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**Autumn Term 2025**

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**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Reward Assembly: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am**

Our next reward assembly is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November (after term), during which the following children will be receiving their reward certificates (except Reception children who will receive their certificates in class):

Class	Citizen	Learner
Frog	Meesha Sengupta	Theodore Wicks
Newt	Albert Church	Jahmarley Rey
1Hedgehog	Archie Maze	Freddie Sheppard
	Rosey Molyneux	Jools Morgan
1Mouse	Samuel Rosser	Ethan Muyunda
	Sofia Baronaite	Layla Jermon
2Squirrel	Callum Archer	Jacob Lane
	Satnaam Matharu	Emily McGowan
2Otter	Shiv Khoot	George Jenkins
	Olivér Clifton-Felker	Zayaan Akhtar
3Badger	Eden Phillips	Jameson Turner
	Arlo Rubio	Eva Rossington
3Mole	Maya Clarke	Hebe Mount
	Henry Hand	Theo Ward
4Fox	Freya Ovenden	Cherie Koc
	Aaryan Patel	Jacob Smith
4Hare	Harrison Cowley	Idris Miah
	Louis Royden	Seren Woodward
5Rabbit	Madison Williams	Abhimanyu Davey
	Max Mellish	Rocko Thomas
5Deer	Thanos Kaltakis	Lily Stirk
	Alice Pearson	Joey Pheby
6Dolphin	Harley Vian	Jamie Lau
	Lucas Rico	Emily Lawrence
6Seal	Jolaade Adebisi	Riley Willmott
	Joshua McCulloch	Z’Cairo Fox-Matu

Congratulations to all the children. Parents, carers, relatives and friends of children in Years 1 – 6 are welcome to attend the assembly on Wednesday at 9.00am.

**Reception children will receive their certificates separately, in class.**



### **Poppy Appeal**

We will again be selling poppies in school during the first week after half term for the British Legion National Poppy Appeal. In addition, there are also a number of colourful gift items for sale, as an alternative to the traditional poppy.

### **Upper Junior Production: 'Let The Games Begin'**

The children in the Upper Junior classes (Years 5 and 6) will be performing their production 'Let The Games Begin' on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at **6.30pm**.

To book to attend one of these performances, please visit the PMX app or online at <https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk> and go to 'Payments' then 'Shop', select up to a **maximum of 4 seats per family in total** over the two performances (e.g. 2 on Tuesday and 2 on Wednesday or 4 on either Tuesday or Wednesday) and checkout. If you book more than 4 seats per family, your reservations will be removed.

No tickets will be issued, but we do need to know the numbers expected for each performance in order to prepare the hall in advance and to ensure an even distribution of numbers. As in all productions, we would ask that parents, carers, relations and friends only come to see the performance **once**. This will enable all who would like to come, to be comfortably seated.

### **Toys and Teens Christmas gift Appeal**

We are pleased to be a donation point for Reading Family Aid 2025 Toys and Teens appeal and from 4<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November there will be a box in the office foyer. There are many families in Reading struggling with money and having to choose between eating and heating, and ensuring children have gifts at Christmas is a huge worry to them. Donations of brand new or 'as new' (clean, complete and working) toys and gifts are welcomed. Please remember that the appeal benefits children up to the age of 16, so older children too. Please don't wrap your gifts. Thank you for your support.

### **Message from West Berkshire Foodbank**

"I am delighted to let you know that your Harvest Festival collection this year weighed in at 227.1kgs. This is roughly the weight of a gorilla and they're huge! More importantly it represents the equivalent of 476 meals that the Birch Copse School community has provided for local people who are currently experiencing extreme hardship. That is so kind of you and is very much appreciated.

Many thanks and kind regards. Have a great half term."

Rosie

### **Half Term**

School finishes today for the half term holiday. We will re-open for the children on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. We hope you all have a good half term.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Micklewhite