

BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 12th June 2026



A message from Ms Alder

Dear Families

We have all been very busy again this week.

Our Year One children completed their Phonics Screening Check. Our Year Four children completed their Multiplication Tables Check. All of the children did their best. Their parents will find out how their children performed before the end of the term.

Red Squirrel Class took part in a very special concert with other schools at Reddam House this week. It was a very special performance in a grand setting.

Lily in Hedgehog Class got to experience a special singing workshop with the Berkshire Music Trust at Wokingham Music Centre, The Emmbrook School. All children from Wokingham schools who had been selected as soloists at the WASMA concert earlier in the year were invited. The workshop ended with a performance to the parents.

M Group came in and delivered a hands-on water workshop for Red Squirrel Class and Hedgehog Class. They found out about the water cycle, the importance of saving water, river water and how we treat both river and rainwater.

The Winnersh Summer Fete takes place next week Saturday 20th June on the recreation ground across the road from the school. Some of our Year Fives and Sixes will be opening the Fete at 1pm with traditional maypole dancing. Our PTA will be running their renowned bottle tombola stall - always brings in the crowds. Thank you to everyone who has donated a bottle in exchange for children wearing own clothes in support of their favourite football team in the World Cup.

Do have a lovely weekend - the sun is expected to come out!

Best wishes

Funmi Alder, Headteacher.



Value for the term - Thankfulness

“Never let the things you want make you forget the things you have.”

SANCHITA PANDEY

Raffle Tickets

Your youngest child will be coming home with some raffle tickets. If you would like to purchase more please ask at the office.

Events

- **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
- **TBA** - Parents' Forum Meeting
- **25th June** - Fox Class Assembly
- **26th June** - Prospective Parents' Tour - 9.30am
- **3rd July** - Summer Fair - Time TBC
- **6th July** - end of year reports home.
- **6th July** - New Classes afternoon
- **7th July** - Parents' Evening drop in

WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award ★

Fox Class - **Whole Class** 'for their amazing attitude towards their phonics screening quiz. You guys are brilliant!'

Beaver Class - **Annie** 'for always putting 100% into all you work and making incredible progress all year!'

Red Squirrel Class - **Year 3 Choir** 'for their amazing performance at Reddam House.'

Hedgehog Class - **Eliza** 'for excellent participation in this week's Water Workshop.'

Otter Class - **Freya** 'amazing effort and vocab choices in your writing this week.'

Grey Wolf Class - **Shrayaan** 'great ideas contributed in your lessons - especially Science!'

PE Award ★

Fox Class - No PE this week due to the weather.

Beaver Class - No PE this week due to the weather.

Red Squirrel Class - No PE this week due to the Reddam House Concert.'

Hedgehog Class - **Aris** 'for swimming - good listening and beautiful swimming strokes.'

Badger Class - **Zac D** 'for persevering with running.'

Otter Class - **Henry** 'good stamina and effort in the 6 minute run.'

Grey Wolf Class - **Eva** 'for running, running and running!'

Writer of the week ★

KS1 - Tivisha 'for using golden sentences when writing as well as beautiful percursive letters.'

LKS2 - Olivia 'for using fantastic noun phrases in a setting from the land of roar.'

UKS2 - Robin A 'fantastic narrative writing and building suspense and atmosphere.'

Attendance Award ★

Fox Class - 100% (**Winner!**)

Beaver Class - 91.6%

Red Squirrel Class - 99.2%

Hedgehog Class - 97.9%

Badger Class - 92.3%

Otter Class - 95.7%

Grey Wolf Class - 96%

Brown Bear Class - 96.9%

INCLUSION/SEN



A message from Ms Kay Clarke (Inclusion Lead)



Widgit Symbols

We have recently purchased 'Widgit Symbols Online'. What is Widgit?



Widgit Symbols is a bank of over 20,000 visuals representing everyday words. Staff can use them to produce visual resources such as labels, signs, timetables, vocabulary mats, Social Stories and speech & language games.



- Symbols can help SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities) and EAL children (English as an Additional Language) with communication.
- It can increase independence for children – e.g. by labelling resources visually and having important instructions in a visual form.
- It is quicker to understand & process visuals so it is helpful for ALL children to learn new vocabulary using symbols.
- Widgit has been recommended by the PINS project for neurodiverse children, our link Educational Psychologist and the specialist speech & language teacher from The Grove Outreach service.



This term, staff are exploring Widgit. In the autumn term, teachers will be having some training on Widgit Symbols from The Grove Outreach teacher who will help us to use Widgit effectively for the benefit of the whole school. I look forward to sharing some of our new Widgit resources with you in future newsletters.

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



EYFS Team



This week in EYFS our focus story is Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins. The children have been using the construction resources to make homes for Rosie, drawing story maps and painting both Rosie and the fox. We are getting excited about our trip to the farm on Tuesday and hope to see some hens like Rosie there.



Class Reminders

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

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 1- Fox Class



A huge well done to our Year 1 children for all their hard work in their phonics screening checks!

We are so proud of the effort, determination and positive attitudes they have shown. They have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of themselves. Well done Year 1!



Class reminders

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

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 2 - Beaver Class



On Monday, we had Natalie from 'Perform' come in and deliver a drama session for us. We travelled to Neverland and snuck onto Captain Hook's boat and took back the treasure that belonged to Peter Pan. We came up with ideas for our own boats, some were very creative.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 3 - Red Squirrel Class



On Tuesday Red Squirrel went and performed a mega choir concert with other schools at Reddam House. They were given the opportunity to show their love for music and singing. Labiba and Gabrielle performed an amazing duet to New Heart and the class sang a brilliant rendition of Green Green Grass. It was a fantastic performance and they all sang amazingly.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...

Year 4 Hedgehog Class



This week the children took part in a water workshop provided by Thames Water. They learnt so many interesting things which included the 10 step water cycle, where water is stored and how Thames water gets rid of all the bacteria. Don't forget to ask your child about this.



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 6 Grey Wolf Class



Year 6 have been working hard practising their end of year production! We are looking forward to sharing it with you.



Class Reminders

- **Year 6 - Residential - W/C 22nd June**
- **Wednesday 8th July = Year 6 Production to Parents - 2pm**
- **Thursday 9th July - Year 6 Production to Parents - 6.30pm**
- **Friday 10th July - Sports Day - 9.30am -12pm**
- **Thursday 16th July - Leaver's BBQ - Time TBC**

COOKING & ART CLUB UPDATES...



In **Art club** this week we decorated bottles then cut them into swirls for our KS1 tree ornaments. They look fabulous in the breeze! and are so much fun to make!

In **Cooking club** this week we practised our cutting skills and we made crab and prawn cocktail with our own Marie Rose sauce.

