

BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 15th May 2026



A message from Ms Alder



Dear Families

Our Year Sixes have been tremendous during their SATs week. They have demonstrated the value of resilience as they have fully applied themselves. Well done to all of them.

Nursery parents got to enjoy another excellent 'Stay and Play' this week. What a wonderful opportunity to find out how excellent our Nursery setting is, and how your children are fully immersed in their learning.

Some of our KS1 children went to a multi-skills event with Miss Davis and had a wonderful time demonstrating their sporting skills.

Our Eco Warriors have been busy building miniature ponds with our brilliant volunteer Jane.

All classes are working hard on their country dancing rehearsals. We cannot wait to show you next week Friday from 2pm!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Funmi Alder
Headteacher.



Value for the term - Resilience

Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain.



With much sadness, we say farewell to Mrs Johnson, who will not be returning to Bearwood. Mrs Johnson was our EYFS Lead. We thank her for her contributions to Bearwood and wish her the best for her future endeavours with her family.



Class Photographs

Tuesday 19th May
Full School Uniform

Year 6 children who are attending The Forest induction day. Please arrive at school no later than 8am in order for you to have your Year 6 photo taken. Please also complete the Google Permission Form:

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Events ★

- **19th May** - Class Photographs
- **21st May** - **Break the Rules Day**
- **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** - 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
- **6th July** - end of year reports



Travel to School

We carried out a school travel survey. Here are the results:

How do you usually travel to school?		How would you most like to travel to school?	
Method	Number	Method	Number
Walk	76	Walk	34
Cycle	7	Cycle	64
Scooting / Skating	19	Scooting / Skating	30
Public Bus	0	Public Bus	3
Taxi	0	Taxi	4
Park & Stride	47	Park & Stride	19
Train	1	Train	11
Car Share	1	Car Share	4
Car	45	Car	20

Currently, the majority of children drive to school. However, the majority of children would prefer to take environmentally friendly options such as cycle, scoot or walk. We do realise that our geography does not help, but still something to think about.

Next week is 'Walk to School Week'. It would be great if all our families can walk, cycle or scoot to school every day next week. If you really have to drive, then please park in one of the available car parks: across the road at the Bearwood Recreation Ground, or in the back car park at the Walters Arms. For both car parks, there is a very short 5-minute walk.

WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award ★

Fox Class - Fletcher 'for using a lot of resilience when weaving his placemat.'

Beaver Class - Amelia 'for demonstrating perseverance when learning to tell

Red Squirrel Class - Gabrielle 'Great contributions to class discussions.'

Hedgehog Class - Lily 'Great focus in maths, good knowledge of angles.'

Badger Class - Thomas 'for fantastic effort in all of your learning.'

Otter & Grey Wolf Class - All of Year 6 for their fantastic attitude and resilience during SATs week - you have all done your very best.'

PE Award ★

Fox Class - Morrison 'for his enthusiastic country dancing!'

Beaver Class - Enzo 'for great country dancing!'

Red Squirrel Class - Arlo 'fantastic skipping in the country dancing!'

Hedgehog Class - Robyn 'for making good progress in swimming as she moved up a group.'

Badger Class - Reinhard 'for fantastic effort and participation in triple jump.'

Otter Class - NO PE AWARDS THIS WEEK.

Grey Wolf Class - NO PE AWARDS THIS WEEK.

Writer of the week ★

KS1 - Ezra 'for listening to feedback and upleveling your 'Jungle Book' Story.

LKS2 - Louie 'for his use of adverbial of time to show clear, chronological order.

UKS2 - Sophie 'for excellent fronted adverbials in her writing this week.

