



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 21 November 2025

Calendar of Events

Mon 24th Nov - Yrs 5/6
Sportshall school games
(selected children)

Thurs 27th Nov - Y 4 - Sharing
Assembly - 2:45pm - Main
Hall

Fri 28th Nov - Santa Dash

Fri 28th Nov - PA - Second
hand uniform sale & donut
sale (outside music suite after
school)

Reminders/Notices

Year 6 - PGL:

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

Young Voices 2026:

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

Year 1 - Christmas Decoration Day:

Please make payment of
£2.00 via ParentPay.

Year 6 - Bowling:

Please complete the online
ParentMail Form and make
payment of £5.00 via
ParentPay.

EYFS, Yrs 1 - 3 Aladdin Pantomime:

Please make payment of
£3.85 via ParentPay.

EYFS Christmas workshop:

Please make payment of
£5.00 via ParentPay.

Attendance
this year:

94.6%



Thought for the Week

This week, we reflected on our Thought for the Week "Before you speak, THINK: Is it True? Is it Helpful? Is it Inspiring? Is it Necessary? Is it Kind?" In our discussions, we explored how powerful words can be - and how once they are spoken, they cannot easily be taken back. We shared a story that reminded us that words, like feathers scattered in the wind, are difficult to retrieve. This is why it's so important to pause and make sure everything we say aligns with the THINK approach. By choosing our words carefully, we can create a kinder, more supportive school environment for everyone.

Year 6 Live Science Lesson

On Monday, Year 6 took part in an exciting live science lesson taught by a teacher from Eton College. The children learned why classification is important for helping scientists sort, organise, and understand living things. They explored how animals and plants can be grouped by their features and even had a go at building their own classification keys. The children also enjoyed trying out some Latin scientific names and discovering how these names are used all over the world. It was a fun, interactive session that helped deepen their understanding of how living things are organised in science.

Children in Need

A big thank you for all your donations for Children in Need, we raised £393.50.

PA Santa Dash - Friday 28th

We are so excited for next week's PA Santa Dash! A huge well done to all classes for the fantastic sponsorship efforts so far - please keep those contributions coming, as they help raise essential funds for our school. We can't wait for the fun and festive atmosphere next Friday. Throughout the school day, children will run in year groups to festive music—with Santa joining the younger years for extra cheer!

Distances by Year Group: EYFS: 1 km, Years 1 & 2: 1.5 km, Years 3 & 4: 2 km, Years 5 & 6: 2.5 km

Children can wear PE kit, festive jumpers, and accessories to make it fun and festive. Every child will receive a finisher's medal, and the top fundraising class will win a £50 prize to spend on something they choose! Please follow the link to sponsor your child's class. Any sponsorship is hugely appreciated and helps make this event a success! <https://superkind.org/pta/keep-hatch-schools-parents-association> We can't wait to see everyone dash into the holiday spirit!

Big Sister assembly

The girls in years 4-6 had an exciting assembly this week from Ellie who works at Places Leisure in Wokingham. She works as part of an initiative called 'Big Sister'. She spoke about why it's important to keep active and eat well. She told the girls about classes they could attend at Places Leisure. Please see the attached letter and flyers for more information and how you can sign up your daughter.

Exciting News from Our Choir!

As many of our choir children already know, this year Keep Hatch has proudly entered the *Brackwood Big Sing* competition! There are some incredible prizes to be won as well as the overall winning school who get the opportunity to record Brackwood's official jingle! Our recording of 'White Christmas' will go live on Monday 24th November and voting opens the same day. The school with the most votes wins - so we need your help! Please share this link <https://brackwood.com/bigsing/>, widely with family and friends and encourage everyone to vote for Keep Hatch Choir!

Funtastic Kids

Please see the information below regarding Funtastic Kids Christmas holiday club. Last minute Christmas shopping or baking to do? Or still needed at the office? We have your Christmas childcare covered! Our Holiday Camps are open: Monday 22nd December – Wednesday 24th December 2025* *Please note camp will be open 9:30am - 3:30pm ONLY on Wednesday 24th December 2025 (Christmas Eve)* We'll keep your children entertained with creative Christmas themed activities and energetic sports whilst you prepare for the big day! Plus, they can enjoy a Christmas Party! Funded HAF places are also available this Christmas break for eligible families. More information can be found on our website. Places are already filling up, so we encourage people to book as soon as possible!

Amazon Wishlist

To help cover essential classroom supplies that our budget can't stretch to, we'll be sharing our Amazon Wishlist each week. Thank you in advance for any purchases.



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Puffins	Willow for always being so kind, helpful and for trying her best in everything that she does.
Sparrows	Lydia for her excellent retelling of Owl Babies. You have really understood the different characters and the plot of the story- well done!
Blackbirds	Eveigh for trying really hard to use her phonics in her writing.
Robins	Henry for working super hard in maths and making great progress in subtraction.
Kingfishers	Daphne for always demonstrating school values in the classroom and for producing some
Skylarks	Georgia S for working hard on her writing and maths this week! Well done, Georgia!
Cedar	Coral for working hard and building her confidence in Maths. Well done.
Rowan	Neeva for showing positive learning behaviour, working hard with her handwriting and showing great effort in English. Well done!
Hazel	Brahmleen for always working as hard as she can in everything she does. She is also really polite and helpful. Well done Brahmleen!
Sycamore	Caius for showing excellent learning behaviours and challenging himself in all lessons. Joseph for always working hard, and for being so helpful around the classroom.
Laurel	Ethan for his efforts with his presentation and content in his writing this week.
Maple	Henry for showing great skill and knowledge in Computing this week. He was so helpful when supporting other children. Thank you Henry!
Mulberry	Max for demonstrating a focused and enthusiastic approach to his learning this week.
Willow	Bailey and Isla P for focusing hard to ensure an excellent clay lizard eye. Mabel for working hard at home to support our DT project.
Headteacher's Awards	Liliana, Oliver, Heidi and Simmi for being excellent ambassadors and tour guides for this week's EYFS Open Morning.

