

BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 4th September 2026



A message from Ms Alder

Dear Families

Welcome back for the new school year. We hope all our families had a lovely summer break. It has been fantastic to welcome the children back to school. We also especially welcome all of the children new to Bearwood - Nursery, Reception and those who have joined other year groups too.

We also welcome new staff: Mrs Sanghera is now with us full time as our Year Five teacher and English subject leader; Miss Bedford is our new Year Four teacher; Mrs Dimmick is our new LSA in Year Five; Mrs Kaur is our new LSA in Year Two, and Mrs Pullen is our new administrative assistant. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to our Bearwood family.

We have had an excellent, calm start to the school year. Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Jeater, came and took a walk around the school and was very impressed with how focused the children were on their learning.

We look forward to welcoming parents next week to the start of year meetings. Please see the Events notice for more details.

This week, classes have been establishing their routines and expectations. From Year Two, they have also been electing their School Council Representatives. We are sending out children's jobs with this newsletter, which children can apply for. Please do get your child to have a look and consider applying for one or a few posts. The closing date for applications is Monday 14th September.

Do have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Funmi Alder
Headteacher.

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Value for the term - RESPECT



School Notices

- Bananas are now able to be brought into school as there are no longer allergies to be mindful of
- Please note that we are still a nut-free school
- Please see attachments for details on our student jobs - we are seeking students to apply for various roles such as Class Ambassadors. Note the application deadline of 14th Sept

Events

- **10th Sept** - 9am Upper Phase parents start of year meeting (Years 4-6)
- **11th Sept** - 9am Middle Phase parents start of year meeting (Years 1-3)
- **15th Sept** - 9am EYFS parents start of year meeting (Nursery & Year R)
- **21st Sept** - 10:30am Yom Kippur assembly
- **22nd Sept** - 7pm - Spencers Wood Consultation Meeting for parents (online)
- **23rd Sept** - Year 1 scooter training
- **24th Sept** - 10:30am Harvest Festival assembly
- **25th Sept** - Prospective parents tour
- **2nd Oct** - Individual school photographs

WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award ★



- Beaver Class - Harrison, for a fantastic start to Year 1!
- Red Squirrel Class - Arthur, for his positive attitude and mindset since starting back
- Red Kite Class - Riyansh, for a fantastic attitude at the start of the year
- Hedgehog Class - Kai, for amazing writing in English and a fab start to Year 4
- Otter Class - Ghamay, for giving everything his very best effort. A super start to Year 5!
- Grey Wolf Class - Robin, for fantastic and hardworking start to Year 6!

PE Award ★



Returning next week!

Writer of the week ★



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INCLUSION/SEN



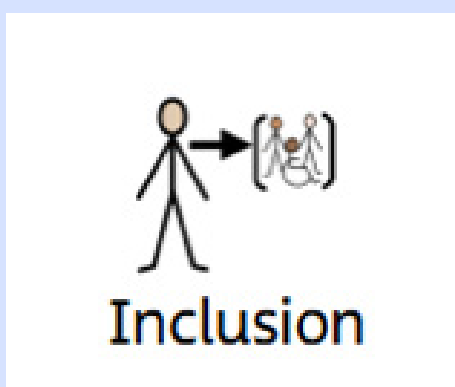
A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead)



I hope you all had a lovely summer break!

For those new to Bearwood, my name is Miss Kay Clarke and I am the school's Inclusion Lead, Senco (special needs coordinator) and DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead).

Each week, there will be a page in the newsletter to update you on everything Inclusion and to signpost you to SEND (special educational needs) information and community events.



It was lovely to see those of you who came to our additional SEND transition visit on the afternoon of our Inset day on Tuesday.

Also on our Inset day, we had some training from Georgina Godfrey from The Grove speech & language Outreach Service on Widgit Symbols.

We have recently purchased Widgit Symbols to help us make our learning environment more visual. This will support all our children but particularly those with special educational needs and English as an Additional Language.

Next week I will let you know how we have been using Widgit symbols for our visual timetables.

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Nursery - Brown Bears Reception - Fox Class

We are so impressed with how the children have started their school journey, settling in and making friends.

Well done to our new Fox class and Bear class!



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 1 - Beaver Class

This week we have settled into Year 1 brilliantly!

Today we are busy creating our Beaver Class artwork, our final pieces will be ready at the end of the day.



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Year 2 - Red Squirrel Class

Year 2 have settled back into school and have had lots of fun.

We have done lots of learning about our class animal - Red Squirrels - and have some lovely Red Squirrel artwork.



