



# Keep Hatch Primary School



## Headteacher's Newsletter – 24 October 2025

### Calendar of Events

Half Term  
27th October - 31st October

Mon 3rd Nov - Inset Day

Tues 4th Nov - Start of pupil term

Thurs 6th Nov - Cross Country comp - Lightwater

10th - 14th Nov - Anti-Bullying week

10th - 14th Nov - Intra-house ball skills

Mon 10th Nov - Parents' Evening - 3:50pm - 6:30pm

Mon 10th Nov - Odd Sock Day

Wed 12th Nov - Parents' Evening - 3:50pm - 6:30pm

Fri 14th Nov - Children in Need (non-uniform day)

### Reminders/Notices

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#### Year 6 - PGL:

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

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#### Young Voices 2026:

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

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#### Little Wickets:

See flyer.

#### Free half term event at Eton College:

See flyer.

Attendance  
this year:

94.7%



### Diwali Celebrations

This week, we marked Diwali in our Monday assemblies. The children learned about the significance of the Festival of Lights and how it is celebrated by many families around the world, and in our school community. Thank you to all children who shared their own family traditions with others.

### Harvest Festival

We enjoyed a beautiful Harvest Festival celebration at the church this week. It was wonderful to see so many families join us, and the children performed with such confidence - just as we knew they would! Wokingham Food Bank were incredibly grateful for all the generous donations, and we extend our sincere thanks to all families who contributed. A special thank you to our parent and family helpers who supported us on the day.

### Token Winners

Well done to Peake, our token winners this half term! The children were delighted to enjoy an extra playtime with a special snack — a lovely way to celebrate their teamwork and positive contributions.

### Year 6 - Natural History Museum

Our Year 6 children recently took part in an exciting online lesson led by the Natural History Museum to deepen their understanding of evolution. During the session, pupils explored how species adapt to their environments through three engaging activities, including investigating the evolution of the horse and exploring how traits are passed on through generations. The interactive session brought their classroom learning to life and sparked lots of curiosity about the natural world.

### Half Term

As we end this half term, I want to say a big well done to all children. We are so proud of how you have all settled into your new classes and for the many achievements you have made already. Thank you to parents and family members for your ongoing support for Keep Hatch, and to my fabulous staff team for their hard work and commitment. Wishing you all a wonderful and restful half term break. We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Tuesday 4th November (please note that Monday 3rd is an INSET Day).

### Daylight Saving Time

This is to remind you all that the clocks will be going back one hour on Sunday.

### Change of Menu - Wednesday 5th November

To celebrate bonfire night The Pantry will be changing the menu to Hot Dog or Vegan Hot Dog with chips and sweetcorn and for dessert, Toffee Apple Pie.

### Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening appointments will be going live on the morning of Tuesday 4th November; please keep a look out for the notification to book. Appointments will take place in person in the school hall between 3:50pm and 6:30pm on **Monday 10th Nov and Weds 12th Nov**, and 10 minutes is allocated per child. Please could we ask you all to support the staff team in keeping to your allocated time. Thank you.

### Christmas Card Designs

All completed artwork forms must be returned to school no later than **Wednesday 5th November**. Any designs received after this date will not be included, as they must be collated and sent back in time for an allocated scanning date. Thank you.

### Parent Lite App

Please ensure you have registered for Parent Lite App and that your records are up to date.



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<b>Puffins</b>	Sapphire for trying really hard with her handwriting this term and now confidently forms her letters. Well done
<b>Sparrows</b>	Mia for demonstrating brilliant focus and beautiful carpet sitting during inputs, and showing great effort for learning our Harvest songs! Well done!
<b>Blackbirds</b>	Ayra and Maya for learning our Harvest songs so well and for singing beautifully.
<b>Robins</b>	Cody for fantastic work on maths fact families.
<b>Kingfishers</b>	Amelia for making a fantastic school councillor; she explained the half term 'kindness challenge' articulately and enthusiastically to her classmates.
<b>Skylarks</b>	Kaden for making a super effort with his writing this week!
<b>Cedar</b>	Ruben, Asees and Ria for showing great perseverance and effort in their maths work—especially with column addition and subtraction, using exchanges. Well done.
<b>Rowan</b>	Edith and Rae for showing resilience, trying their best and working hard in Maths. Well done!
<b>Hazel</b>	George for performing his persuasive speech with excellent enthusiasm and expression.
<b>Sycamore</b>	Zoe for a fabulous persuasive speech.
<b>Laurel</b>	Kyle for some wonderfully enthusiastic singing at Harvest Festival.
<b>Maple</b>	Diyanah for some fantastic independent writing this week. Albie for always having such a positive attitude towards learning.
<b>Mulberry</b>	Owen for some super scientific thinking. Oliver W for great netball skills and excellent effort in class.
<b>Willow</b>	Miley for excellent progress in all her effort and attitude towards work since last year. She always brings a beaming smile to the classroom!
<b>Headteacher's Awards</b>	Thomas H - for taking his learning beyond the classroom to create an AI music video all about maths.

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



Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kingfishers:	Cedar: Anne	Hazel: Scarlett	Laurel: Kyle	Mulberry: Edie
Skylarks:	Rowan: Ethan	Sycamore: Amelia	Maple: Grace	Willow: Abigail



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# BOOKWORM BULLETIN

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT ALL THINGS READING



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STRANGE HAPPENINGS ARE AFOOT IN TEMSTOWN. EVERYONE IS SAYING VAMPIRES ARE TO BLAME AND THE TOWNSFOLK HAVE THEIR STAKES AT THE READY. BUT A FAMILY SECRET - AND AN ANCIENT BOOK - COULD CHANGE EVERYTHING.

### NEW RELEASE BOOKSHELF

EVERYONE'S FAVOURITE BEAR, PADDINGTON BEAR IS GETTING READY FOR A HALLOWEEN PARTY. HE CAN'T WAIT FOR THE PARTY TO START. BUT NOTHING GOES QUITE TO PLAN.

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### WHY NOT ENJOY SOME SPOOKY READING TITLES OVER HALF TERM?



### TOP TIPS FOR KEEPING UP WITH READING IN THE HOLIDAYS

#### VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

IT'S FREE AND CHILDREN LOVE CHOOSING THEIR OWN BOOKS TO READ. LOTS OF LIBRARIES HAVE FREE STORYTELLING EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS.

#### FAMILY MEAL TIMES

OFTEN DURING HOLIDAY TIME, FAMILIES CAN SPEND LONGER OVER MEAL TIMES OR MIGHT VISIT A CAFÉ OR RESTAURANT. READ THE MENU WHILST YOU ARE CHOOSING WHAT TO EAT OR READ THE CEREAL PACKET OVER BREAKFAST.

#### OUT AND ABOUT

WHEN TRAVELLING, ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO HELP WHEN READING DIRECTIONS AND LOOKING OUT FOR ROAD SIGNS. READING TIMETABLES FOR THE BUS, TRAIN OR TUBE IS ALSO A GREAT SKILL FOR THEM TO DEVELOP AND WILL ALSO ENCOURAGE THEIR INDEPENDENCE.

#### DEN READING

BUILD A DEN OR HIDEOUT WITH YOUR CHILD OUT OF DARK BLANKETS OR SHEETS. DON'T FORGET THE TORCH - IT'S EXCITING TO READ A BOOK BY TORCH LIGHT!

#### COOKING

IF YOUR CHILD LIKES TO COOK, ENCOURAGE THEM TO READ THE INSTRUCTIONS IN RECIPES AND PLAN FOR WHAT IS NEEDED.



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