



# Keep Hatch Primary School



## Headteacher's Newsletter – 31 January 2025

### Calendar of Events

**3rd - 7th Feb** - Intra House competitions - children to wear their house t shirts for PE

**Mon 3rd Feb** - Mixed football match at home vs Westende - 3:30pm kick off

**Wed 5th Feb** - Yr 6 Sharing Assembly 2:45pm in the main hall

**Fri 7th Feb** - NSPCC Number Day

**Feb 7th Feb** - Yrs 5/6 Girls Football Festival - St Crispin's

### Reminders/Notices

#### Year 6 - PGL:

Please make sure that all payments to date have been made - next payment due 2nd February  
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**Year 4 - Winchester Science Centre sleeper:**  
Please complete the online ParentMail Form & make payment of £69.75  
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**Year 5 - Ufton Court:**  
Please complete the online ParentMail Form & make payment of £26.75 by 3rd February  
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Attendance

this year:

95.8%



### Lunar New Year

This past week, our school has been enjoying learning about the Lunar New Year and about the traditions and significance of this period. It has been wonderful to hear from both children and staff who celebrate the Lunar New Year, sharing their personal experiences and stories. Thank you to those children who have shared this with other children in our school. There will be a Lantern Festival to celebrate Lunar New Year which will take place on Sunday 9th February from 11am to 3pm at Wokingham Market Place.



### Exciting Upcoming Project

We want to give a huge 'shout out' to our Parents' Association for their amazing work in planning the transformation of our pond area into a peaceful nature reserve. Thanks to their efforts, they have managed to secure funding from the Wokingham Lions Club to help with the project. We're also super grateful to the parents and family members who are volunteering their time over the half-term break to get things started. We can't wait to see the progress! A big thank you to our PA and everyone volunteering their time to make this happen.

**\*New Date Added - Non-Uniform Day Friday 14th Feb\***

All donations will go towards the pond project.

Please donate using the link [https://www.gofundme.com/f/memorial-for-miss-mullar-and-pond-equipment?attribution\\_id=sl:6d5823a5-aa94-4259-9b0c-](https://www.gofundme.com/f/memorial-for-miss-mullar-and-pond-equipment?attribution_id=sl:6d5823a5-aa94-4259-9b0c-)

### Cross Country Competition

On Thursday afternoon, we took part in our third cross country event of the year. Children from Years 3-6 went to Braywick Leisure Centre for the MOB event, this time racing against the rest of Division 1 as well as Division 2! Despite the sunshine, the course was very muddy and slippery. The children were in high spirits and once again impressed us with how they all performed. Well done to all the children that took part, especially those that fell over or lost shoes but demonstrated perseverance to finish their races! Thank you so much to Mrs Somerville, Mrs Connelly, Miss Davies and all the parents for attending and helping with raffle tickets, recording the results and marshalling the course! Well done to all the children for representing the school so well - we are so proud of all of you! We can't wait to find out the overall results!

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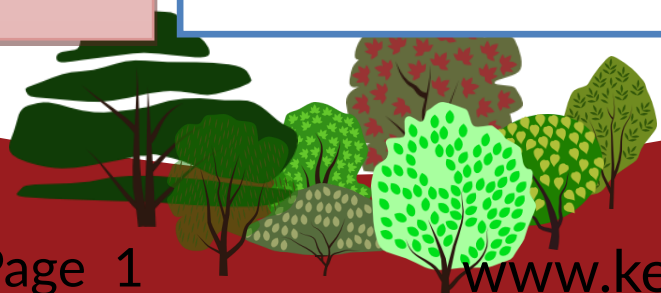
Regular attendance and punctuality are crucial for your child's success at school. Consistent attendance ensures that children do not miss out on valuable learning opportunities and social interactions. Arriving on time is equally important, as it allows your child to participate in the morning routines that set a positive tone for the day. Unfortunately, we have noticed an increase in late arrivals, which can impact your child's learning experience. Thank you for working together with us to ensure your children have the best possible start to their school day. Of course, we understand that children do get unwell at times. If your child is feeling poorly, please refer to the NHS guidelines here to determine if they should stay home or come into school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### Children's Mental Health Week 3rd-9th Feb

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme for 2025 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' with the aim to equip and empower children and young people across the UK to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. This is a very important topic we talk about a lot at school and want to continue to support our children to build resilience, grow and develop. For further information please click on this link <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/> and see attached document.

