



# BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Dear Families

Well, we have certainly had a fantastic week! UKS2 started it off with an exciting Victorian experience day. Children dressed up, and role played being in a Victorian classroom with a good old-fashioned teacher - there was no nonsense - the children were to be seen and not heard! The children also got to find out other interesting facts about the Victorian era. Do be sure to look at the photographs on the school website.

World Book Day on Thursday was a tremendous success. It was great to see everyone dressed up - including the staff. Classes joined together for shared reading, with some classes in our newly re-organised library - which was wonderful. There was a real buzz of excitement around the school. Bearwood indeed felt like a very special place to be. You will find lots of photographs on the school website. Next week, we will have the Scholastic Book Fair come to visit. Do be sure to come and look at the books on offer one day after school.

Thank you to all parents who attended your child's parents' evening appointment. I hope you found the meeting with your child's class teacher helpful, and that you feel better informed on how you can also support your child at home. If you did not get a chance to meet your child's class teacher, please do arrange a time via the school office, or catch up with your child's teacher at home time.

Do have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

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Value for the term –

Respect



# Office Notices

## Growth Mindset Awards

Beaver – Tanwir  
Rabbit – Kiana  
Otters – Lauryane  
Grey Wolf – AaroHi  
Red Squirrel – Harveen  
Fox – Amber  
Dormouse – Christopher  
Pine Marten – Delilah  
Hedgehog – Susan  
Wolverine – Madison

## Sports Star Awards

Beaver – Alana  
Rabbit – Olivia  
Otters – Advik  
Grey Wolf – Izyan  
Red Squirrel – Sakina  
Fox – Brooke  
Dormouse – Alex  
Pine Marten – Ronnie  
Hedgehog – Rayan  
Wolverine – Marcos

## IMPORTANT dates to remember

- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> March – Tues 14<sup>th</sup> March – Book Fair
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3/4 Chiltern Trip
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March – Fairtrade Workshop
- W/C 13<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Parents' Meeting on SATs and Residential
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March - Comic Relief
- Tues 21<sup>st</sup> March -
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Reception Walk in the woods
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Jewish Passover assembly
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March – 9am – Prospective Parent Tour
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Trip to the zoo
- Wed 29<sup>th</sup> March – LKS2 production to Parents
- Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Heritage Workshop
- Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March – Last day of Spring term – Attendance medals – School closing at 2pm.



# Superstars!



Katrick in Year 5 and Hanna in Year 3 did their first duty for 1<sup>st</sup> Arborfield Scout for Wokingham Half Marathon last Sunday. Kayla in Nursery also helped present the medals to the Winners.



**If your child would like to star in our Newsletter. Please email the school office with a photo and a short description of their achievements.**

**Thank you**



### World Book Day

Please take a look at our class pages on our website to see our World Book Day photos.

Well done to everybody who made such a fantastic effort!

### Weekly Updates!

For pictures and information on what each class has been doing this week or enrichment activities that have taken place please click on the year group below or visit the school gallery.

**Nursery**

**Reception**

**Year 1**

**Year 2**

**Years 3 and 4**

**Years 5 and 6**

**School Gallery**



### Colouring Competition

The Wokingham Borough Council Community Engagement Team with MY Journey would like you to take part in our art competition running until Friday 31 March 2023– you can use whatever you want to colour, either of the pictures, paint, crayon, glitter, pasta, materials - take a picture and send it to [MyJourney@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:MyJourney@wokingham.gov.uk) along with your name, age and school to be entered into a prize draw, the winner is drawn at random and our decision is final. This event is sponsored by TESCO. Please find the colouring pages attached **to this newsletter.**





## WOKINGHAM HIGHWAYS ALLIANCE

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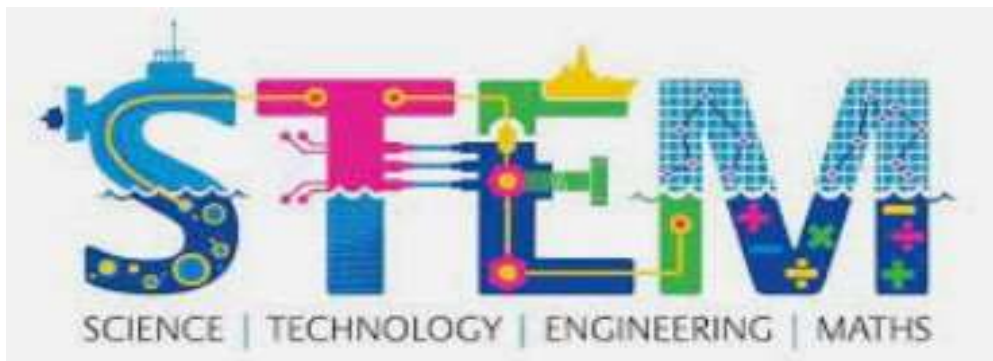
Delivering  
highway  
services for  
Wokingham  
Borough's  
residents

### A message from Wokingham Highways Alliance

We're updating our Local Transport Plan, an official document guiding how we make all kinds of improvements to footways, cycle lanes, roads and other transport networks as we face the challenges of the decades to come.

This will offer more ways of getting around and more chances to leave the car at home, especially for shorter journeys, helping us to reduce air pollution and traffic congestion, tackle the climate emergency and help you to live healthily.