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Year 3 - Red Kite Class

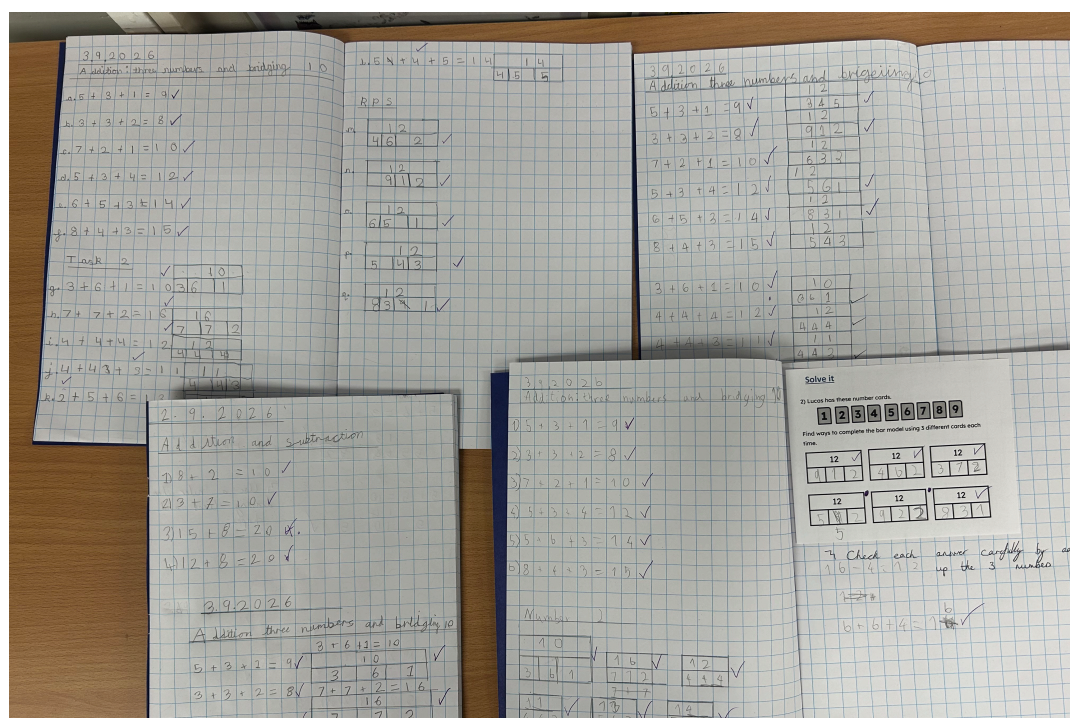


What a fantastic first week Red Kite class have had!

Lots of happy, smiley faces ready for the year ahead.

To start our year, we read the 'Colour Monster' book all about emotions and made our own little monsters that are displayed in the classroom.

The children have also been working hard in maths using bar models to support with their addition of 3 numbers.



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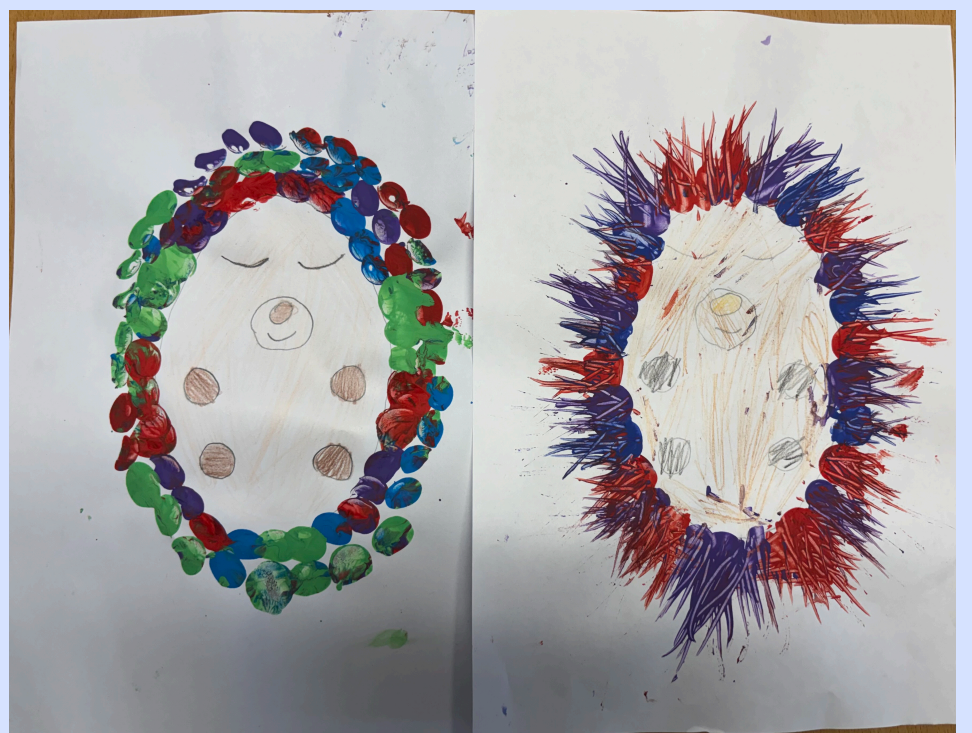
Year 4 - Hedgehog Class