Attendance Award ★

Fox Class - 97.6%

Beaver Class - 97.1%

Red Squirrel Class - 98.4%

Hedgehog Class - 96.3%

Badger Class - 98.1%

Otter Class - 98.3%

Grey Wolf Class - 99.6% (WINNER)

Brown Bear Class - 94.9%

INCLUSION/SEN



A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead)



MHST – Wokingham Mental Health Support Team (MHST West)

Does your child have a lot of worries, anxieties or fears? Worries are normal but if they are affecting day-to-day life, some extra support may be helpful. As well as discussing any concerns with your child's class teacher or myself, you can find information on the wellbeing page of our website: <https://www.bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk/web/wellbeing/677977>

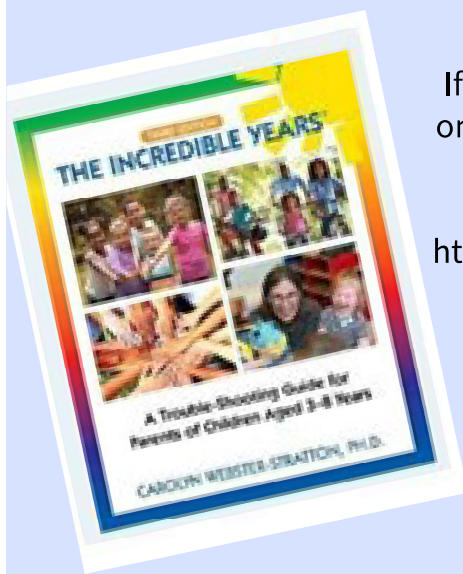
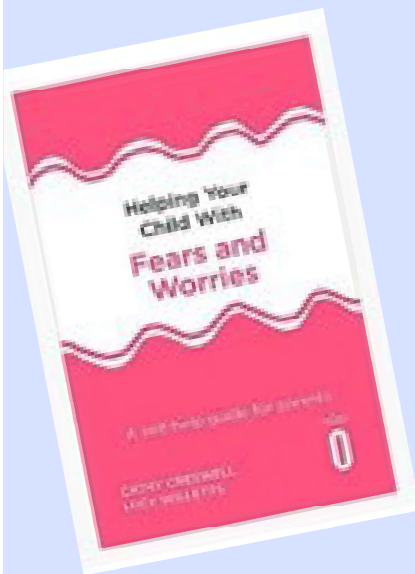
Additionally, we work with MHST which promotes positive mental health and offers support for children with mild to moderate mental health difficulties.

We have an educational mental health practitioner, Rachael Neville, who works with us and offers advice and whole-school support. MHST can also provide more individualised support and this can be accessed by making a referral.

For children under 12 MHST usually work together with parents /carers, exploring helpful coping strategies to create positive change over time. Support offered is usually a group or 1-1 support programme for parents/ carers, over 6 – 8 sessions, using either the 'Incredible Years' or 'Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries' book. If this type of direct support is not needed, you will be signposted to other support.

If you would like to make an MHST referral, you can self-refer on the website or contact me so that we can make the referral together.

<https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/services/mental-health-support-team-for-children-and-young-people/senco@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk>



WEEKLY SUPERSTAR



We are delighted to share another fantastic football achievement by Anas in Year 4. Following his previous success, Anas and his team have now also won the East Berks Football Alliance (EBFA) 2026 trophy.

This is another proud achievement that reflects Anas's commitment, teamwork, dedication, and passion for football.

Well done Anas!



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...