This week's top Times Table Rock Stars are:



Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kingfishers:	Cedar: Charlie F	Hazel: Scarlett	Laurel: Kyle	Mulberry: Edie
Skylarks:	Rowan: Jayson	Sycamore: Omer	Maple: Emma	Willow: Abi



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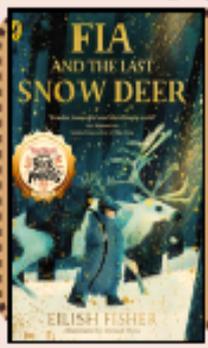


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YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT ALL THINGS READING



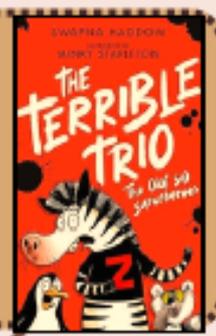
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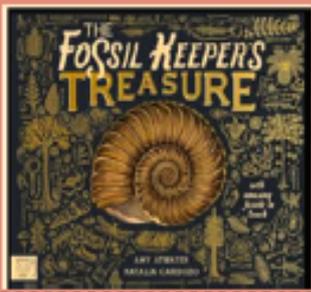
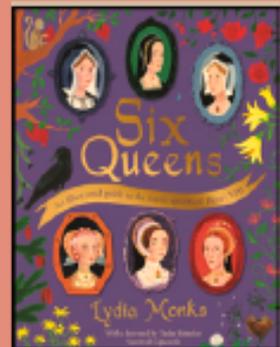
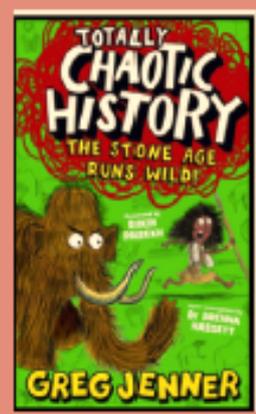
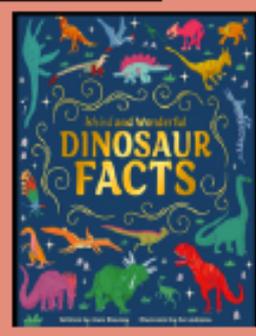
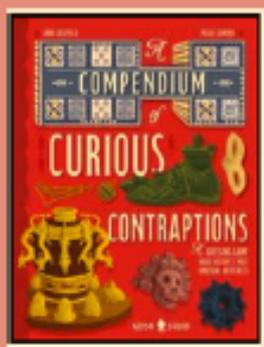
FIA EMBARKS ON AN EPIC JOURNEY WITH HER COUSIN MISH AND FAITHFUL COMPANION SOLAS, THE SNOW DEER, TO TRY TO BRING THE SUN BACK TO THE WORLD. A TALE OF FRIENDSHIP, SACRIFICE AND SELF DISCOVERY.

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FEATURING A QUIRKY TRIO OF ANIMAL FRIENDS. THIS LAUGH-OUT-LOUD SERIES PROVES THAT EVEN THE MOST "TERRIBLE" SUPERPOWERS CAN LEAD TO EPIC FUN. WITH QUIRKY CHARACTERS, A FAST-PACED PLOT, AND TONS OF HUMOUR.



SOME WONDERFUL NON-FICTION BOOKS TO EXPLORE



WHAT IS NATIONAL NON-FICTION NOVEMBER?

NON-FICTION NOVEMBER IS AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION. ITS AIM IS TO HIGHLIGHT THE JOY AND VALUE OF FACTUAL READING FOR YOUNG READERS AND BEYOND. THIS YEAR, THE THEME IS 'PAST PUZZLES AND TIMELESS TREASURES', WHICH INVITES PUPILS TO EXPLORE HISTORY, ARCHAEOLOGY, LEGENDS AND THE EVOLUTION OF PLACES AND OBJECTS OVER TIME.



Questions for Reading Non-fiction

- ❑ What fact(s) did you enjoy learning about the most?
- ❑ Of the information you learned, which would you like to share with someone else?
- ❑ Would you like to read more books about this topic? Why?
- ❑ What else would you like to learn about this topic?
- ❑ What pictures or illustrations did you find interesting? Why?
- ❑ Is this book like any other book that you have read? If so, how are they alike? How are they different?
- ❑ Which one did you like better? Why?
- ❑ What kind of research do you think the author had to do to write this book?
- ❑ What questions would you ask the author if you ever had the opportunity to meet him/her?
- ❑ How can you learn more about this topic?
- ❑ Would the book be different if it had been written 10 years ago?
- ❑ Did you discover anything that may help you outside of school?

