already asking when we can do it again! Thank you for all your support, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

We have continued with our focus story of Supertato and have shared many stories written by the Supertato authors Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. Outside in the garden we have set up a mini ASDA which has been very popular and we have played games to learn about healthy and non healthy food.



Class reminders



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 1- Fox Class



We had a great time experimenting which material is the best to make a roof in Science. We discovered foil and cling film are non-absorbent and that tissue and paper towels are absorbent. Our little foxy helped us to test out which roof was waterproof. He did get a little bit wet but he had a great time!



Class reminders

- Thursday 25th June - Class Assembly - 9am



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 2 - Beaver Class



On Thursday Year 2 welcomed a visit from the NSPCC , where the children took part in an engaging and important session all about staying safe. A big thank you to the NSPCC for such a valuable and informative visit.



Class reminders

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

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 4 - Hedgehog Class



Year 4 have begun working on their Roman purses. We have looked at a running stitch and an over stitch, thinking about what will be suited best to which part. So far, the hardest part has been threading the needle!



Class reminders

- Tuesday 24th March - Hedgehog Silchester Trip
- Thursday 26th March- End of term Production 9.30 am- Tickets available via your Arbor app.

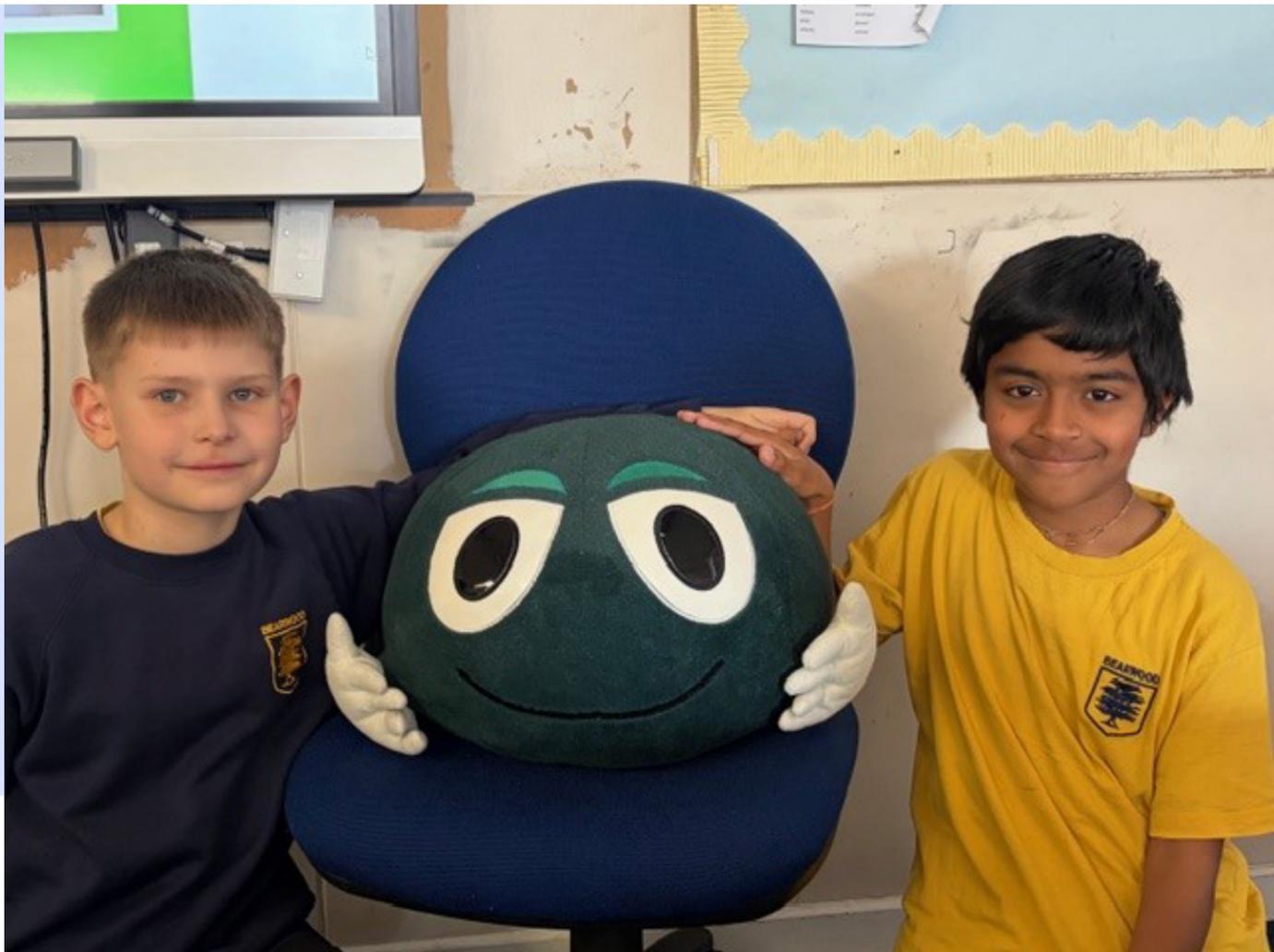
WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 5/6 Badger



This week we had a visit from Buddy and some volunteers from the NSPCC. We learnt about how to keep ourselves safe and who to talk to if we are worried about anything.



