



# Keep Hatch Primary School



## Headteacher's Newsletter – 28 November 2025

### Calendar of Events

Mon 1st Dec - Yr 1 - Christmas Decoration Day

Mon 1st Dec - Football match away to Westende - collection from Keep Hatch at 3:10pm

Tues 2nd Dec - Yr 6 - Sharing Assembly - 2:45pm Main Hall

Wed 3rd Dec - EYFS - Stay & Play session - 9:30am - 10:30am

Thurs 4th Dec - EYFS Xmas Workshop - 9:00am - 11:30am

### Reminders/Notices

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#### Year 6 - PGL:

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

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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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#### Year 1 - Christmas Decoration Day:

Please make payment of £2.00 via ParentPay.

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#### Year 6 - Bowling:

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

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#### EYFS, Yrs 1 - 3 Aladdin Pantomime:

Please make payment of £3.85 via ParentPay.

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#### EYFS Christmas workshop:

Please make payment of £5.00 via ParentPay.

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Attendance this year:

94.7%



### Please vote for Keep Hatch Choir!

Thank you to those who have already voted for our choir as part of the Brackenwood Windows Competition. We are currently in first place (at the time of writing this!) however, we have another week for votes to come in so need to remain at the top! Please keep them coming and please **share the link widely with family and friends**: <https://brackenwood.com/bigsing/>. Thank you.

### PA Santa Dash

Thank you to the PA and staff for their efforts in organizing the Santa Dash today. The children had a fantastic time on their runs, each receiving a beautiful medal. A big thank you to Santa for making a special appearance. We will share the final amount which has been raised, we do know that we have already raised more than last year!

### Christmas Post Boxes

From Monday 8th December, there will be a post box located in the school and children are invited to bring in cards to post to their school friends. Please can parents check that the envelopes show the first name **and class** to ensure they reach the right child. Thank you.

### 'Stars in Our School'

This week we celebrated 'Stars in Our School' day, an important annual event where we express our gratitude to our amazing support staff team at Keep Hatch. We would like to take the opportunity to extend our thanks to the office team, site manager, cleaners, catering staff, and lunchtime team for their hard work and dedication to the children of our school. We are very grateful for everything they do to make our school a wonderful place for everyone.

### Christmas at the Library

Please find attached a winter activity pack from Wokingham Borough Council to help keep children occupied during the festive break.

### Absence

If you need to report a child absent due to sickness, doctor's appointment, dentist appointment or any medical appointment, then please **only** email the absence email address, [absence@keephatch.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:absence@keephatch.wokingham.sch.uk) or call the school office on 0118 978 4859 and press 'Option 1' by 8:30am. Please always state your child's full name and the reason for the absence. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Parent Lite App

Please ensure that you have registered for Parent Lite App and that you and your child's records are up to date as this is your responsibility to make sure we have the correct information on our system.

### Amazon Wishlist

To help cover essential classroom supplies that our budget can't stretch to, we'll be sharing our Amazon Wishlist each week. Some items, like glue sticks and felt tip pens, will remain on the list throughout the year as they're always needed! This week we have some extra resources added as request from EYFS and Year 6.

If you're able to support, simply:

- Choose an item from the list
- Purchase through your own account
- Have it delivered directly to school

If there's an option to add a gift message, please do — it helps us know who to thank!



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### Shout Out

Congratulations to Eric (Y 5) who played for his team Ashridge Park u10 on Saturday. His team won 5-4 and Eric scored 4 goals and got player of the match. Well done Eric!