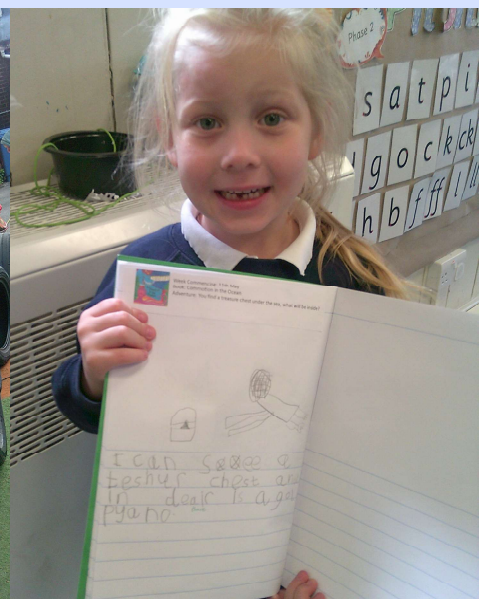
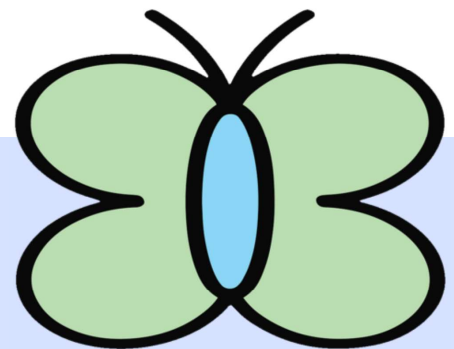
EYFS Team



It's been a really exciting week in EYFS; Three of our caterpillars have emerged from their chrysalis and have turned into beautiful butterflies, just two more left to emerge.

The Nursery children enjoyed a Stay and Play session with their families, thank you so much for coming, we had a great time showing you where we play and singing some of our minibeast rhymes.

The Reception children have been doing fantastic writing in Drawing Club, this week our focus story is Commotion in the Ocean by Giles Andreae, you can listen to a version of the story here: https://youtu.be/Fyg_c2ffavA



Class Reminders

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

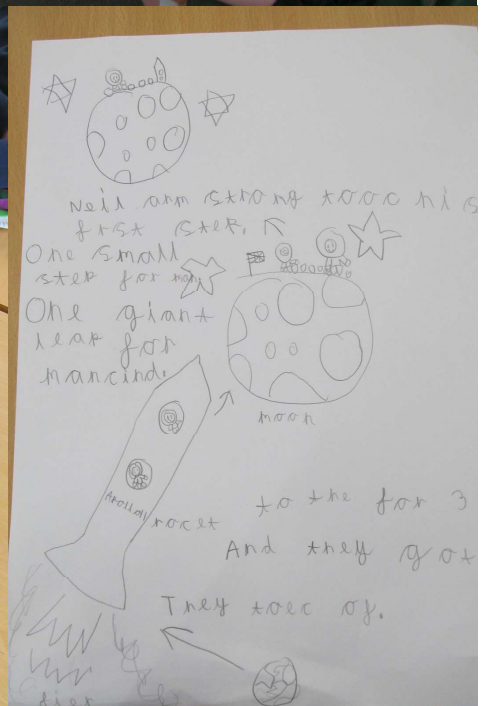
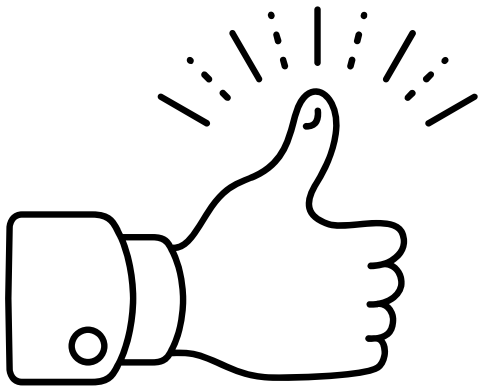
WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 1- Fox Class



This week in Year 1 we have been learning about the first moon landing in History. We drew these posters and wrote amazing facts about it. We also started weaving our placemats in DT.