We have been enjoying reconnecting with each other via PSHE tasks such as the 'Get to Know Me Jigsaw'.

The class have also created some amazing Hedgehog inspired artwork using wooden forks and paint.

We are so proud of Year 4 for their great independent writing and keen attitude to learning.



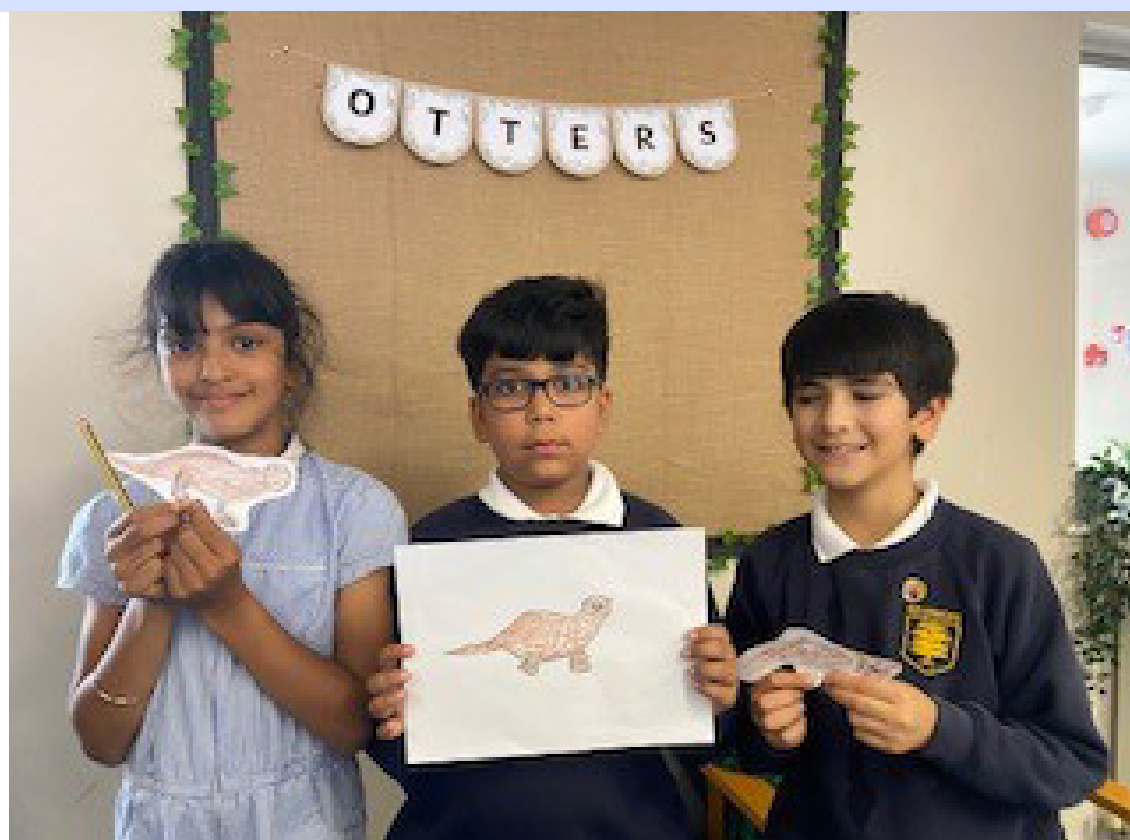
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Year 5 - Otter Class

This week, we have been finding out all about otters and how to draw them.

We shaded our pictures using a mix of pencils, crayons and pastels.



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Year 6 - Grey Wolf Class

Year 6 have had a brilliant start to the year.

They have got right back into the excellent work ethic they showed last year and produced some wonderful writing already.

