



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 6 February 2026

Calendar of Events

9th - 13th Feb - Children's Mental Health Week

Mon 9th Feb - Football Match away vs St Nicholas of England Primary School - Collect children at 3pm

Tues 10th Feb - School Games Stingers Netball Games - Yrs 5/6 (selected children) - 4pm - 5pm

16th Feb - 20th Feb Half Term

Reminders/Notices

Year 6 - PGL:

Please make sure that all payments to date have been made - last payment was 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.

Whole School Attendance: 94.1%



Attendance and Punctuality

As a school, we are very proud of our attendance and recognise how important it is for children to attend school every day. It is equally important that children arrive punctually each morning. We have noticed an increase in children arriving just after the doors have closed.

Late arrival can have a significant impact on children, as morning routines are vital in helping them settle and prepare for their day. Learning begins as soon as the children enter the classroom, and missing this time can affect their confidence and progress. We kindly ask that children arrive on time each day and that they are only kept at home if they are genuinely too unwell to attend school.

The NHS website provides helpful guidance for parents and carers: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Our school attendance target is 97%, and we are currently sitting below this. Please continue to work together with us to help achieve this target, for the benefit of the children and their important education. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Attendance	Days Missed	Learning Time Missed
97%	5 days	30 hours
95%	10 days	60 hours
90%	20 days	120 hours
85%	30 days	180 hours
80%	38 days	228 hours
75%	48 days	288 hours

Thought of the Week

This week our Thought for the Week has been: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

We shared the story 'Stone Soup' and discussed how important it is to work together as a team. As always, the children gave some excellent and thoughtful responses, showing a real understanding of how collaboration helps us all to achieve more.

NSPCC Number Day

We have really enjoyed the excitement and maths conversations that have been taking place all around the school today with NSPCC Number Day. Many carrots and potatoes have been measured or weighed and some have been really impressive specimens! Next week, we will print the winners in the newsletter because at this time of writing, the results are still being processed!

Thank You!

A huge thank you to Chris W, Ron and the amazing team at the Men's Shed for building a fantastic planter for our Year 2 children. We are so grateful for your time, skill and kindness. Thank you as well to Wickes in Bracknell for generously donating the wood to make this project possible. Our Year 2s can't wait to start planting, growing and eventually enjoying the vegetables they've nurtured themselves. What a brilliant opportunity for hands-on learning and healthy fun.

Amazon Wishlist

We have had more donations delivered to school again this week - I can't thank you enough for your generosity. 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!





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Puffins	Willow for always being so kind and helpful to her friends and teachers. She always tries her best in everything she does. Well done, Willow!
Sparrows	Harper for her incredible effort and progress in phonics - very impressive! Well done!
Blackbirds	Imaan for always trying her best and listening carefully.
Robins	Jenson L for sketching a beautiful winter picture. Thomas for working hard to remember finger spaces.
Kingfishers	Daphne for producing a lovely poster in Geography, informing people how to help protect our oceans. Well done!
Skylarks	Alina for working hard on writing her chronological report this week. Well done!
Cedar	Yousef for working hard on his writing, especially on his recent description pieces. Well done.
Rowan	Layla-Grace for trying her best, showing great effort and working hard in English and Geography. Well done!
Hazel	Cameron and Jackson for good use of vocabulary in their writing this week.
Sycamore	James for always showing such enthusiasm for learning and for an improvement in his resilience.
Laurel	Donnie for some great writing in the last few weeks and Riyaan for showing good learning behaviours.
Maple	Mason and Jerald for a great effort this week summarising chapters in Guided Reading.
Mulberry	Oliver W, for a concentrated effort- particularly in his Geography work this week.
Willow	Max for his positive attitude and determined effort to achieve in all areas of learning.
Headteacher's Awards	Freddie F (Y2) and Remi (Y2) for consistently demonstrating excellent manners and beautiful Keep Hatch behaviour. Thomas H (Y6) for consistently being so polite. Andrew W (Y3) for being such a kind and caring friend.

This week's top Times Table Rock Stars are:



Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kingfishers:	Cedar: Edith	Hazel: Henry	Laurel: Kyle	Mulberry: Oliver W
Skylarks:	Rowan: Lena	Sycamore: Maisie	Maple: Isabelle	Willow: Abi



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