



Keep Hatch Primary School

Headteacher's Newsletter — 24 January 2025



Calendar of Events

Mon 27th Jan - Mixed football match at home vs Westende - 3:30pm kick off

Thurs 30th Jan - Cross Country MOB event - Braywick - collection from Keep Hatch 12:30pm

Reminders/Notices

Year 6 - PGL:

Please make sure that all payments to date have been made - next payment due 2nd February

Year 4 - Winchester

Science Centre sleepover: Please complete the online ParentMail Form & make payment of £69.75

Year 5 - Ufton Court:

Please complete the online ParentMail Form & make payment of £26.75 by 3rd February

WASMA:

T-shirt order & payment deadline, Tuesday 28th January. Payment to be made via the Wokingham Schools Hub.

COFFEE MORNING:

See attached flyer

Attendance

this year:

95.9%



Thought for the Week

This week's thought for the week and PSHE focus has been 'We all do better when we work together.' The children reflected on how animals collaborate to support each other, such as ants living in highly organized colonies where each has a specific role, and how birds use aerodynamics to fly gracefully and efficiently, enabling them to migrate long distances. We then applied this learning to our school, discussing how we all support each other to be as successful as possible. The children made relevant links to our school values of respect, integrity, and responsibility, and emphasized the importance of collaboration and teamwork, which are integral to our success as learners. As always, the children made some excellent contributions.

O2 Young Voices Concert 2025

On Tuesday this week, 48 members of the Keep Hatch Choir joined around 8,500 other children in the Young Voices concert at the O2 in London. It was such an exciting day of music and fun which will remain in the children's (and adults') memories for many years to come! We were lucky enough to enjoy and sing along with fabulous performances from the Urban Strides dancers; MC Grammar who shares his passion for learning and reading through catchy raps; Tommy Blaize who is the lead singer on Strictly Come Dancing; and the incredible 14 year old singer Souparnika Nair who was a semi-finalist on Britain's Got Talent in 2020 when she was just 10 years old! It truly was an incredible experience for everyone involved and we were so proud of the children's behaviour from the moment we left school until returning home just after midnight. A huge thank you also goes out to the staff and volunteers who made this happen, in particular Mrs Cartwright, Mrs Morris, Mrs MacMillan, Mrs Crisp, Mr Moir, Miss Davies, Miss MacDonald and Mrs Wilding. A very special thank you also to Miss Tayler in the office for all her incredible organisation which enabled the event to run so smoothly. We now can't wait to start rehearsing for Young Voices 2026 next September!

Y6 Aaron Phipps Visit

This week, Year 6 were lucky enough to attend the very inspirational talk by Aaron Phipps at St Crispins. After losing both his legs to meningitis at the age of 15, Aaron has achieved so much: completing two London Marathons, a gold medal in the Para-Olympics (wheelchair rugby) and climbing Kilimanjaro-using his arms and knees!

It was a reminder to all of us to set goals and commit to achieving them because with hard work, commitment and some help from the people around you, great things can be achieved. As Aaron would say, when someone tells you that something is impossible, uncomfortable or too difficult - you keep going and prove them wrong. It certainly put things into perspective.

Despite a rather wet walk there, the behaviour from our Year 6 children was exemplary and was even commented on by Aaron himself. To watch his Kilimanjaro climb, follow this link: <https://youtu.be/rtUr4gf10Lg>

Y2 Anxiety Workshop

Yesterday, all of our Year 2 children and some of their parents participated in an Anxiety Workshop led by Jess from BRIYM. The children and parents learnt more about what anxiety is; why it happens; as well as some practical techniques to help children manage these big feelings when they happen.

KS2 Advanced Teamgym School Games Competition

On Wednesday, Amalie, Miley, Chloe, Leanne, Eleanor and Tibby, from Years 4-6, took part in an Advanced Team Gym event. They competed in tumble, springboard, and vault events, each earning points for the school team. They showed impressive skills including back tucks, round offs and chin stands! They were beautifully behaved and worked so well as a team - well done girls!

Chinese New Year

Wishing all of our families who will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Wednesday 29th January, a wonderful time.

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Puffins	Rudi for always being a kind, helpful and hard-working Puffin. Mehermah for a super effort in phonics.
Sparrows	Ayra for doing extra independent handwriting and sound practice during task time - well done!
Blackbirds	Zak for trying hard to use similes in his writing.
Robins	Georgia and Summer for writing fantastic sentences about The Wild Things.
Kingfishers	Louie P for demonstrating super school values in and out of the classroom. Well done Louie!
Skylarks	Amelie for showing super focus in reading and giving a lovely explanation of a butterfly's life cycle in science! Well done, Amelie!
Cedar	Cian for a super effort in his story writing. Great vocabulary used. Well done.
Rowan	Advik for excellent focus and participation in Geography and Science. Well done!
Hazel	Gabby and Grace for their learning attitude- both girls always show enthusiasm in every lesson and eager to share their ideas in class discussion time.
Sycamore	Luna for the amazing energy and enthusiasm she put into every minute of both rehearsal and performance at Young Voices. What a great ambassador for Keep Hatch!
Laurel	Yannis for always working hard and being ready to learn.
Maple	Eleanor for excellent work in gym and doing multiple, high-quality demonstrations for the class. Leo for excellent learning behaviours, working hard on tasks and asking questions to move his learning on.
Mulberry	Alex for working particularly hard recently and displaying a more confident attitude in the classroom. Stephen for showing perseverance in art this week when things didn't originally go to plan.
Willow	Sophie and Esme for their huge effort to make greater progress in Maths.
Headteacher's Award	Mason C (Y3) for being such a brave person. We are all very proud of your bravery and resilience. Hannah C and Lottie W (Y6) for helping one of our youngest children when they fell over at lunchtime. Thank you, girls, for being so kind and excellent Keep Hatch role models.



This week's top Times Table Rock Stars are:

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Cedar - James W.	Hazel - Kyle	Laurel - Peyton	Mulberry - Nevaeh
	Rowan - Noah	Sycamore - Rehan	Maple - Sebby	Willow - Adam



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