

Beechwood Bulletin

Beechwood Primary School

Ambleside Close

Woodley

Reading

Berkshire

RG5 4JJ

Telephone: 0118 9695976

Email: office-beechwood@fraysacademytrust.org

Term 2, Issue 15



Wednesday 7th January 2026

Happy New Year

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to a brand-new year!

We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and peaceful break with family and friends. It's wonderful to see the school buzzing with energy again, and we're excited for all the learning and adventures that lie ahead in 2026.

The recent snowfall certainly added a magical touch to the start of the term! We loved seeing the children's excitement as they made the most of the exciting weather. Now the weather is much colder, do please ensure that children are dressed warmly for outdoor activities, and that you leave plenty of time to get to school on time in the mornings - we've had more late comers than normal in the first couple of days back and it really does make a difference when the children arrive on time and ready to learn.

This year is particularly special as 2026 has been designated the *National Year of Reading*. We are thrilled to celebrate the joy of books and stories throughout the year with a range of exciting events and activities. From visits to reading challenges, there will be plenty of opportunities for our pupils to develop a lifelong love of reading. We look forward to sharing more details soon!

Kind regards,

L. Quinnell



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school for the last week of 2025 was Robins with 95.9%

Well done Robins!



COLD WEATHER CLOTHING:

Since the weather has turned so cold, please ensure that your children are sent to school with a coat and other warm items (hat, scarf, gloves etc). Please can we request that all items are clearly named too. Thank you.



Please also leave enough time to safely make your way to school.

DROP OFF TIME:

The main gate opens at 8.35am and closes at 8.50am enabling you to drop off your child at any point within this time. The gate promptly closes at 8.50am.

If your child arrives after 8.50am they will not be able to come into school via the main gate but should instead come in through the main office and will receive a late mark.

Please ensure you sign your child in if they have come in through the office.

ROADWORKS STARTING ON 26th JANUARY

From 26th January until mid-August intersections of Woodlands Avenue will be closing.

The expected work schedule for the 1st phase, starting 26th January, will be from Lytham Road to Roslyn Road.



ATTENDANCE

Our minimum attendance target is 96.5%. Please help us to ensure your child receives the best education by attending school regularly and being on time.

Our whole school attendance for the last week of term was 91.4% which is below our target.

Star Pupils -w/c 15/12/25

Kites— Whole Class	
Butterflies— Not present	Falcons— Whole Class
Robins — Reggie	Eagles— James
Foxes — Whole Class	Hawks— Aran
Badgers — Harry	
Woodpeckers— Albie	
Owls— Maxi	

*Well done to all of
our Stars!*

Over the last week at Beechwood, and looking forward.....

Foundation Stage — Butterflies have started their new topic of 'We Are Explorers', we are starting our unit by looking at different types of transport. In Drawing Club we have used the story '100 Decker Bus' and creating our own adventurous decks for our 'Butterflies Bus', we have had exciting things such as dragons, farms, jungles and more! In Maths we have started learning about the concept of 'zero' and will be consolidating our learning of numbers to 5 before moving to number 6. Please look out for information coming home about our Airport Day we will be having next week.

Year 1— In Maths we started a unit on a place value to 20. In a Drawing club this week we have been writing about a story of 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. In our outdoor PE we practised dribbling whilst learning what attackers' and defenders' roles are and indoors the children explored yoga and mindfulness today. In Computing the children predicted an outcome of a command on a robot device (a Bee-bot).

Year 2— This week Foxes class are recapping their grammar skills, using the correct punctuation for different sentence types. Next week will be starting our new English unit on animal fact files. In Maths we are looking at 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. Our topic this term is 'Carnival of the Animals' and we will be learning about animals and humans in Science as well as starting an exciting unit about Explorers in History.

Year 3— Year 3 have dived straight back into learning after the festivities of last term. We really enjoyed listening to everyone's news and hearing all about what they got up to over the holidays. This week in English, we have been recapping and focusing on grammar, and we began reading the first chapter of our new class reader Rainforests in 30 Seconds. In Maths, we are continuing our unit on multiplication and division. In Science, we will be exploring the parts and functions of a plant. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead.

Year 4— Year 4 have come back after the break with lots of energy for the New Year! We have dived into adventure tales in English and we are learning to create tension in our writing. In Maths, we are looking at finding factors in numbers and using them to help us multiply large numbers.

Year 5— Year 5 start this term exploring a new topic on rivers. Using rivers as their theme in English, they will develop their writing skills through the use of conjunctions. In maths, they learn more formal methods to multiply and divide to help them solve problems.

Year 6— Year 6 have started working on 'The Lost Thing' in their reading and English lessons. Within maths, students are learning about ratio and multiplication of fractions. We have learnt, this week, about climate change and we are learning about fossils and evolution within science lessons.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
103



**Amazing
Apples**
101



**Super
Strawberries**
84



**Brilliant
Bananas**
183



Congratulations to the Brilliant Bananas who are this weeks leaders!

Welcome to our Online Safety Information Zone.

Bullying someone online is just as bad as bullying someone in person! It can be very hurtful and upsetting.

Watch the video for the key steps and some basic rules to help report any online bullying or unkindness.



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 21st January	— Eagles Class Assembly — 2.30pm
Wednesday 4th February	— Kites Class Assembly — 2.30pm
Tuesday 10th to Thursday 12th February	— Bikeability for Year 6

16th February—20th February — Half Term

Wednesday 11th March	— Foxes Class Assembly — 2.30pm
Tuesday 24th March	— Easter Service. Year 3 — Year 6. 1.30pm
Wednesday 25th March	— Falcons Class Assembly — 2.30pm
Thursday 26th March	— Rocksteady Concert — 9.30am

Friday 27th March — End of Term — 1.15pm