



# Keep Hatch Primary School



## Headteacher's Newsletter – 19 September 2025

### Calendar of Events

**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

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#### Year 6 - PGL:

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

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#### 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 19<sup>th</sup>.

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#### Flu Vaccinations:

Please complete the online form by Wednesday 1st October.

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#### Hydrokidz:

See attached flyer.

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#### Heritage Day:

See attached flyer.

Attendance this year:

93.5%



### Thought for the Week

This week's thought for the week was: "My hope is that we will continue to work together to make our community a better place." In our assemblies and PSHE lessons, we have been exploring what makes our school community a welcoming and inclusive place for everyone. We read the story 'We Are Together' by Britta Teckentrup, which shows how amazing things can happen when we work as a team. The children had some great conversations about what the story means and how it links to our weekly thought for the week and our school values. It was lovely to hear their ideas about how each of us can help make our school a kind, respectful and supportive place for everyone.

### Visit from Author Simon Murray

Year 1, Year 2 and EYFS children all thoroughly enjoyed a session with the author of 'Icky Doo Dah' series, Simon Murray. They listened to the tales of the mischievous character and even had a go at illustrating their own attic monster.

### Y3/4 Author Visit

On Thursday, LKS2 had a very special visit from author, writer and poet James Carter (at All Saints). The children were captivated by his lively stories and imaginative poems, and he kept everyone entertained with his humour and creativity. The children enjoyed joining in, and discovering just how much fun words can be!

### Year 1 Walk to Post Box

Year 1 have been learning about our local area in Geography, and have considered the information an address contains. On Monday we enjoyed a walk to our local post box to post some of our work to our home addresses. The children behaved impeccably and we were very proud of them. Hopefully many Year 1s have since received their letters at home!

### 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 again this year at All Saints Church. We are pleased 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.

### School Photographer

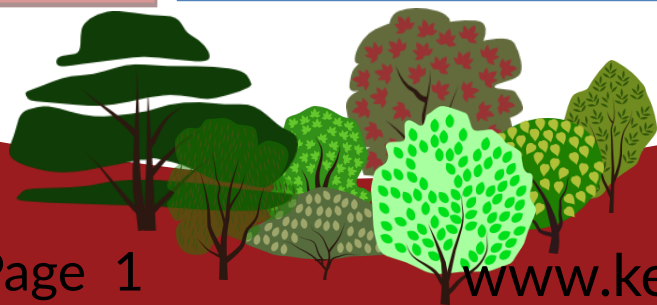
On Monday 29th September pupils will be photographed by the school photographer. Keep Hatch brothers and sisters will be photographed together as well as individual photos. Sibling photographs will be taken on Tuesday 30th September. Parents will receive a proof copy and will be able to order prints 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.

### Funtastic Kids

Join Funtastic Kids this October Half Term for Autumn Adventures! Children can choose between autumn themed creative activities and energetic sports and games! Please see attached flyer.

### Gardening Club

What a wonderful start to the term for Gardening Club. The children have been busy tidying up the weeds, harvesting the potatoes and carrots and even had a little taste! They have filled our brand-new pallets with soil donated from our charity day and collected the flowerheads from the lavender plants. As you can see from the attached flyer, the collected lavender flowerheads are to be used on Wokingham in Bloom stall at the weekend. If you can visit the stall that would be great. Well done to all children who attended gardening club and thank you again to the Bloom volunteers and parents/staff volunteers.



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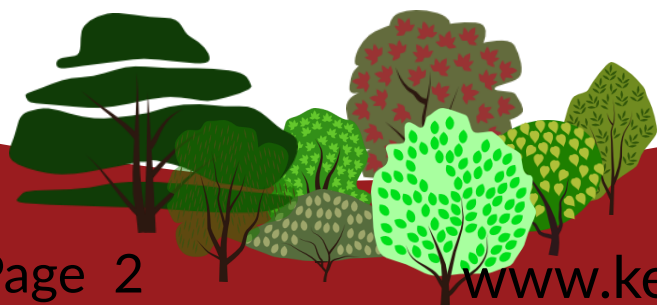
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### Shout Out

Congratulations to Zach (Y3) who has been asked to play for Reading FCs development team and he had his first training session Tuesday night and is very excited for next week already. Well done Zach!