### NSPCC Number Day - Friday 7th February

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 7th February. NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline - the helpline that's always there for the children and young people whatever their problem or concern. All children are invited to come into school in non-uniform wearing a number as part of their outfit. The more creative the better! Donations can be made via ParentPay under NSPCC Day 7.2.25, or donations can be given to the class teacher. Please also remind the children to bring in their vegetable on Friday, KS1 - to bring in the longest carrot and KS2 - to bring in the heaviest potato. Thank you.





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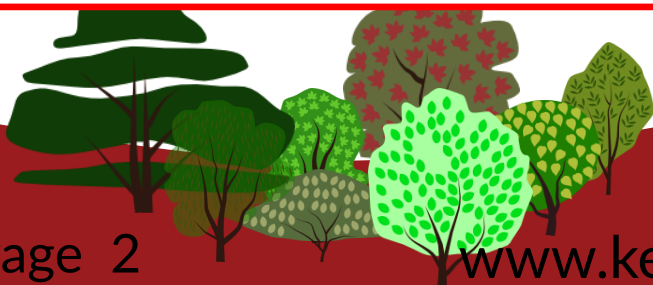
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<b>Puffins</b>	Jasper for his thoughtful contributions to our learning about Arctic animals and for always being a sensible and hardworking Puffin. Well done!
<b>Sparrows</b>	Ivy for being such a resilient and helpful Sparrow this week. Thank you for always helping your peers and adults- well done!
<b>Blackbirds</b>	Yasmin for working so hard on producing her own booklet and for using her oracy skills so effectively. Hazel for presenting such neat work and forming all her letters correctly.
<b>Robins</b>	Benjamin for growing in confidence when speaking and giving answers. Heath for super effort in pencil control.
<b>Kingfishers</b>	Phoebe for the improvement she has made in her joined-up handwriting. Noemi for displaying strong balancing skills on the apparatus during Gymnastics. Well done both!
<b>Skylarks</b>	Tilly for working really hard in all lessons!
<b>Cedar</b>	Zach for always working hard, offering thoughtful suggestions and putting in his best effort. Well done.
<b>Rowan</b>	Oscar for great listening, taking feedback onboard, improving his work and showing great effort. Well done!
<b>Hazel</b>	Enrico for his excellent use of vocabulary during class discussion, ensuring he is using the oracy sentences.
<b>Sycamore</b>	Albie for some fabulous writing in English, and for working really hard in Maths.
<b>Laurel</b>	Freya for some amazing writing this week showing great care and imagination.
<b>Maple</b>	Hazel For always demonstrating the school values and trying her best in everything she does. Well done Hazel!
<b>Mulberry</b>	Belle for always displaying the school values and working incredibly hard in all areas of the curriculum. Wilman for some clear scientific diagrams and explanations.
<b>Willow</b>	Rebecca and Summer for their determined effort in Maths.
<b>Headteacher's Award</b>	<b>Erin (Y2)</b> for her excellent work ethic and for always demonstrating excellent Keep Hatch behaviour <b>Sophie M (Y3)</b> for being a consistently excellent role model and a kind friend. <b>Harry (Y6)</b> for being supportive of so many others around the school and looking to be helpful in class.



### This week's top Times Table Rock Stars are:

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Cedar- James W	Hazel- Charlotte W	Laurel - Yannis	Willow- Hayden
	Rowan- Noah B	Sycamore- Chloe B	Maple – Sebby	Mulberry-Neveah



Headteacher Mrs C Appleby  
Executive Headteacher Mr C Cole