The consultation for the Local travel plan is live Project • A new Local Transport Plan for Wokingham Borough



### Calling all parents working in STEM!

In the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023, we will be celebrating British Science Week and this year's theme is 'Connections.' Along with the exciting events we already have planned, we would love to hear from any parents who work in STEM and would be keen to come into school and share their experiences with the children. This would be a great opportunity to showcase how broad STEM careers can be and will open up exciting new doors for our children. If you are interested in coming into school or sending in a video message about your work in STEM, please email [cparry@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:cparry@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk) where we can discuss details further. Thank you.

Every day  
COUNTS!



School success starts  
with attendance

### Weekly Attendance

Bear Cubs- 79.7%

Brown Bear –92.7%

Beaver –95.1%

Rabbit –95.9%

Otter –94.7%

Grey Wolf –96%

Red Squirrel –98.8%

Dormouse –97.3%

Fox – 93.5%

Wolverine –97%

Hedgehog –99.2% Winners



Pine Marten – 95.8%



Please ensure you call or email each day your child is absent.

We spend a lot of time calling parents that have not called in to report an absence. Please ensure you report an absence before 9am.

MINUTES LATE PER DAY	EQUIVALENT OF MISSING	HOW MANY LESSONS THIS IS MISSED
5 MINUTES	3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	17 LESSONS
10 MINUTES	6.9 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	35 LESSONS
15 MINUTES	10.3 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	51 LESSONS
20 MINUTES	13.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	69 LESSONS
30 MINUTES	20.7 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS



### Lates

Please ensure your children arrive to school on time. It can be very disruptive to the child and to the rest of the class.

**Thank you**



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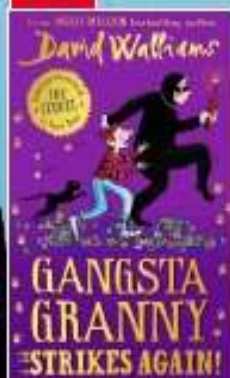
# Book Fair

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SCHOOL WITH  
FREE BOOKS  
WHEN YOU BUY  
FROM THE  
BOOK FAIR\*

FIND HUNDREDS  
OF THE  
BEST NEW BOOKS  
FROM JUST  
£2.99!

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE  
OVER £2.2M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

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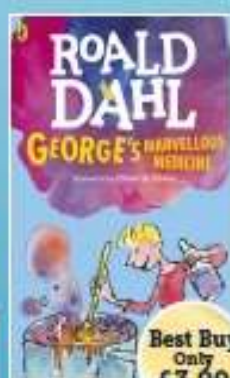


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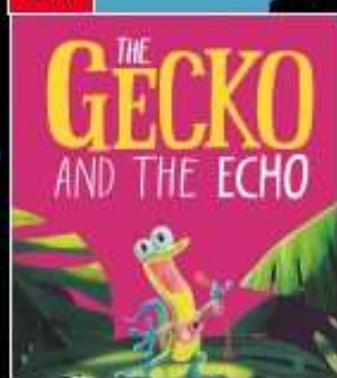
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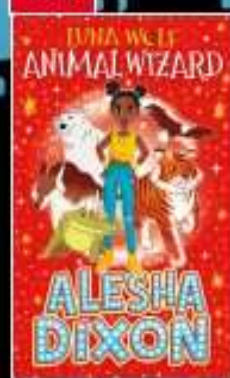
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NEW



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NEW



£7.99

\*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organiser or Scholastic Book Fairs for details.

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Please note that the children will be bringing home  
a Book Token which can be redeemed in stores or  
at the Book Fair.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March –**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Scan the QR code  
to pay online!



◆ **Thursday 16th March** ◆

Hosted by Bearwood PTA



## **Nearest & Dearest Day**

£2 to take part

Buy a gift for someone special  
Children are invited to spend their money  
in the surprise room  
One gift per child



**Parentkind**  
Member Association



# UNIVERSAL VOICES

Director: Dr Rebecca Berkley

## BRING A BUDDY OPEN REHEARSAL

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, 16.00 – 17.30

University Great Hall, London Road Campus, RG1 5AQ

**Come and sing with Universal Voices, the free children's community choir at the University of Reading - singing, games, laughter, fun and performance**

Universal Voices is a community choir open to all boys and girls aged 7-12 in the Reading area. No auditions are necessary. We rehearse on Wednesdays in term time, 16.00 – 17.30, in Building L29 on the London Road Campus.

Universal Voices is free for all children, thanks to the generous support of our donors and the University Alumni and Supporter Engagement Office.

To book your child's free place at a rehearsal, please complete this [online registration form](#), or scan this QR code

You can also email [universalvoices@reading.ac.uk](mailto:universalvoices@reading.ac.uk)



MUSICIANSHIP



PERFORMANCE



COMMUNITY



## Winnersh Parish Council

### Clean Up Day 2023

Meeting at St Marys Church, Church Close, Winnersh,  
RG41 5NA on Sunday 26 March 2023 at 11am

Please come along and lend a hand but remember to  
wear gloves, strong footwear and suitable clothing

Please bring along your own litter picker and Hi Vis if  
you have them otherwise they can be provided while  
stocks last

Refreshments will be provided

For further details please contact Winnersh Parish  
Council on 01189 780244 or email  
[clerk@winnersh.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@winnersh.gov.uk)

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<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

## What is Talk PANTS?

Talk Pants is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. With the help of our friendly dinosaur, Pantosaurus, it helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.



It's an easy, fun and friendly way to help with having these vital conversations. And hundreds of thousands of parents have used Talk PANTS with their children.