



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 30 January 2026

Calendar of Events

Tues 3rd Feb - KS1
Gymnastics Festival - children
to be collected at 3:15pm
(selected children)

Thurs 5th Feb - Cross Country
MOB Event, Braywick -
children to be collected at
12:30pm from the Sports Hall

Fri 6th Feb - NSPCC Number
Day

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 sleepover:

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

Attendance
this year:

94.4%



Thought of the Week

Our thought for the week was: "It's too hard' is never a valid excuse. Work hard, keep a positive attitude, and you can accomplish anything." Across the school, children explored what this message means in their everyday lives. In KS2, pupils discussed how daily challenges are completely normal, but become far more manageable when we break tasks into smaller steps and feel confident asking for help. KS1 enjoyed a story that shared the same message, reminding them that perseverance, positivity, and problem-solving help us grow. It has been wonderful to see children reflecting on how they can approach difficult moments with resilience.

Young Voices at the O2

Last Friday, we really enjoyed taking 37 children who are in the school choir to the O2 to perform in this year's Young Voices Concert. It was wonderful to see the children fully immersed in their performance (along with around 8000 other children) with their singing and dancing. Yet again, the professional singers, dancers and band members on the stage were incredible which led to a thoroughly enjoyable experience for the families who went to watch and the children who participated. It truly was an unforgettable day!

Thank you again to all the staff and volunteers who accompanied the children for this amazing event - we couldn't have done this event without your support.

Cosmic Yoga

At Keep Hatch we have been really lucky to have received personalised videos from Jamie who makes all the Cosmic yoga videos! Jamie has so much energy and takes the children on fun adventures, that they don't realise they are doing yoga!

We believe children work best with daily movement breaks and yoga is fantastic for children and adults! It teaches breathing techniques, relaxation, stretches and a way to slow down. We include yoga during our daily Hatcher exercise sessions.

Thank you so much to Jamie from cosmic yoga, we feel very lucky to receive these videos. You can find cosmic yoga videos online <https://cosmickids.com/video/yoga-time-pirate-adventure-for-little-ones/> or on YouTube.

NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 6th February, Keep Hatch will be celebrating Number Day to raise awareness and money for the charity NSPCC. This year, children will be taking part in a variety of activities and competitions with some exciting prizes up for grabs! One of these competitions is to find the longest or heaviest vegetable in each class. Please can we request that you send your child in with the following vegetable on the day:

EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 - can you bring in the longest carrot you can find?

Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 – can you bring in the heaviest potato you can find?

Please note that this year, children are **not** required to dress in number themed clothes. If you would like to donate to the NSPCC, you can do this via ParentPay. Thank you so much for your support and keep an eye out for our Facebook updates about the day!

Amazon Wishlist

I can't thank you enough for the incredible donations we've received this week from our Amazon Wishlist. Your generosity makes a real difference every single day. The resources you've provided enrich our curriculum in so many ways and we are so very grateful for your continued support. If you're able to choose anything on our wish list, 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!**



Headteacher Mrs C Appleby
Executive Headteacher Mr C Cole



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 30 January 2026

Shout Out

Congratulations to Ella (Y 2) who received a 'high distinction' in her 'RAD primary ballet' exam that she took in November. Well done Ella!



| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Puffins | Liana for being a kind and thoughtful Puffin, and for always looking out for her peers. Well done! |
| Sparrows | Ryan for settling into Sparrows class so well and for showing such confidence and enthusiasm in all the routines and learning! Well done! |
| Blackbirds | Deanna for being really careful when making her art collage this week. |
| Robins | Evie for growing in confidence and participating in class discussions. Cassidy for creating a fantastic piece of home learning based on our science lesson. |
| Kingfishers | James F for listening well and following instructions from the grown-ups. Well done, keep it up! |
| Skylarks | Archie for working hard on improving his handwriting. Keep it up! |
| Cedar | Ethan H for working hard in writing and Maths. Well done. |
| Rowan | Louie for showing great effort in Science and Geography; and working hard with his handwriting. Well done Louie! |
| Hazel | Noah B for always being so helpful and noticing the little things that need doing. Thank you. |
| Sycamore | Minsa for always being ready to listen and learn, and for making great progress in Maths. Wilbur for showing a much greater enthusiasm for learning, and for getting started on tasks more quickly. |
| Laurel | Bethany and Eric for wonderful writing this week, including great description and a variety of exciting sentence starters. |
| Maple | Edie for being so engaged in guided reading this week. You have made great inferences and made some great contributions during discussions |
| Mulberry | Thomas for showing effort and commitment to his learning and pushing himself to learn even more. Georgia for producing some wonderful, emotional writing this week. |
| Willow | Mabel for her perseverance to improve her routine in gymnastics – if at first you don't succeed, try, try again :) |
| Headteacher's Awards | Sofia, Chloe and Teddy (Y2) and Jasper (Y1) for consistently demonstrating such excellent learning behaviours and manners. You are all excellent KS1 role models, well done. Georgie B (Y3) for always trying her best in Cross Country Club; for being polite and persevering through a tough running session recently. |



This week's top Times

| Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Kingfishers: | Cedar: Anne | Hazel: Aileen | Laurel: Kyle | Mulberry: Oliver W |
| Skylarks: | Rowan: Jayson | Sycamore: Omer | Maple: Eunice | Willow: Abi |



Headteacher Mrs C Appleby
Executive Headteacher Mr C Cole



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 30 January 2026



BOOKWORM BULLETIN



SPRING TERM EDITION
#2

YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT ALL THINGS READING



SERIAL CHILLERS
THE MONSTER IN THE MIRROR
JENNIFER KILLICK

NEW RELEASE BOOKSHELF

TRAVIS, ZAYD, DANIELLE AND SELENE ARE ON A MISSION TO UNCOVER THE STRANGE GOINGS-ON IN THEIR HOME TOWN. THEIR INVESTIGATIONS LEAD THEM TO THE MYSTERIOUS MINES THAT RUN UNDERNEATH HAZARD. BUT A CREATURE IS LURKING DOWN THERE IN THE DARKNESS. AND IT'S HUNGRY FOR FLESH.



We Grew a Dragon

NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK

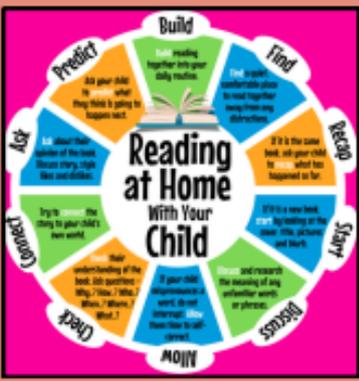
THIS FANTASTIC ANNUAL EVENT IS A JOYFUL CELEBRATION OF THE POWER OF SHARING STORIES. STORIES TEACH US ABOUT THE WORLD; THEY ALLOW US TO STEP INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES AND FEEL EMPATHY; THEY HELP US TO RELAX AND ESCAPE AND THEY CAN HELP DEVELOP ESSENTIAL LITERACY SKILLS.

NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK 2026 IS A CELEBRATION OF ORAL STORYTELLING, READING AND WRITING FOR PLEASURE. AT A TIME WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE'S WRITING AND READING ENJOYMENT LEVELS ARE AT THEIR LOWEST, NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT.

- READ YOURSELF!
- GIVE BOOKS AS PRESENTS.
- VISIT THE LOCAL LIBRARY TOGETHER.
- ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO CARRY A BOOK AT ALL TIMES.
- HAVE A FAMILY BOOKSHELF.
- KEEP READING TOGETHER.
- DON'T PANIC IF YOUR CHILD READS THE SAME BOOK OVER AND OVER AGAIN. LET'S BE HONEST – WE'VE ALL DONE IT!



Let's get them flying!



WHY NOT SIGN UP FOR THIS FREE ONLINE LIBRARY

[HTTPS://WWW.OXFORDOWL.CO.UK/FOR-HOME/FIND-A-BOOK/LIBRARY-PAGE/](https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/)



Headteacher Mrs C Appleby
Executive Headteacher Mr C Cole