



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 12 September 2025

Calendar of Events

- Thurs 18th Sept - National Fitness Day
- Thurs 18th Sept - Yrs 3 & 4 - Author visit at All Saints Primary
- Tues 23rd Sept - Yr 3 - visit to Town Hall, Wokingham
- Mon 29th Sept - School Photographer - Individuals
- Tues 30th Sept - School Photographer - Sibling photos
- Wed 1st Oct - Open Classrooms - 3:30pm - 4:00pm

Reminders/Notices

Year 6 - PGL:

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

Choir/Young Voices 2026:

Please see ParentMail and sign up to Young Voices to register your child's attendance and order t-shirts and tickets. Deadline: September 19th.

Attendance this year:

91.9%



A Super First Week Back

I'm incredibly proud of how smoothly everyone has settled back into school life after the summer break. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and positive attitudes as they embrace their new classes and routines. A very special welcome to all of our new Puffins and Sparrows - we're thrilled to have you as part of the Keep Hatch family and have been so impressed with how well you have settled during your first week with us. Welcome also to some other new starters who have joined in other classes this week. Our assembly this week focused on the theme of communities. The children were keen to share the various groups and clubs they are part of outside of school, and we had a lovely discussion about what makes the Keep Hatch community such a special one. As always, the children contributed some wonderful insights, including the importance of including others, being kind to friends, welcoming new pupils to our school, helping those in need, and showing politeness and good manners to both peers and staff. What a lovely way to start our week!

EYFS Curriculum Information Event

The EYFS team would like to invite parents of Puffins and Sparrows to an Early Years Curriculum Information Event on Wednesday 8th October at 9.15am. You will be able to find out more about the learning in Early Years, including Phonics and Maths.

Harvest Festivals

As is our Keep Hatch tradition, we are delighted to be holding two Harvest Festivals this year at All Saints Church. We are delighted to have been able to secure both festivals on the same day of **Tuesday 21st October**. Y1, Y3 and Y5 at 11:00am and EYFS, Y2, Y4 and Y6 at 1:30pm.

We invite families to 'save the date' and join us in celebrating Harvest. Further details will be shared nearer the time.

Open Classrooms

We love welcoming parents and families into school, so we are excited to share that we will be holding Open Classrooms on Wednesday 1st October from 3:30 to 4:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to visit your child(ren)'s classroom and for them to share some of the fantastic learning that has taken place so far this term. Further details to follow but please save the date and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Secondary School Applications

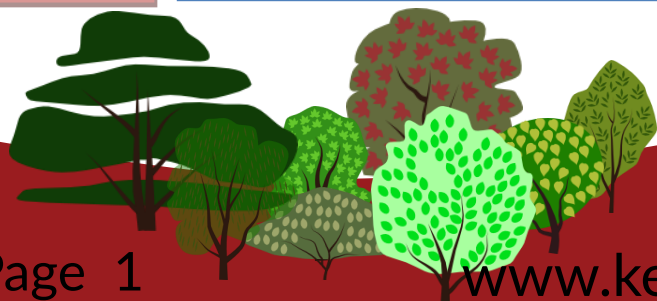
Please be advised that the portal opens on September 12th and the closing date for application is October 31st and the National Offer Day is March 2nd.

National Fitness Day 2025

We are looking forward to celebrating National Fitness Day next week, on Thursday 18th September. All children can come into school wearing their PE kit as we have some exciting activities planned, including an active circuit for each class to participate in throughout the day. Keep your eyes peeled on our website and Facebook pages to see what we get up to! If you are active at home, at non-school clubs, or with friends and family, please send in your pictures to the office as we would love to celebrate and share these on our Active at Home display board.

School Photographer

On Monday 29th September pupils will be photographed by the school photographer. Keep Hatch brothers and sisters will be photographed together as well as individual photos. Sibling photographs will be taken on Tuesday 30th September. Parents will receive a proof copy and will be able to order prints in a variety of sizes. Your child will need his/her school sweatshirt or cardigan and we ask that hair be tied back neatly. If your child has PE on Monday or Tuesday of that week, please send them to school in their uniform and NOT their PE kit. Thank you.



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Sparrows	
Blackbirds	Arnav and Peyton for some really careful colouring and sticking in art.
Robins	Aleida for settling in to Year 1 beautifully and for trying very hard with all her learning this week.
Kingfishers	Ollie for demonstrating school values, being ready to learn and contributing ideas well during class discussions! What a great start to Year 2! Well done Ollie!
Skylarks	Marni for being incredibly helpful around the classroom!
Cedar	Eva for a brilliant start to Y3, and for demonstrating the school values.
Rowan	Amelia and Amara for being role models—always showing excellent behaviour, strong effort, and a constant readiness to learn.
Hazel	Joshua for an amazing start to Year 5 and for using Scientific vocabulary for an excellent explanation of the digestive system.
Sycamore	Zach for having a fabulous week: he is always ready to learn and shows enthusiasm in every lesson.
Laurel	Bethany for an amazing start to Year 5; she is always ready to learn, happy to share her ideas with the class and the presentation of her work is beautiful.
Maple	Rehan and Doris for starting Year 5 with an excellent attitude to learning, always working hard and following the Year 5 expectations
Mulberry	Peyton, for always being ready to learn and making a good effort at the start of term.
Willow	Oliver for a fantastic start to Year 6 and being a helpful, hard working member of Willow.
Headteacher's Award	Harry P (Y4) for beautiful manners and for being an excellent role model. What a fabulous start to Y4!