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| <b>Puffins</b>              | Dora for being such a kind, helpful and hardworking Puffin. Well done, Dora!   |
| <b>Sparrows</b>             | George for always following our class rules, being helpful at tidy up time and for showing great balancing skills in PE! Well done George! |
| <b>Blackbirds</b>           | Kassidy and Valerie for trying so hard with their handwriting.   |
| <b>Robins</b>               | Lottie for concentrating brilliantly and doing some super writing. Well done Lottie!   |
| <b>Kingfishers</b>          | Grayson for being a kind, caring member of the class and for consistently demonstrating our school value of respect. Well done Grayson!    |
| <b>Skylarks</b>             | Andrew for working really hard with his phonics and writing this week. Ivie-Marie for being a kind and caring friend.                      |
| <b>Cedar</b>                | Grayson for being such a fantastic peer buddy. Well done!  |
| <b>Rowan</b>                | Lena and Nina for being independent, resilient and showing excellent effort in History and Science. Well done!                             |
| <b>Hazel</b>                | Noah B for participating actively in all lessons, offering to help others and skilfully demonstrating skills in PE.                        |
| <b>Sycamore</b>             | Sophie for always showing she is ready to learn and for great focus in every lesson.   |
| <b>Laurel</b>               | Jack S for being a superstar, always ready to learn and an absolute delight to have in the classroom.                                      |
| <b>Maple</b>                | Lacey and Liam for always being willing to contribute answers during class discussions—even if they are not sure of the answer.            |
| <b>Mulberry</b>             | Ellie for being so enthusiastic and confident in the classroom and for producing some lovely written work this week.                       |
| <b>Willow</b>               | Isla C for her great descriptive writing this week, demonstrating confidence to read it aloud and working on feedback.                     |
| <b>Headteacher's Awards</b> | Charlotte W (Y5) for being a consistently excellent role model.  |



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# BOOKWORM BULLETIN



AUTUMN TERM EDITION  
#3

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT ALL THINGS READING

KS2



NEW RELEASE BOOKSHELF

KS1



## ROSH HASHANAH

ROSH HASHANAH IS A VERY SPECIAL HOLIDAY IN THE JEWISH CALENDAR. THIS YEAR IT BEGINS ON THE EVENING OF FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER AND LASTS FOR TWO DAYS. IT MARKS THE START OF THE JEWISH NEW YEAR AND IS A TIME FOR FAMILIES TO COME TOGETHER, REFLECT ON THE PAST YEAR, AND THINK ABOUT HOPES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE AT HOME, HERE ARE SOME LOVELY CHILDREN'S BOOKS TO SHARE TOGETHER:



## TIPS FOR PARENTS-RELUCTANT READERS

WE OFTEN GET ASKED HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT RELUCTANT READERS. HERE ARE A COUPLE OF TIPS...

### • MAKE IT FUNNY

CHOOSE BOOKS THAT APPEAL TO YOUR CHILD'S SENSE OF HUMOUR. DO THE VOICES AND BRING BOOKS TO LIFE. SOME CHILDREN WILL ENJOY SNOT JOKES AND SLAPSTICK; OTHERS WILL LIKE TALES OF NAUGHTINESS THAT TURN FAMILIAR RULES UPSIDE DOWN. EXPERIMENT, AND SEE WHAT STICKS. DON'T FORGET TO LAUGH TOGETHER.

### • COPY AND COLLECT

IF YOUR CHILD LOVES COLLECTING THINGS, THEY MIGHT GET A BUZZ FROM WORKING THEIR WAY THROUGH A SERIES. THE BEST RECOMMENDATIONS COME FROM OTHER CHILDREN – ASK AROUND ON THE PLAYGROUND, OR FIND OUT WHICH BOOKS HAVE A WAITING LIST IN YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY. BOOKS LINKED TO FILMS OR TV SHOWS CAN BE A GOOD STARTING POINT.



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