



Welcome to a new year at Bearwood

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A new year at Bearwood Primary and Nursery School

Our senior leadership team



Headteacher: Mrs Smith



Acting Deputy Headteacher:
Mrs Goodfellow



Pupil engagement and welfare officer:
Mrs Lyster (on maternity leave)

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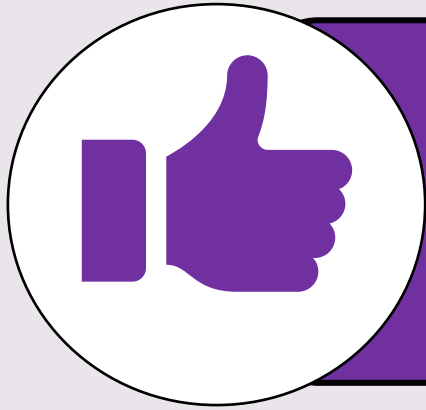
Ready



Respectful



Safe



Ready

Be ready to learn – arrive at school on time, equipment ready, uniform looking smart, work hard, good listening and follow the 4B's.



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Respectful

Be respectful – friendly and polite,
listen when others speak, take turns,
help others and look after the
property of our friends and the
school.



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Safe

Be safe – use kind hands, feet and words to help keep us and others safe, move around school in a safe manner, listen and follow instructions, use equipment safely and tell an adult if you feel unsafe.



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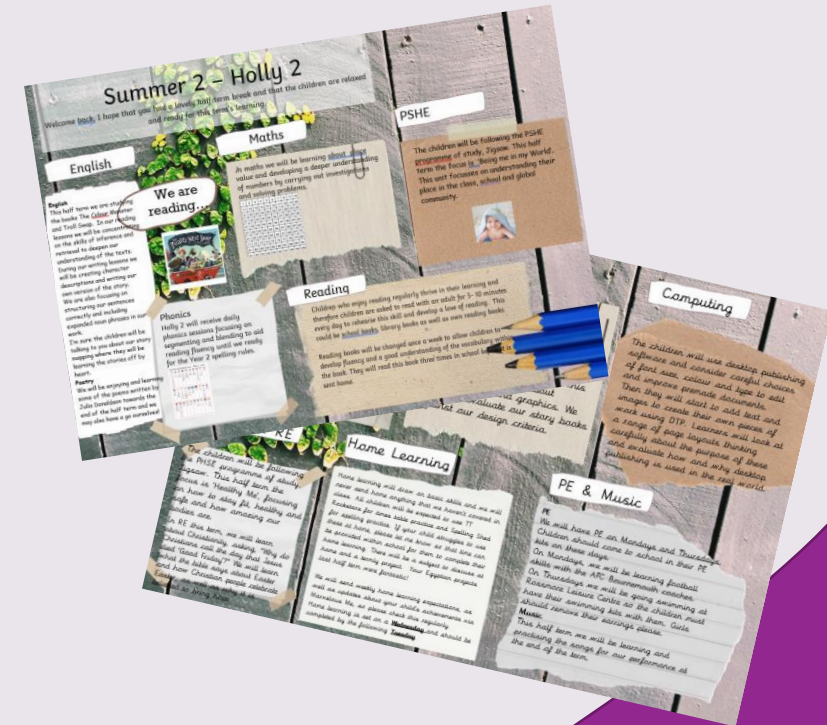
Look out for your Curriculum Newsletters which will be shared with you next week. This will be sent to you each half term so you know what your child will be learning over the course of the half term.

Our curriculum is broad, balanced and exciting.

Your child is going to have a great learning adventure this year!

[Click here for more curriculum information](#)

Curriculum



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What makes the difference?

Attendance

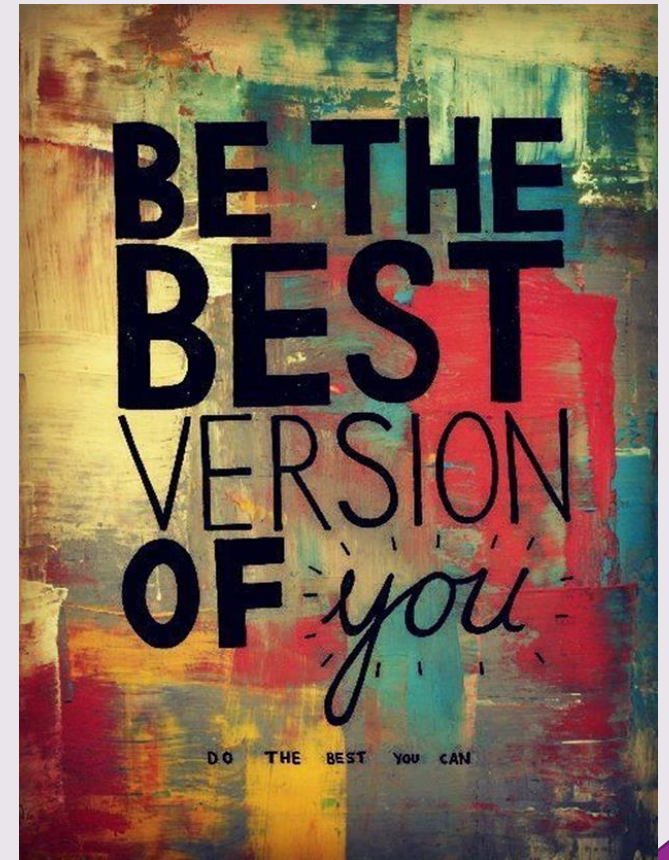
Engagement (Be ready)

Safety

Reading & Times Tables

Home learning

Communication



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Attendance @ Bearwood Primary & Nursery School

We recognise that good attendance (above 96%) is key to good pupil outcomes. The links between regular attendance, reaching potential attainment and future life opportunities are well researched. For this reason, the school will encourage good attendance and be robust in monitoring attendance and take action when attendance falls below the expected level. Good attendance impacts significantly on progress, learning, friendship groups and the child's overall happiness at school.

Easy as

1

There are 190 school days in a year; this leaves 175 days to spend on family time and holidays.

2

It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that their child(ren) attend school every day and on time.

3

The school opens at: 08:30am; registration is from 8:50am. Please arrive as close to 8:50am as possible to maximise learning opportunities for your child.



Attendance Matters

Every student Every Day

We're here to help!

We understand that there are many reasons why children may be absent or late for school. Please speak to staff about ways that we can support you with this.

Equates to number school days off each year			
		100%	➤ Perfection
4	School days missed	98%	➤ Impressive
6	School days missed	97%	➤ Good
7	School days missed	96%	➤ On Target
9	School days missed	95%	➤ Slight Concern
13	School days missed	93%	➤ Concerns
20	School days missed	90%	➤ Very Concerned
30	School days missed	85%	➤ Serious Concerns

Every minute of every lesson of every day matters.



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If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	almost 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	almost 8 years

Key Contacts:

Attendance Champion:

Mrs Cheryl Smith

Attendance Officer:

Mrs Hannah Rose

Leave of absence is only given in very exceptional circumstances. We have a duty to follow the Local Authority code of conduct for issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for absence.

Our Attendance Policy should be read in conjunction with the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

Reporting Absences:

A parent/carer must notify the school of the reason for a child's absence before 09:00am on the day of absence.

To report absence please:

Phone the school by 09:00am using the absence line (01020 590703) on the first morning of absence and each morning after that.

This helps us keep your child safe.



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Requests for holidays in term time

Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional** circumstances only and this is not the norm. It is important to note that Headteachers can determine the length of the authorised absence as well as whether the absence is authorised at all.

The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are rare, significant, or unavoidable circumstances (which means the event could not reasonably be scheduled at another time). Circumstances will vary from family to family.

There is no legal entitlement for time off in school time to go on holiday and, in the vast majority of cases, holiday will not be authorised.



Helping parents to understand the changes to fines for term time holidays

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued for unauthorised holidays recorded by schools **after 19th August 2024**.



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Be READY...

Wear the correct uniform:

- Be proud to be part of the Bearwood School Team.
- Especially TIES and BLACK SHOES.
- No makeup (including nail varnish) or jewellery. If a child comes to school wearing nail varnish, we may remove it.
- If your child is not wearing the correct uniform, we may provide your child with uniform to wear for the day from the 'boot room'.
- [Click here to see the full uniform expectation](#)



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Be READY...

PE Days

Come to school wearing the correct kit on our PE days:

Purple T shirt (no football kits), dark coloured shorts; dark coloured tracksuit bottoms and jumper or school jumper for the colder weather; trainers.

Ear piercings can be covered with tape for the first 6 weeks after piercing – otherwise earrings must be removed for PE, and hair should be tied back.

Forest School

When it is your turn for forest school, please come to school wearing your uniform and bring your forest school clothes in a bag with appropriate named clothing, a waterproof coat, jumper, socks, wellies, boots, or suitable footwear, joggers, leggings or jeans!

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Online Safety

- Children will participate in regular online safety lessons aimed at raising awareness around online dangers and strategies to keeping themselves safe online. There will also be high profile events such as Internet Safety Day.
- Parents and carers will be made aware of updates regarding current online issues that children may be exposed to. Advice and support around children using social media and electronic devices can found on our website and updates will be sent throughout the school year.
- **You will be asked to complete an ICT acceptable use agreement for your child.**
- The e-safety champion for the school is Miss Watts who is free to discuss any concerns or advice for using social media and apps.



Social Media:

With many children using social media, please be aware of the legal age restrictions for each app.

Many devices and social media apps allow parents to set up parental controls restricting certain content for children

[Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)



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Safeguarding



Safeguarding/Child Protection

Bearwood Primary and Nursery School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

If you have any concerns...

please contact the following people through the School Office:

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Smith
Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Goodfellow
Acting Deputy Headteacher



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Reading

Read With a Child
It's the Most Important
20 Minutes of Your Day

Child "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day
3,600 minutes
in a school year.

Child "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day
900 minutes
in a school year.

Child "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day
180 minutes
in a school year.



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Home learning

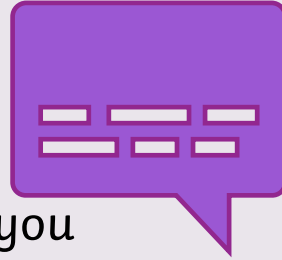
Home learning helps to consolidate your child's learning in school and is key in supporting them to achieve.

Home learning will be set weekly on a Wednesday and is expected to be completed by the following Tuesday or set date if it is a creative project.



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Communication



- If you spot signs that your child is unsettled, worried by something or distracted, or they tell you something that is upsetting them, please contact us, we have an open door policy.
- School and family working together with and for the child can be a very powerful combination.
- When we are made aware of a problem, we can support your child to ensure that they feel safe and happy when they are in school with us.
- We also want to keep you as updated as possible. Our main methods of communication are My Child At School (MCAS) and Marvellous Me so please make sure you are registered with both of these. If you are having any trouble with this, please contact the school office.
- We will also send out two communications per week - Marvellous Monday will tell you who has been celebrated in school. "We need to know Wednesday" will contain information on upcoming dates and events.



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Pupil Premium

Pupil premium is **funding to improve education outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in schools in England**. Evidence shows that disadvantaged children generally face additional challenges in reaching their potential at school and often do not perform as well as other pupils.

Who qualifies?

- Children who are eligible for free school meals based on their family's income.
- Children who are in care, fostered or adopted.
- Children who have a parent currently serving in the armed forces.

The extra funding will go towards ensuring that your children reach their full potential.

Please see the teacher for a confidential conversation if you think you may qualify or collect a form from the school office.



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Other information

Please remember:

- If going home arrangements for your child change, please contact the office asap to give them the new information.
- We are a nut free school, so no food containing nuts or sesame seeds should be brought into school, this includes Nutella and other hazelnut based chocolate spreads.



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