



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 26 September 2025

Calendar of Events

Mon 29th Sept - School Photographer - Individuals

Tues 30th Sept - School Photographer - Sibling photos

Wed 1st Oct - Open Classrooms - 3:30pm - 4:00pm

Thurs 2nd Oct - Census Day

Thurs 2nd Oct - Flu Vaccinations

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:

The deadline to buy tickets and t shirts is 31st October.

Flu Vaccinations:

Please complete the online form by Wednesday 1st October.

Year 5 Little Brickies:

Please make payment of £5.74 for the Lego Workshop.

Mini Maestros:

See attached flyer.

Attendance this year:

93.9%



Rosh Hashanah

This week, the children have been learning about Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. It's a time of reflection, celebration, and new beginnings. The children explored some of the key traditions associated with the festival, such as the sounding of the shofar (a ram's horn), and the of eating apples dipped in honey to symbolise hopes for a sweet year ahead. As always, the children contributed well to our discussion and answered questions well after watching a short video clip.

Y3 Visit to Wokingham Town Hall

Year 3 had an exciting trip to the town hall this Tuesday, where they even got to meet the mayor! The children explored the council chambers and meeting rooms. They also learned all about the mayor's regalia, and took part in an outdoor treasure hunt, spotting key features and learning more about the building. During the walk there and back, they also enjoyed seeing some historic medieval architecture in Rose Street. The morning was full of discovery and learning, and the trip ended perfectly with tasty refreshments - which everyone enjoyed!

Louis Taylor's Road Safety Show

We were excited to welcome a special Road Safety Show into school this week for our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Through fun activities, songs, and role-play, the children learnt all about how to keep safe near roads, the importance of holding hands, using crossings, and looking and listening carefully. We hope that this session helped our youngest learners to build these vital life skills in a memorable way.

Census Day

Census Day on Thursday 2nd October is an important day in the school calendar in that it gives a snapshot of information about the school which is submitted to Wokingham Borough Council. We would like to encourage all children to have a school dinner and so we will be swapping Thursday 2nd October and Friday 3rd October menus around.

Thursday 2nd October
Fish Fingers with Chips
Falafel with Chips (V)

Friday 3rd October
Chicken Fajitas with Rice
Veggie Curry with Rice (V)

School Photographer

On Monday all pupils will be photographed by the school photographer, with Keep Hatch brothers and sisters being photographed on Tuesday. 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 next week, please send them to school in their uniform.** Thank you.

Flu Vaccinations

Please complete the online form before 9am on 1st October, whether you wish to have your child vaccinated or not.

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.

Amazon Wish List

To help cover essential supplies that our budget can't stretch to, we'll be sharing our Amazon Wishlist weekly. If you're able to support, simply choose an item, purchase through your account, and have it delivered to school. If there's an option to add a gift message, please do - it helps us know who to thank. We are hugely grateful for anything you can contribute. Thank you.



Headteacher Mrs C Appleby
Executive Headteacher Mr C Cole



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Puffins	Harvey for a super week. Super listening, super exploration time and super contributions to class discussions. Well done, Harvey!
Sparrows	Amelie for always trying her best to follow our school routines, and for demonstrating brilliant effort towards her writing during Phonics! Well done!
Blackbirds	Jasper for being a kind and hardworking member of the Blackbirds.
Robins	Evie for painting an amazing self portrait.
Kingfishers	Lucas for helping to keep the classroom tidy! Maeve for always being ready for learning, working hard and demonstrating super singing!
Skylarks	Sophie for always demonstrating exemplary learning behaviours, being ready to learn and for giving such super verbal answers!
Cedar	Edith for putting 100% effort into her learning and always trying her best.
Rowan	Mivaan for demonstrating kindness and helpfulness, particularly in seeking support for a friend in need. Well done!
Hazel	Aileen, Ella and Scarlett for their amazing writing in English this week. Well done!
Sycamore	Joshua for making so many imaginative contributions in English.
Laurel	Emily and Ksenia for some wonderfully descriptive writing in English.
Maple	Max for showing great teamwork and communication skills during PE this week. Well done!
Mulberry	Jolie for trying her hardest this week and showing me that she can really do it! A wonderful effort this week
Willow	Harry for always offering to share his ideas in Maths with very clear explanations.
Headteacher's Awards	Molly B (Y5), Kaia B (Y3), Oliver C (Y6), Cassidy (Y6), Zoe Mc (Y4) and Cian Mc (Y4): Mrs Appleby has recognized you as being excellent role models, and always demonstrating beautiful manners towards friends and staff.



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