Class reminders

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

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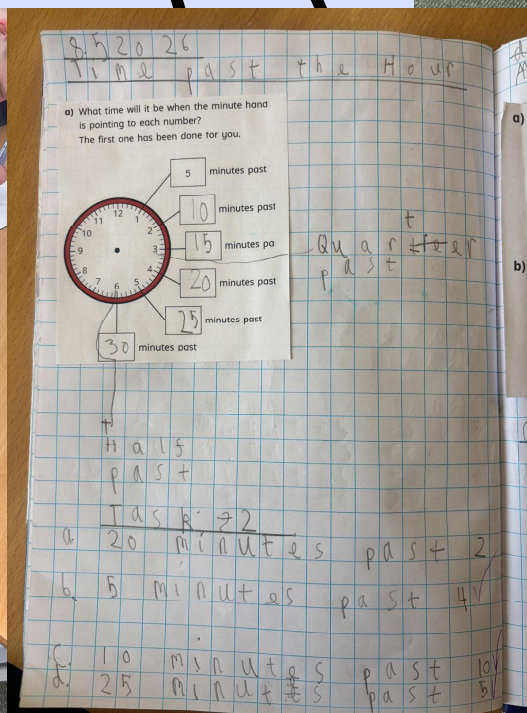
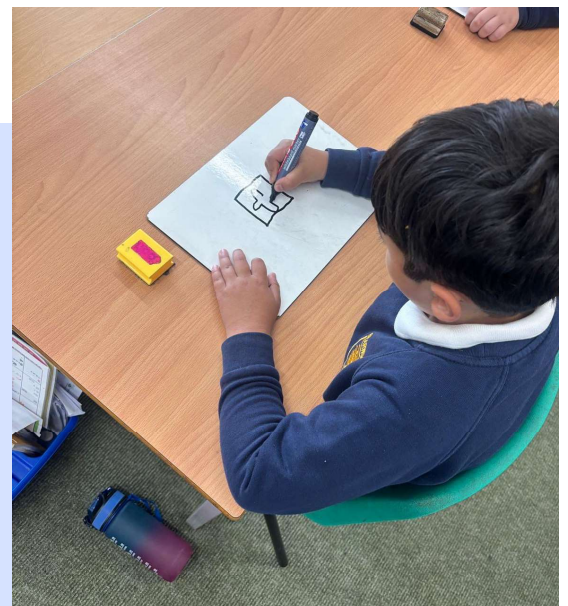


Year 2 - Beaver Class



In Art, we designed and created our stamps for our Orla Kiely inspired Art, that we will use to create our repeated pattern next week.

In Maths we have been learning how to tell the time to 5 minutes using an analogue clock.



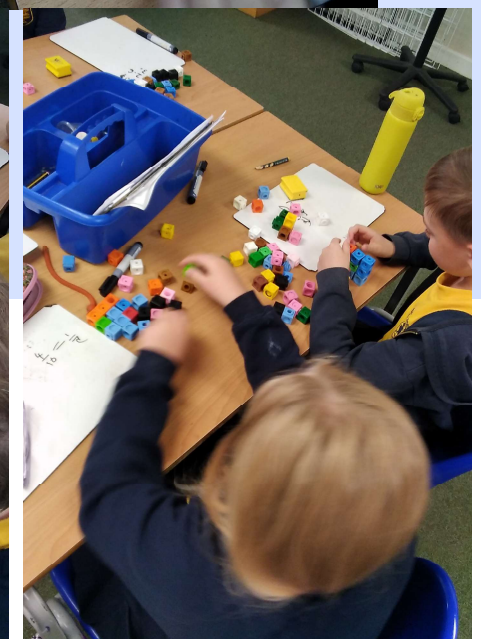
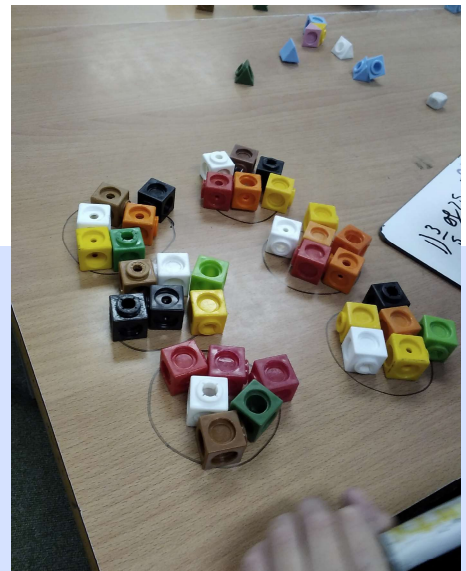
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Year 3 - Red Squirrel



This week Year 3 have been learning about fractions of an amount. We had lots of fun working with the cubes to find out our answers. We learnt that to work out a fraction of an amount you divide by the bottom then times by the top!



