



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 9 January 2026

Calendar of Events

Tues 13th Jan - Happy Bag Collection (morning)

Thurs 15th Jan - Census Day

Reminders/Notices

Year 6 - PGL:

Please make sure that all payments to date have been made - next payment due 3rd February.

Young Voices 2026:

Payment to be made for the pupil coach and parent coach on ParentPay.

Attendance
this year:

94.2%



Welcome to 2026

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I hope you all had a restful Christmas break and are ready to enjoy the Spring Term. We started the week with a whole-school "Welcome Back" assembly where we talked about setting New Year's resolutions and goals. Together, we created our own whole-school resolution with contributions from every child. The final resolution was: *"At Keep Hatch we respect each other, show kindness, and share smiles every day."*

What a lovely way to begin the term! Following this, KS2 enjoyed a singing assembly with a beautiful song about kindness and sharing smiles. A big thank you to all the children for their thoughtful contributions to our resolution.

Thank You

I would like to say a huge thank you to the Waistell family for their incredible efforts over the Christmas holidays. Their beautiful light and snow shows at their home not only brought so much joy and festive cheer to the local community but also raised an amazing £500 for our school's SEND department. I am so grateful for their kindness and generosity, which will make a real difference to our SEND children. I'm excited to work out the best ways to use this donation to support their needs and ensure every child is included.

Attendance and Punctuality – Every Day Counts

I'd like to remind everyone how important regular attendance and punctuality are for your child's learning and well-being. Every school day really does make a difference. When children attend consistently and arrive on time, they feel settled, confident, and ready to learn. Even small amounts of missed time can add up and affect progress. This week alone we have had a high number of children arriving after the door has closed.

We understand that life can sometimes be challenging, and if you're facing any difficulties with attendance or punctuality, please reach out to us. We're here to help and work together to find solutions that support your child.

Please remember that term-time holidays cannot be authorized, as every day in school is valuable for your child's education. If you need advice or support around this, we're always happy to talk.

If you're ever unsure whether your child is well enough to attend school, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> for helpful guidance.

Thank you for your continued partnership in helping every child thrive.

Census Day - Thursday 15th January

Census Day on Thursday 15th January is an important day in the school calendar in that it gives a snapshot of information about the school which is submitted to Wokingham Borough Council. We would like to encourage all children to have a school dinner as this impacts the funding for school meals. The menu for Census Day will be Burger or Veggie Burger with fries or corn on the cob. Please note, all other menu options, such as pasta, sandwiches and jacket potatoes will be available.

Happy Bag collection - Tuesday 13th January

Please bring your filled bag to school in the morning of Tuesday 13th January and place them next to the bike shelter.

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!

If you're able to support, simply:

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

We've added some new cooking tools to our Amazon Wish List to help us enjoy more cooking activities with the children. Any support is truly appreciated. Thank you for helping make these experiences so special for our pupils.

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



Headteacher Mrs C Appleby
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Puffins	Jax for making super progress in Phonics. Well done, Jax!
Sparrows	Reggie for working independently to find different number bonds for numbers 0-5! Well done Reggie!
Blackbirds	Millie and Jensen for trying really hard with their Christmas recount.
Robins	Lottie for making a huge improvement in her writing. Leo for joining in brilliantly in phonics.
Kingfishers	James M for communicating well, working hard and for showing great learning behaviours in the classroom. Well done!
Skylarks	Nyla for showing great skill and challenge when performing balances in gymnastics.
Cedar	Erin for always being helpful, kind and considerate. Well done.
Rowan	Thomas for showing resilience, working hard and trying his best in every lesson. Well done!
Hazel	George and Henry for their excellent contributions to our Science lesson. Well done!
Sycamore	Harry for sharing his knowledge so enthusiastically in Science.
Laurel	Donnie for an enthusiastic start to the new year, showing good learning behaviours.
Maple	Izzy and Devon for having more confidence sharing their ideas in class. It has been great to hear all your contributions- keep it up!
Mulberry	Lucas for pushing himself out of his comfort zone to demonstrate his gymnastic sequence with confidence and control.
Willow	Aidan and Preston for a confident and conscientious start to the new year.
Headteacher's Awards	Jayson (Y3) for sharing his own new year's resolution and goals with Mrs Appleby following our assembly. Isla (Y3) for a lovely piece of work created at home linked to our school values. Max F and Edie S (Y6) for being so polite and smiley to the adults.

This week's top Times Table Rock Stars are:



Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kingfishers:	Cedar: Hayden	Hazel: Jackson	Laurel: Luna	Mulberry: Olivia
Skylarks:	Rowan: Edith	Sycamore: Omer	Maple: Emma	Willow: Abi

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