



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 23 January 2026

Calendar of Events

26th - 30th Jan - Intra House Gymnastics competition

Mon 26th Jan - KS2 School Games Advanced Team Gym Competition

Tues 27th Jan - Year R - Vision screening

Wed 28th Jan - Yr 5/6 School Games Team Gym competition 9:45 - 12:30

Wed 28th Jan - Yr 3/4 School Games Team Gym competition 13:15 - 15:30

Reminders/Notices

Year 6 - PGL:

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

Year 5 Ufton Court visit:

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

Year 4 Winchester Science Centre sleeper:

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

WASMA T shirt order:

Please note that the deadline for ordering/paying for t shirts is Tuesday 27th January.

Funtastic Kids:

Please see attached February half term flyer.

Attendance
this year:

94.4%



Thought of the Week

Our thought of the week has been "We all work better when we work together." This week, the children explored how teamwork helps us achieve more, using examples from the natural world. We talked about animals that work exceptionally well as a team, such as ants and honeybees, and the children shared some incredible facts of their own. They were impressively knowledgeable and clearly fascinated by how cooperation helps these communities thrive! We also shared a story about children working together in a school and reflected on how this links to our own school community and the ways we support and work alongside our peers every day. As always, the children gave some amazing, thoughtful contributions to our discussion.

Young Voices at the O2

This evening, our Keep Hatch Choir are taking part in the Young Voices concert at the O2. We have had some lovely updates throughout the day and know the children are incredibly excited for this evening's performance. It is a fantastic opportunity and a memorable experience for them all. We can't wait to hear all about it! Thank you in advance to all of the staff who have accompanied the children - we couldn't do this without you!

Big Sister Festival

This week, some of our Year 6 girls attended a session as part of the Wokingham Big Sister Festival, an initiative aimed at inspiring girls to be active, confident, and engaged in sport and wellbeing. The girls enjoyed a range of taster activities including Boxercise, team games, football, and stretch and relax sessions. They had a fantastic time and shared their enthusiasm, saying, "I enjoyed the Stretch and Relax as it was relaxing and calming," and "I want to go to more classes as I've had lots of fun." Thank you to the staff who accompanied the children.

New Starter

A warm Keep Hatch welcome to Ryan who joined Sparrows class this week, he has settled in well.

Ordering school lunches

A reminder that if your child requires a school dinner that you have to order it online with The Pantry by 9am on the day. Only parents can order school dinners and if an order is not placed and a child does not have a packed lunch, then the child will be offered a jacket potato.

Amazon Wishlist

I'd like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for the incredibly kind donations we have received last week and this week. Your generosity makes such a difference to our classrooms and the experiences we can offer the children. We are so very grateful for your continued support. If you're able to support, simply:

- Choose an item from the Amazon Wishlist
- 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! Thank you so much in advance.



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Shout Out



Congratulations to Ella (Y 3) who competed in a group jazz/modern dance for the first time at Woking Festival for All England Dance last weekend and has got through to regionals in Berkhamsted. Well done Ella! Congratulations to Grayson (Y 3) who has started racing motorbikes and is currently taking part in a 3-week race school to obtain his racing licence, he will then be able to start competing in the championships for FAB racing. Good luck Grayson! Congratulations to Eleanor (Y 6) who found out this week following an audition and a recall, that she has been cast as 'Annie', in Annie Junior! This is her first lead role and she is super excited. Congratulation Eleanor!

Puffins	Thomas for being a fantastic author to many stories this week. Well done, Thomas!
Sparrows	Oscar for his excellent effort to discover many different number bonds for the numbers 6, 7 and 8! Well done!
Blackbirds	Elliot for using a fantastic simile in English.
Robins	Camden for designing a fantastic monster in art. Sophia for independently writing sentences using capital letters and stops.
Kingfishers	Hazel for always displaying school values and trying her best in her learning. Well done for finishing your beautiful story – it was a pleasure to read.
Skylarks	Leo and Vihaan for working hard on their writing. Well done!
Cedar	Jim for working hard in writing and maths. Well done.
Rowan	Tilly for showing resilience and working hard in Math and Geography. Well done Tilly!
Hazel	Ella for contributing a lot more during class discussions and using a louder, more confident voice. Well done Ella!
Sycamore	Molly for leading a class discussion with confidence and patience, and for working hard in every single lesson.
Laurel	Luna and Jack W for always showing excellent learning behaviours and trying their very best in everything they do.
Maple	Grace for always being such a hard working, kind and fun member of the class. Kaden for always displaying all the Keep Hatch values- especially kindness!
Mulberry	Leo for a wonderful attitude in class, consistent effort and focus . Ollie for confident demonstrations in gymnastics and pushing himself to try something new.
Willow	Bella for a much improved week – being on time and getting on with her work with a smile.
Headteacher's Awards	Ash D and Heath D (Y2) and Georgia C (Y1) for consistently excellent manners and behaviour.

This week's top Times Table Rock Stars are:



Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kingfishers:	Cedar: Erin	Hazel: Jackson	Laurel: Kyle	Mulberry: Oliver W
Skylarks:	Rowan: Mivaan	Sycamore: Omer	Maple: Grace	Willow: Abi



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