Class Reminders

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

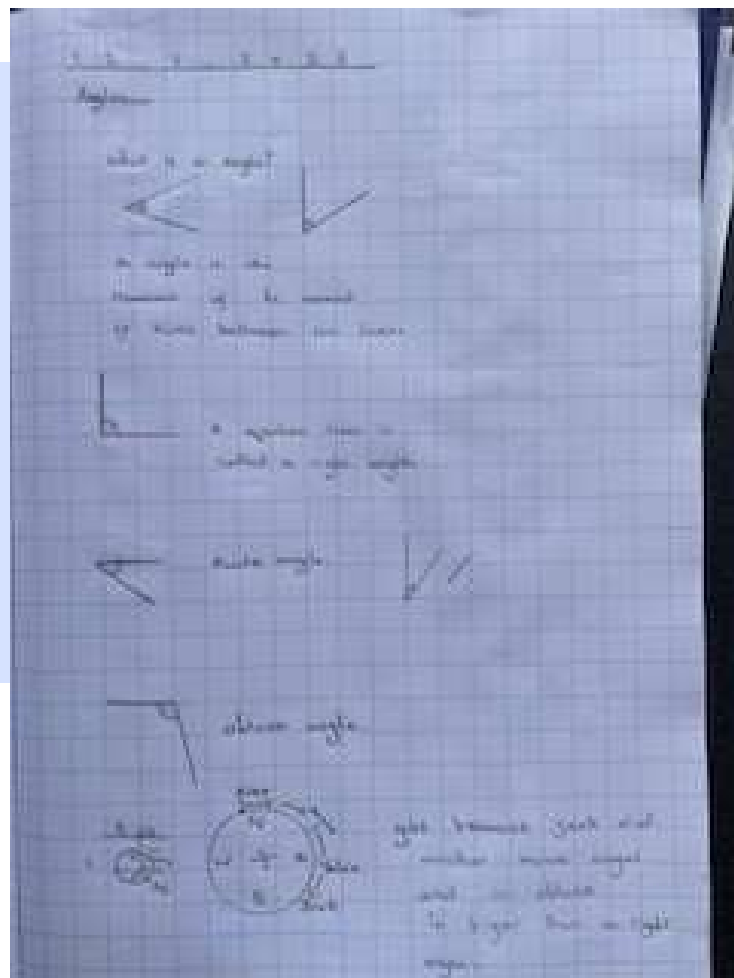
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Year 4 - Hedgehog



This week Year 4 have been working on angles. We worked on identifying the difference between acute, obtuse and right angles.



Class Reminders

- Don't forget we have swimming on Fridays!

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 5



Year 5 have designed landmarks from around the world this week, and created the effects from the artist Matisse.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 6



Year 6 have been absolutely fantastic this week! We are so proud of their positive attitude, determination, and resilience they have shown during SATs week.

A huge well done to all of Year 6, you have been superstars and should be incredibly proud of yourselves.



Class reminders

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

ECO WARRIORS UPDATE...



The ECO warriors have also been busy working on the garden with Jane. They planted strawberries and herbs and started building miniture ponds. They did a great job keeping the garden tidy.

COOKING CLUB UPDATE...



This week in Cooking Club, the children made a delicious Courgette Provençal Pasta . They practiced safely chopping and slicing and learning how to handle kitchen tools with confidence and control. It is wonderful to see their growing independence and enthusiasm in the kitchen!