



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 17 October 2025

Calendar of Events

Tues 21st Oct - Harvest Festival at All Saints Church - 11am - Y 1, 3 & 5
1:30pm - EYFS, Y 2, 4, 6

Fri 24th Oct - Y 6 (Mulberry) - Natural History Museum virtual workshop

Half Term
27th October - 31st October

Mon 3rd Nov - Inset Day

Reminders/Notices

Year 6 - PGL:

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

Young Voices 2026:

Payment to be made for the pupil coach on ParentPay and please urgently complete the ParentMail Form for the parent coach.

Attendance this year:

94.0%



Black History Month

This week in assemblies and across classes, the children have been learning about Black History Month, exploring its importance in recognising and celebrating the achievements and contributions of Black individuals throughout history. Children were introduced to inspiring figures whose courage and leadership helped shape the civil rights movement. As part of their learning, children watched short video clips about Betty Campbell, Wales' first Black headteacher and a passionate advocate for equality, and Olaudah Equiano, a formerly enslaved African who became a prominent author and abolitionist. The discussions that followed were thoughtful and engaging, with children showing great curiosity and respect as they reflected on these powerful stories.

Harvest Festival and Donations

Please be reminded we are collecting Harvest donations up until Wednesday 22nd October. Children can take the donations to their classrooms or bring to the school office. These donations go a long way in supporting families in need within our local area. Thank you, and we look forward to welcoming families along to our Harvest Festivals next week!

Birds of Prey

This week, we were very lucky to welcome Berkshire Birds of Prey to our school. The children had the amazing opportunity to handle several different species of owls and even witnessed a spectacular fly past in the school hall! We learnt so much about the special adaptations that help these magnificent birds survive in the wild. It was an unforgettable experience to see them up close. A huge thank you to Mrs Parker for organising such a fantastic visit.

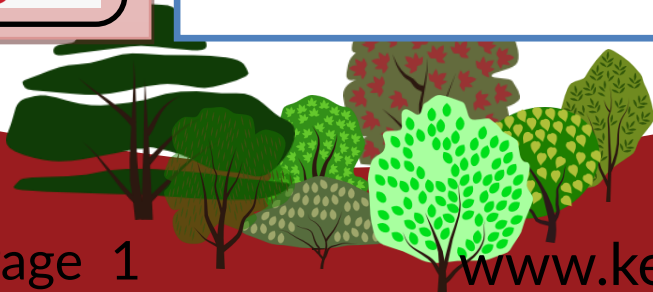


School Discos

A big shout-out to the PA for organising the school discos this week! The kids had an amazing time - lots of dancing, laughter, and fun all around. We really appreciate all the effort that went into making it such a great event. Thank you!

Show Racism the Red Card

Today our school proudly took part in Show Racism the Red Card, an annual campaign that challenges racism through education and awareness. Children wore red clothing to show their support and took part in meaningful discussions that celebrated diversity and promoted inclusion. The day was a reminder that kindness, respect and courage are values we must uphold every day, and we thank everyone who helped make it such a positive and impactful experience.





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Puffins	Freddie for his super listening, exploration time and thoughtful comments in small group time.
Sparrows	Noah for a really positive week- showing engagement in phonics, writing and small group tasks- well done!
Blackbirds	Albie and Alvina for writing lovely sentences using adjectives.
Robins	Elisha for always being a great role model and showing excellent learning behaviours.
Kingfishers	Teddy for writing a fabulous story based on a journey around London! It's great to see your enthusiasm for writing – well done!
Skylarks	Phoebe for working incredibly hard in all subjects this week!
Cedar	Seb for some great responses during the hot seating activity in English. Well done.
Rowan	George and Amelie for showing resilience, positive learning behaviour and working hard in Maths and English. Well done!
Hazel	Lilah for some amazing work in Maths this week. Well done!
Sycamore	Frankie for always working hard and showing the Keep Hatch values in every lesson.
Laurel	Charlotte for a superb piece of writing this week.
Maple	Everly for such a great improvement in the presentation of her work.
Mulberry	Edie for a wonderful attitude to learning this week resulting in some high-quality work across the curriculum. Oliver V for showing more independence in the classroom and producing some lovely writing- well done.
Willow	Joe and Abi for working well in all areas, but particularly this week, in art.
Headteacher's Awards	Mabel B (Y6) and Peyton (Y6), Gaby (Y5) and Owen (Y5) for being excellent Upper Key Stage 2 role models.

This week's top Times Table Rock Stars are:



Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kingfishers:	Cedar: Nancy	Hazel: Noah B	Laurel: Kyle	Mulberry: Olivia
Skylarks:	Rowan: Oscar	Sycamore: Mustafa	Maple: Dolcie	Willow: Abi

Headteacher Mrs C Appleby
Executive Headteacher Mr C Cole







BOOKWORM BULLETIN

AUTUMN TERM EDITION #7

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT ALL THINGS READING

NEW RELEASE BOOKSHELF


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ESCAPE ROOM GAME ZERO

A BRAND-NEW ESCAPE ROOM ADVENTURE FROM BESTSELLING AUTHOR, CHRISTOPHER EDGE. DISCOVER AN EPIC NEW WORLD PACKED WITH PUZZLES, ACTION, DANGER AND BRAVERY – A VIRTUAL ESCAPE ROOM WHERE ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE AND NOTHING IS AS IT SEEMS...

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STOP! Gorgie the Koala

THIS FUNNY CHAPTER BOOK IS THE FIRST TALE IN THE PAWPRINT PRODUCTIONS SERIES. IT INTRODUCES AN AMUSING ASSORTMENT OF CHARACTERS WHO ARE SURE TO FEATURE IN LATER STORIES. LOOK OUT FOR BOOK TWO, BARKING BAKE OFF.

OCTOBER IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



AN INTERVIEW WITH MRS FLETCHER BY MILEY (YEAR 6 READING AMBASSADOR)

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK?
THE PIRATES NEXT DOOR BECAUSE IT'S FUNNY.

WHAT ARE YOU CURRENTLY READING?
LIBRARIAN OF AUSCHWITZ. IT'S ABOUT A BOY WHO PROTECTS THE BOOKS IN A CONCENTRATION CAMP

WHEN DO YOU LIKE TO READ?
IN BED BEFORE I GO TO SLEEP AND WHEN I'M EATING MY BREAKFAST.

WHAT TYPES OF BOOKS DO YOU READ?
HISTORICAL FICTION AND NATURAL HISTORY.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK TO READ IN CLASS?
PICTURE BOOKS

DO YOU HAVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOOKS TO READ BEFORE LEAVING KEEP HATCH?
AN ATLAS SO THAT YOU CAN LOOK AT DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Executive Headteacher Mr C Cole