Class reminders

- Thursday 23rd April - Red Squirrel Class Assembly 9am
- Monday 22nd June - Friday 26th June - Year 6 Residential

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 5/6 Otter



This week UKS2 have been designing and making their own World War II Anderson shelters. We followed the idea that these were built in people's gardens so also had to design the surroundings. Using cardboard as a base, we made a shelter from card and then used papier mache to add texture to the garden area. These have then been painted and we used clay to create some vegetables for the vegetable patch. Our next step will be to create people for the shelter and a fence.



Class reminders

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

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Year 5/6 Grey Wolf



This week is Miss Gaynor's last week - our trainee teacher who has been with us for 8 weeks. Grey Wolf have adored having her teach them and we will be very sorry to lose her as she returns to university to graduate as a qualified teacher following this successful placement. I would like to personally thank Miss Gaynor for her utmost professionalism and resilience throughout her placement here - particularly taking the lead when I was off on paternity leave. Everyone at Bearwood wishes her the very best for what I'm sure will be a brilliant career in education!

**Goodbye and Good Luck
to Mrs Gaynor!**



Class reminders

- Parents' Evening - Tuesday 3rd March will now be held on Tuesday 24th March
- Monday 22nd June - Friday 26th June - Year 6 Residential

OTHER NEWS



On Friday our UKS2 children won the Hockey Tournament at Luckley House School. Another trophy to add to our cabinet! Well done everybody!

On Tuesday our Peer Mediators held an assembly to the school. Louisa, Toby, Eva, Freya and Mollie explained what an important role our Peer Mediators do in school.



On Thursday some of our UKS2 children hosted our annual EID assembly. The children confidently led the assembly, sharing the meaning of EID through their presentation.

OTHER NEWS



Also this week - Jack, Advik, Tanishi and Siddhant took part in a school chess tournament at Aldryngton Primary. We are pleased to say that against tough competition they came third! Well done!



To end the week we had our incredible Rock Steady musicians performing to parents and children. They really are superstars in the making!



FLYERS



Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade

27TH MARCH

**DESIGN YOUR OWN EASTER HAT/BONNET -
PRIZES ARE TO BE WON**

**CHILDREN CAN ALSO WEAR THEIR OWN
CLOTHES FOR A £1 DONATION**

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Meet and Learn About
Guide Dogs for the Blind

GUIDE DOGS



Friday 10 April 2026
10 am - 12 noon

Lower Earley Library



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Teen Writing Group

AT WOKINGHAM LIBRARY

JOIN IGNITING WRITING,
WOKINGHAM LIBRARY'S TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

FACE TO FACE SESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY
(EXCEPT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

SESSION FOR YEAR 6-8 9.45AM TO 11.15AM

SESSION FOR YEAR 9-13 11.45AM TO 1.15PM

THE SESSIONS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL
YEAR 6 TO YEAR 13 STUDENTS

SESSIONS WILL INCLUDE:

- FUN WRITING ACTIVITIES
- USEFUL WRITING TIPS
- GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON STORY IDEAS

ALL SESSIONS NEED TO BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE
TO SIGN UP FOR SESSIONS, VISIT THE EVENTS PAGE ON OUR
WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.WOKINGHAM.GOV.UK/LIBRARIES](https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries)



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Order your Class of 2026 hoodie online today!



Leavers

Visit www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/bearwoodprimaryrg415bb

- 1 Select your hoodie with or without personalisation then choose size & add to basket (Hoodies are meant to be worn big, please size up!)
- 2 Click on your basket at the top right of the screen. **If applicable enter your nickname into the 'name box' exactly as you wish it to appear (ie. UPPER CASE or Title Case, No special characters or emojis allowed).**
- 3 Select...
'Deliver to your school on APPROXIMATELY 20.04.2026'
(at checkout this will show as school delivery address)
HOME DELIVERY IS NOT AN OPTION FOR THIS ITEM.
- 4 You will be asked to log in or register at this point.
- 5 All orders must include child's name and class in the relevant box.

All garments will be delivered to your school week commencing 20th April 2026.



IMPORTANT: Orders must be received by Friday 27th March!

Please note: Due to the bespoke nature of the garments leavers orders cannot be returned or exchanged

For general queries, information about admissions or to request any information held on our website please contact:

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Ask for Mrs Jennifer Proud or Mrs Annette Lee (Administrative Assistants).

The school office is open from 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday.