

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,



House Gems

Congratulations to the following children who have been nominated to receive a Values 'House Gem'.

Danielle B	Ospreys	Water	Independence, resilience and determination
Aaima U	Kestrels	Fire	Resilience and courage
Ira S	Longwings	Air	Ambition, independence, confidence and quality
Krithik A	Bennu	Earth	Determination and confidence
Vanshi K	Bennu	Fire	Understanding, determination and independence
Vrisha K	Bennu	Fire	Confidence, quality and thoughtfulness
Ava P	Stingrays	Air	Independence
Amelia F	Bennu	Water	Confidence, quality, positivity and co-operation
Hadia A	Bennu	Earth	Confidence, quality, positivity and co-operation
Isaac A	Bennu	Air	Determination and hope
Nandi B	Wyvern	Air	Quality, independence and confidence
Alice C	Eagles	Air	Quality, independence and confidence
Sofia A	Bennu	Fire	Ambition, independence and quality



University of Reading Children's Spring Lecture 2024

Did you know that most people in the world speak two or more languages? How do they do it? Join Professor Ludovica Serratrice on a journey of linguistic discovery that will take you from babbling babies to children juggling words and sentences in two languages.

Learn about the amazing skills of babies who can tell two languages apart when they are just days old and who babble differently in their two languages. Discover how children who grow



up with two or more languages learn to use them with different people and how sometimes they mix them up to great effect! Find out how adults can help children learn and keep all of their languages for life.

The lecture is suitable for children aged 7 to 12 years. [Register to attend](#).

Wraparound childcare provision

As the Local Authority (LA), Wokingham Council have a statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient wraparound childcare places in Wokingham Borough for all parents and carers who want to access it.

In the Spring Budget in March 2024, the government announced an investment of £289 million over two academic years for a national wraparound programme. This is to support those families with primary aged children who need access to paid for wraparound childcare from 8am to 6pm. Parents should expect to see an expansion in the availability of wraparound childcare from September 2024. By 2026, all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it, will be able to access term time childcare that parents pay for in their local area from 8am to 6pm, so that they can access employment and improve the labour market participation. (This duty rests with the council rather than specific local providers or schools.)

In preparation, Wokingham Borough Council are keen to understand the need for wraparound childcare places in the borough and have created a questionnaire that they are inviting families to complete using this link: <https://arcg.is/1yn8ze> They will use the results, alongside their own information and that from the DfE, to provide a picture of where support is needed to implement the national wraparound programme.



Funtastic Foil competition

Re3, the waste management partnership between Bracknell Forest, Reading, and Wokingham Borough Councils, invites all pupils to unlock their creativity and participate in the 'Fantastic Foil' competition. The challenge is to create a sculpture entirely made out of aluminium foil, with a spring or nature theme.

They're offering exciting prizes for the best sculptures. To enter, email a photo of your child's entry along with their name and school to re3info@reading.gov.uk, with the subject line 'Fantastic Foil'. The closing date for **entries is 19th April**, and winners will be announced



within two weeks. For full details, including the top prizes on offer, please [visit the re3 website](#).

Forest School

Mrs Kate Legg, our Forest School teacher, will be relocating at the end of this term and so will be leaving Loddon. We wish to thank her for all her dedicated work to establish the Forest school at Loddon. School will begin recruitment for a new Forest School facilitator with the aim to recruit someone by the second half of the summer term. As a result, Forest School sessions will be paused during the first half of the summer term.



Bikeability Easter Holiday Courses

Bikeability are offering cycling safety skills for children who wish to ride their bikes. Here is information for local holiday courses at Woodford Park in Woodley.

Level 1 Bikeability Training for Year 3 and above, £10

(This is open to children who have mastered the basics of balancing and riding)

Woodford Park: 2nd April, 9:30-12pm, Level 1 course, 12 children

Woodford Park: 8th April, 9:30-12pm, Level 1 course, 12 children

Level 1 & 2 Bikeability Training for Year 5 and above, one day course, £10

(This is open to children who are confident cyclists and who are in Years 5, 6 and 7)

Woodford Park: 5th April, 9:00-3:30pm, Level 1 & 2 course, 8 children

Woodford Park: 12th April, 9:00-3:30pm, Level 1 & 2 course, 4 children

Level 1 & 2 Bikeability Training for Year 5 and above, two day course, £20

(This is open to children who are confident cyclists and who are in Years 5, 6 and 7)

Woodford Park: 2nd & 3rd April, 9:30-3pm, Level 1 & 2 course, 12 children

Woodford Park: 8th & 9th April, 9:30-3pm, Level 1 & 2 course, 12 children

Level 3 Bikeability Training for Year 6 and above, one day course, £10

(This is open to children in Years 6 and above who have completed Bikeability Level 2)

Woodford Park: 2nd April, 9:30-3pm, Level 3 course, 3 children

Woodford Park: 3rd April, 9:30-3pm, Level 3 course, 3 children

Woodford Park: 5th April, 9:30-3pm, Level 3 course, 3 children

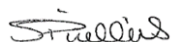
Woodford Park: 10th April, 9:30-3pm, Level 3 course, 3 children

Woodford Park: 11th April, 9:30-3pm, Level 3 course, 3 children

More information can be found at:

[We run great holiday courses. - Cycle training specialists \(avanticycling.co.uk\)](#)

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher



Diary Events List: Spring 2024

Date	Time	Event
18-Mar-24	16.00-19.00	Nursery to Y6 parents evening - Remote via MS Teams
19-Mar-24	16.00-19.00	Nursery to Y6 parents evening - Remote via MS Teams
20-Mar-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
21-Mar-24	1.15 for 1.30	YR-3 Easter assembly at St Nicolas Church at 1.30pm
21-Mar-24	2.15 for 2.30	Y4-6 Easter assembly at St Nicolas Church at 2.30pm
22-Mar-24	9.15-10.15	Y4 performance to parents (performance one)
25-Mar-24	During day	PTA Colour run event
26-Mar-24	15.10-15.30	Y5 parents into school to see Spring term's work
26-Mar-24	15.00-15.30	Meet the Governors - recruitment drop-in Parent Hut
27-Mar-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
27-Mar-24	9.00-10.00	Y1 Phonics Screening Check workshop for parents
27-Mar-24	14.00-15.00	Y4 performance to parents (performance two)
27-Mar-24	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting - Attendance by invitation of the Chair or Headteacher only
29-Mar-24 to 14 Apr-24	Throughout	Easter Holiday - School closed to pupils
15-Apr-24	Usual time	Pupil Summer term begins
16-Apr-24	During day	Primary School space - Offer day
17-Apr-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
17-Apr-24	15.00-16.00	PTA uniform and book sale
24-Apr-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
29-Apr-24	During day	Class photographs
01-May-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
06-May-24	All day	May Day Bank Holiday - School closed
08-May-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
09-May-24	During day	Y3 trip to Butser Farm
13-May-24	During week	Y6 SATS week
15-May-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
20-25-May-24	During week	Y6 PGL residential trip to Little Canada - Trip One
20-May-24	14.00-15.00	Y5 production to parents and carers - Timing TBC
21-May-24	14.00-15.00	Y5 production to parents and carers - Timing TBC
22-May-24	During day	Y1 trip to Woolley Firs
22-May-24	9.00-10.00	Y5 production to parents and carers - Timing TBC
22-May-24	9.00-10.00	PSA Tea and Coffee session in the Parent Hut
22-May-24	18.00-19.30	Full Governing Body meeting - attendance by invitation of the Chair or Headteacher only
24-May-24	All day	INSET day school closed to pupils for staff training
27-31-May-24	All week	Summer Half term holiday - School closed to pupils
3-Jun-24	Usual time	Pupil Summer term resumes