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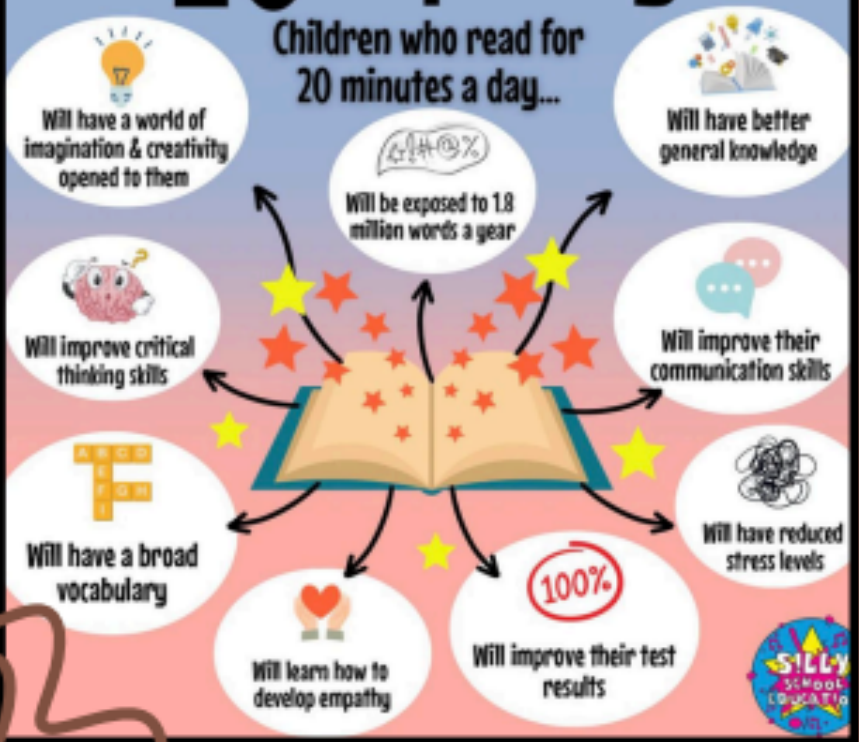
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YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT ALL THINGS READING

WELCOME BACK TO A NEW TERM AND THE FIRST OF OUR WEEKLY BOOKWORM BULLETINS. OVER THE WEEKS WE WILL BE SHARING SOME TIPS AS WELL AS A RANGE OF BOOKS FOR ALL AGES, BOTH OLD AND NEW. WE HOPE YOU FIND IT USEFUL AND IT ENCOURAGES A LOVE OF READING.

20 is plenty!


Children who read for 20 minutes a day...



KS2 CLASS READERS THIS TERM

- YEAR 3 - THE TWITS/GEORGE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE
- YEAR 4 - THE BOY AT THE BACK OF THE CLASS
- YEAR 5 - HIGH RISE MYSTERY
- YEAR 6 - HOLES





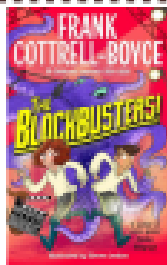
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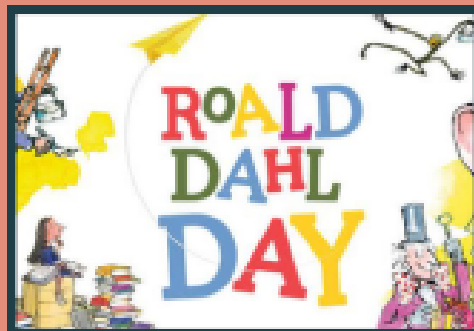
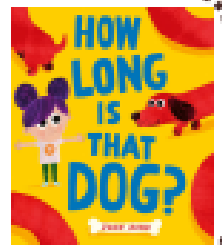
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NEW RELEASE
BOOKSHELF

KS1



ROALD DAHL DAY IS AN ANNUAL EVENT CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND WORKS OF THE BELOVED AUTHOR, ROALD DAHL, HELD ON HIS BIRTHDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH. THE DAY ENCOURAGES PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN, TO READ HIS BOOKS, SHARE HIS STORIES, DRESS UP AS HIS CHARACTERS, AND ENGAGE IN CREATIVE ACTIVITIES INSPIRED BY HIS IMAGINATIVE WORLDS.

WHICH BOOK IS YOUR FAVOURITE?



DID YOU KNOW?

READING IMPROVES CONCENTRATION. CHILDREN HAVE TO SIT STILL AND QUIETLY SO THAT THEY CAN FOCUS ON THE STORY WHEN THEY ARE READING. IF THEY READ OFTEN, THEY WILL DEVELOP THE SKILL TO DO THIS FOR LONGER.

READING IMPROVES VOCABULARY AND LANGUAGE SKILLS.

CHILDREN LEARN NEW WORDS AS THEY READ. SUBCONSCIOUSLY, THEY ABSORB INFORMATION ON HOW TO STRUCTURE SENTENCES AND HOW TO USE WORDS AND OTHER LANGUAGE FEATURES EFFECTIVELY IN THEIR WRITING AND SPEAKING.

READING DEVELOPS A CHILD'S IMAGINATION. AS WE READ OUR BRAINS TRANSLATE THE DESCRIPTIONS WE READ OF PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS INTO PICTURES. WHILE WE ARE ENGAGED IN A STORY WE ARE ALSO IMAGINING HOW A CHARACTER IS FEELING. YOUNG CHILDREN THEN BRING THIS KNOWLEDGE INTO THEIR EVERYDAY PLAY.

