



# Keep Hatch Primary School



## Headteacher's Newsletter – 6 December 2024

### Calendar of Events

**Tues 10th Dec** - Choir at Westmead - 10.30am

**Tues 10th Dec** - Yrs 3 & 4 Christmas Event - 2:30pm - enter by the Foundation morning entrance door.

**Tues 10th Dec** - Yrs 5 & 6 Carol Service - All Saints Church - children to arrive at All Saints Church at 5:40pm.

**Wed 11th Dec** - Yrs 3 & 4 Christmas Event - 6pm (children to arrive at their classrooms at 5:45pm).

**Thurs 12th Dec** - Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day/Santa Dash

**Thurs 12th Dec** - Yr 2 Sports Hall Games, St Crispin's - children leaving school at 1:20pm

### Reminders/Notices

#### Year 6 - PGL:

Please make sure that all payments to date have been made - next payment due 2nd January  
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**Year 4 - Winchester Science Centre sleepover:**  
Please complete the online ParentMail Form & make payment of £69.75  
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#### Young Voices:

Please make payment for the 2025 Young Voices pupil coach of £19.80.  
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#### Young Voices

Please make payment for the 2025 Young Voices parent coach of £19.75, the deadline is Friday 6th December.  
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Attendance

this year:

95.8%



### Christmas at Keep Hatch

Christmas has arrived at Keep Hatch, and the children are in for a treat over the next two weeks with many exciting activities planned! We kicked off the festive season this week with our wonderful EYFS Christmas workshop. Parents were welcomed into the school to enjoy some Christmas magic with their children. They took part in different craft activities including decorating biscuits, made hats and decorations, and enjoyed some festive refreshments. We were lucky enough to be treated to some lovely singing by our Puffins and Sparrows at the end. Thank you to all family members who were able to join in the festivities and to our EYFS team for all their efforts in preparing the day.

### Secret Santa

A big thank you to our PA helpers this week for running the annual Secret Santa gift buying. The children love this event and it is a fabulous experience for them to choose a 'secret' present for their loved ones. Thank you for all the support in making this happen.

### Santa Dash

In addition to our Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch next Thursday, we also have our brand new exciting event, the Santa Dash! Well done to the children for all your sponsorships so far - the fundraising is looking great! Please continue with your fundraising between now and then to see which class can raise the most money. All funds will go towards the project of new large play equipment for the playground. On the day of the Santa Dash, children can come to school wearing their PE kit with a Christmas jumper or festive item, along with comfy trainers to enable them to join in with the running! There will be music, medals, and lots of Christmas cheer! Thank you so much to our fabulous Parents' Association for organising this event.

### Christmas Post Box

From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, our Christmas Post Box will be fully open in the school and children are invited to bring in cards to post to their school friends. Please can parents check that the envelopes show the first name, surname and class to ensure they reach the right child. Thank you.

### Intra House Competition

Last week, the school took part in their first intra-house competition of the year, which was based on different ball skills. The children were tested on their throwing and catching, ball control, aiming and hockey skills. All the children were really enthusiastic in the sessions and supportive of their other peers. Many of the teachers mentioned how brilliant the Year 5 and 6 helpers were, helping each session to run smoothly, and encouraging the younger year groups to try their best. Head to the school Facebook or website if you would like to see some pictures of the event.

After much anticipation, the results are in:

4<sup>th</sup> - Sharman

3<sup>rd</sup> - Jemison

2<sup>nd</sup> - Armstrong

1<sup>st</sup> - Peake

### Dressing the Christmas Tree

On Monday evening, our Year 6 Art Club proudly presented the Wokingham Town Mayor with their handmade decoration (a sewn Christmas gingerbread tree cookie). The children did a super job of creating their decoration, which will surely spread some festive cheer in our town. Be sure to visit the town square to admire the children's handiwork, when you are next in Wokingham centre.

### Caterlink Debts - Years 3 - 6

Please check your ParentPay account(s) over the weekend and ensure you will not be in debt and that you will have sufficient credit until the end of term as the Caterlink debts need to be zero at the end of the year. Thank you.

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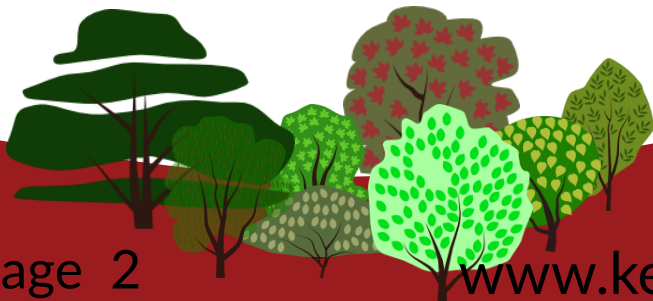
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<b>Puffins</b>	Peyton for always trying her best and working hard. Amazing maths this week, well done Peyton!
<b>Sparrows</b>	Maria for being such a resilient Sparrow. You are always so kind, hard-working and helpful- well done!
<b>Blackbirds</b>	Jesse C for trying really hard with his handwriting Well done!
<b>Robins</b>	Freddie for being a super role model in play rehearsals.
<b>Kingfishers</b>	Isla for always demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning! This week, we are particularly proud of the progress you have shown in spelling and handwriting! Well done!
<b>Skylarks</b>	Rae for trying hard with her writing even though she finds it difficult. Well done! Amara for being a super role model in our play rehearsals.
<b>Cedar</b>	Grace for really working hard in phonics, writing and Maths. Well done!
<b>Rowan</b>	Mason for excellent focus and trying his best in every lesson. Well done!
<b>Hazel</b>	Eunice for her excellent contributions to class discussions. Well done!
<b>Sycamore</b>	Elva for consistently showing excellent learning behaviours in every lesson.
<b>Laurel</b>	Joe for super efforts across the whole curriculum this week resulting in some fantastic writing, science and history work.
<b>Maple</b>	Aiden for always being a really willing helper when he comes in the classroom in the mornings.
<b>Mulberry</b>	Olive, for learning all the words to the carols and singing beautifully.
<b>Willow</b>	Kane for big improvements in the amount of reading and enthusiasm for reading at home and in class.
<b>Headteacher's Awards</b>	Jayden (Y4) for being really resilient and brave this week—we are proud of you!



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

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Cedar - Joseph	Hazel - Jayden	Laurel - Tibby	Mulberry - Ava
	Rowan - Cameron	Sycamore - Rehan	Maple - Oliver T	Willow - Hamnah



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