<b>Puffins</b>	Anthony for writing words independently for the first time. Well done, Anthony!
<b>Sparrows</b>	Desmond for some amazing independent writing about nocturnal animals- well done! Elias for having a brilliant week and engaging well with all his learning- well done!
<b>Blackbirds</b>	Brayden for thinking very carefully in his Maths work.
<b>Robins</b>	Mikey for super singing and dancing in our nativity play rehearsals.
<b>Kingfishers</b>	Summer for always trying her best and being a kind, helpful friend. Well done, Summer!
<b>Skylarks</b>	Adam for being a kind and caring friend and working hard in all subjects!
<b>Cedar</b>	Ella for consistently working hard in all subjects. Well done!
<b>Rowan</b>	Carter for showing positive learning behaviour, working hard and trying his best. Well done!
<b>Hazel</b>	All of Year 4 for their fantastic sharing assembly yesterday.
<b>Sycamore</b>	All of Year 4 for their fantastic sharing assembly yesterday.
<b>Laurel</b>	Ila for a real effort improving her handwriting in English this week and Bess for always showing exemplary learning behaviours.
<b>Maple</b>	Dolcie and Chloe for amazing effort and enthusiasm in singing practice this week.
<b>Mulberry</b>	Harry J for always working hard and growing in confidence every day. I loved hearing his written work this week.
<b>Willow</b>	Yannis and Saifan for always showing commitment to their work ensuring that they do their very best at all times.
<b>Headteacher's Awards</b>	<b>Amelia</b> (Y3) and <b>Amara</b> (Y3) for always sitting so beautifully in assembly and making some excellent contributions to our discussions. <b>Luna</b> (Y5) and <b>Liam W</b> (Y5) for being excellent role models.

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



Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kingfishers:	Cedar: Erin	Hazel: Scarlett	Laurel: Kyle	Mulberry: Leanne
Skylarks:	Rowan: Andrew	Sycamore: Riley	Maple: Runako	Willow: Abi



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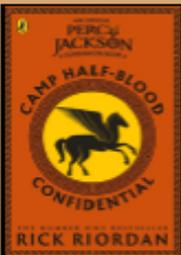
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# BOOKWORM BULLETIN



AUTUMN TERM EDITION #11

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT ALL THINGS READING



KS2

A COMPLETE GUIDE TO CAMP HALF-BLOOD, NARRATED BY THE WORLD'S GREATEST HERO PERCY JACKSON. AFTER WATCHING THE AWFUL CAMP ORIENTATION VIDEO CREATED BY APOLLO, PERCY JACKSON AND HIS FRIENDS DECIDE TO WRITE THEIR OWN GUIDE TO CAMP HALF-BLOOD, FOR NEW DEMIGODS.

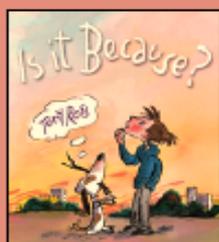
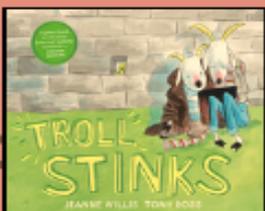
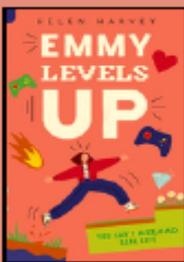
### NEW RELEASE BOOKSHELF

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THIS IS A WONDERFUL BOOK, BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED ABOUT ACCEPTANCE AND LETTING PEOPLE LIVE THE LIVES THEY WANT TO LIVE.



### SOME WONDERFUL ANTI-BULLYING THEMED BOOKS TO EXPLORE



### WHAT IS ANTI BULLYING WEEK?

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK IS AN ANNUAL EVENT, TYPICALLY IN THE THIRD WEEK OF NOVEMBER, THAT RAISES AWARENESS OF BULLYING AMONG CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE. IT AIMS TO PROMOTE KINDNESS, RESPECT, AND INCLUSIVITY BY ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO SPEAK UP AGAINST BULLYING AND CREATE SAFER ENVIRONMENTS. BOOKS ARE A WONDERFUL WAY TO EXPLORE THE THEMES OF BULLYING AND SUPPORT CHILDREN.

### TOP TIPS FOR DEVELOPING YOUNG READERS AT HOME

Turn on the subtitles on the TV, laptop etc.



Research shows that the more children hear a sound and see the word written, the faster they learn to read.

Model reading for pleasure.



Children notice the adults around them. Read for pleasure and model the enjoyment of reading to children.

Make time for reading.



Create a routine that works for you and try to stick to it. Before bed, after dinner... just read, and regularly!

Read with prosody.



Bring the story to life for your children vary your speed, intonation and 'always' so the voices!

HERE ARE SOME TOP TIPS FOR ENJOYING READING AT HOME

