



# Keep Hatch Primary School



## Headteacher's Newsletter – 5 December 2025

### Calendar of Events

Tues 9th Dec - Yrs 3/4  
Christmas Performance -  
2:30pm - Main Hall

Tues 9th Dec - Yrs 5/6 -  
Christmas Carols at All Saints  
Church 6pm

Wed 10th Dec - Aladdin  
Pantomime - EYFS - Year 3

Wed 10th Dec - Yr 6 - Bowling  
- Wokingham Super Bowl

Wed 10th Dec - Yrs 3/4  
Christmas Performance -  
2:30pm - Main Hall

Wed 11th Dec - Christmas  
lunch & Christmas jumper  
day (children to bring in  
donations for the fair)

### Reminders/Notices

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#### Year 6 - PGL:

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

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#### Young Voices 2026:

Payment to be made for the  
pupil coach and parent  
coach on 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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Attendance  
this year:

94.4%



### EYFS Stay and Play Session

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome some of our prospective 2026 starters into the EYFS classrooms this week for a fun-filled Stay and Play session. Our potential future Puffins and Sparrows enjoyed a range of creative craft activities, and it was wonderful to see so many new faces, younger siblings, and budding friendships forming. We hope everyone had a fantastic time, and we hope to welcome you back in the New Year!

### EYFS Christmas Workshop

What a magical morning our Puffins and Sparrows enjoyed yesterday! The children proudly guided their grown-ups through a range of festive activities - making reindeer food, decorating wreaths, icing biscuits, glittering hats, and much more! It was fantastic to see everyone having such wonderful Christmas fun together. We later gathered to share our Christmas songs and snowy snowflake dance. A special thank you to our fantastic Year 6 elves for all their help, and thank you to everyone who joined us. And of course, a big thank you to our EYFS team and parent helpers for all the hard work and preparation that made the day so special.

### Please continue to vote for Keep Hatch Choir!

Thank you to those who have already voted for our choir as part of the Brackenwood Windows Competition. We currently remain in first place however, we have until 15th Dec 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.

### Events at All Saints Church

Please see attached the flyers with some information about some Christmas events at All Saints Church over the coming weeks.

### Santa Dash

The Robins were absolutely delighted to win the £50 class prize for the greatest amount of fundraising for the Santa Dash. They have decided to share their prize with the Blackbirds and will be spending the prize money on a festive afternoon which will include gingerbread decorating, a film and popcorn, and some new Christmas stories to read. Thank you to all those who sponsored their children and helped with the running of this fantastic event.

### Bling your bike competition

Please see attached flyer.

### Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper day - Thursday 11th December

As per Keep Hatch tradition, **Thursday 11th December is a Christmas jumper non-uniform day** and instead of money donations we would love to ask for **donations for the tombolas for the Christmas Fair please** - new and great quality toys, bottles of wine, boxes of chocolates, unwanted gifts etc. Please can children bring all donations to their classrooms.

### 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 Charlie (Y 3) for being invested into the 3rd Wokingham (Mayor's Own) Scout Group. This is a significant achievement for him, and he is incredibly proud of this milestone. Well done Charlie!

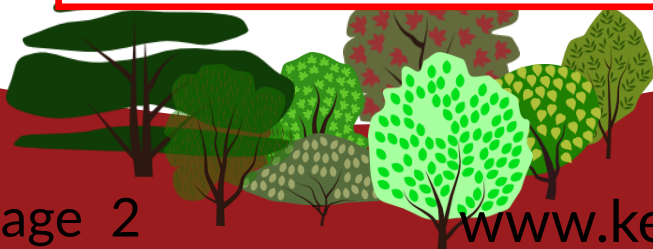


<b>Puffins</b>	Naël for some super Phonics and Maths work this week! Well done, Naël!
<b>Sparrows</b>	Penny and Zuhan for their beautiful singing during our Christmas workshop and for always being kind Sparrow friends- well done!
<b>Blackbirds</b>	Rosie and Aria for learning their songs and dance so well!
<b>Robins</b>	Rudi and Georgia for making fantastic wooden puppets as part of decoration day.
<b>Kingfishers</b>	Jessie S for great speaking and listening during the Christmas play practice.
<b>Skylarks</b>	Ash and Heath for always demonstrating excellent learning behaviours, working hard all of the time and for having super manners! Well done to you both!
<b>Cedar</b>	Anne for working hard, perservering and always demonstrating the school values. Well done.
<b>Rowan</b>	Charlie and Ethan for their great effort in maths and excellent work in DT – designing a moving monster. Well done!
<b>Hazel</b>	James for always working hard and explaining his thinking in class discussions.
<b>Sycamore</b>	Lincoln for working so hard recently, and for his fabulous non-chronological report.
<b>Laurel</b>	Flo for showing great effort and growing confidence in maths.
<b>Maple</b>	Chico for showing such a mature attitude towards his learning this week. Molly for a great effort in her independent writing.
<b>Mulberry</b>	Leanne for always showing enthusiasm for learning and consistently working hard.
<b>Willow</b>	Joe and Ronnie for showing real enthusiasm for writing following the enjoyment of a TV documentary.
<b>Headteacher's Awards</b>	Charlie, Abi and Cassidy (Y6) for being wonderful Keep Hatch Ambassadors for this week's prospective parent tour.

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



Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kingfishers:	Cedar: Hayden	Hazel: Scarlett	Laurel: Riyaan	Mulberry: Olivia
Skylarks:	Rowan: Oscar	Sycamore: Omer	Maple: Runako	Willow: Abi



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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.

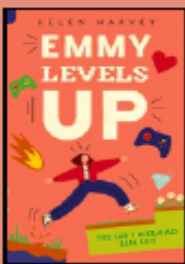
### NEW RELEASE BOOKSHELF

KS1

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

