



# Keep Hatch Primary School



## Headteacher's Newsletter – 13 February 2026

### Calendar of Events

Start of Pupil Term - Mon  
27th Feb

Tues 24th Feb - Year 5 Ufton  
Court trip

Fri 27th Feb - EYFS Sharing  
Assembly 2:45pm in the main  
hall

### Reminders/Notices

#### Year 6 - PGL:

Please make sure that all  
payments to date have  
been made - last payment  
was due 3rd February.  
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#### Year 5 Ufton Court visit:

Please complete the online  
ParentMail Form and make  
payment via ParentPay.  
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#### Year 4 Winchester Science Centre sleepover:

Please complete the online  
ParentMail Form and make  
payment via ParentPay.  
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#### Baby & Toddler Group:

Please see attached flyer.  
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### Thought for the Week

This week we have been marking Children's Mental Health Week 2026. The national theme this year is "This Is My Place", focusing on the importance of belonging - whether in families, friendships, school, or the wider community. Feeling safe, valued, and included plays a vital role in supporting children's emotional wellbeing, confidence, and resilience, and is very important for us at Keep Hatch. Schools across the UK are being encouraged to create nurturing environments where every child can say, "This is my place." Resources from Place2Be have highlighted how small acts of kindness, consistency, and listening can strengthen a child's sense of connection and support positive mental health.

### Half Term Kindness Event at The Oracle, Reading

Please find attached some information about a free, family-friendly kindness scavenger hunt taking place at The Oracle during half-term, which may be of interest. The activity is designed to help children (and adults!) learn more about kindness, empathy, and understanding differences that aren't always visible (such as hearing loss, ADHD, autism and anxiety, for example). Families follow a simple trail around the retail centre, spotting posters, discovering friendly characters, and completing a short, fun challenge together.

There's no cost, no sign-up, and no data capture. Families can take part at their own pace, and everyone who completes the trail receives a digital Discovery Pack and a small participation sticker — it's very much about inclusion and experience, not prizes or competition.

### Parent Lite App

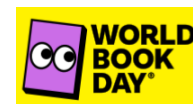
As per our ParentMail sent out earlier this week, with regards to us migrating to a new Management Information System. This will be happening on Thursday 19th February. Please ensure that your child's records are up to date on your Parent Life App as this is your responsibility to make sure we have the correct information. Thank you.

### School Gates

From after half term, all school gates — including Hughes Road — will now be locked slightly earlier, at 8:55am and in the afternoon, all gates will open at the slightly later time of 3:15pm.

### Lunar New Year

We would like to send warm wishes to any families in our school community who are celebrating Lunar New Year, which begins on 17th February and marks the start of the Year of the Fire Horse. We hope all our families celebrating enjoy a joyful, peaceful, and prosperous New Year, and we look forward to hearing about the celebrations when the children return.



### World Book Day

Please find the letter attached from Mrs Wesley about our World Book Day plans for this year.

### Voting For The Winners of the New Bin Lorries

The shortlist is now live to vote for your favourite name of waste collection vehicles. Please vote via the link below <https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/help-name-borough-s-bin-lorries-and-street-cleaning-machines>.

### Amazon Wishlist

Thank you, yet again, for the wonderful donations this past week. 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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<b>Puffins</b>	Amber for her super magnet eyes, listening ears and hard work in Phonics. Well done, Amber!
<b>Sparrows</b>	Olena for working so hard on creating a beautiful lantern and dragon mask to celebrate Chinese New Year! Well done!
<b>Blackbirds</b>	Ivy and Millie for trying so hard with their handwriting. Keep it up!
<b>Robins</b>	Archie for creating beautiful valentine artwork. Kylian for a huge improvement in handwriting.
<b>Kingfishers</b>	Soha for taking pride and care in her art-work. She has produced a beautiful seascape and it has been a pleasure to see her working confidently and independently.
<b>Skylarks</b>	Sophie for a super seascape in art! Well done! Yasmin & Phoebe for being really super helpers.
<b>Cedar</b>	Albert for working hard in his writing, and for producing more writing. Well done.
<b>Rowan</b>	Andrew and Finn for trying their best; showing resilience and great effort in Geography and maths. Well done!
<b>Hazel</b>	Alexa for always trying to do her best in everything she does. Daisy for the amount of effort and focus she has put into making her art the best it can be.
<b>Sycamore</b>	Somaya for improved focus, and for working really hard on her writing in English and History this week.
<b>Laurel</b>	Kate for working really hard across all areas of the curriculum and Liam for working particularly hard on his handwriting this week.
<b>Maple</b>	Runako, Jacob and Diyanah for their improved effort in writing this week.
<b>Mulberry</b>	Dylan and Max for some wonderful writing and for having the confidence to share it with the class. Well done.
<b>Willow</b>	Preston for a much more consistent effort towards his learning. Great progress.
<b>Headteacher's Awards</b>	James H (Y3) for some lovely follow up work on Children's Mental Health Week in his own time. Ivie-Marie (Y2) for spending her own time at break picking up litter - well done!

### 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: Kyle	Mulberry: Lucas G
Skylarks:	Rowan: Amelia	Sycamore: Mustafa	Maple: Eunice	Willow: Abi



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**BOOKWORM BULLETIN**



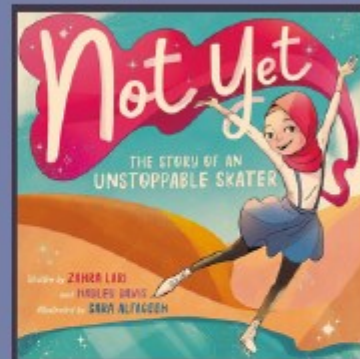
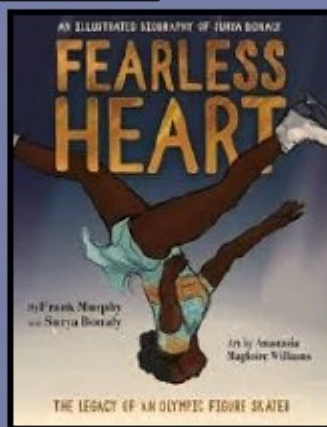
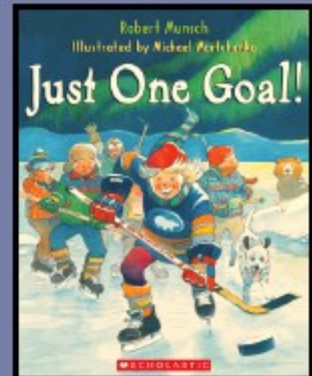
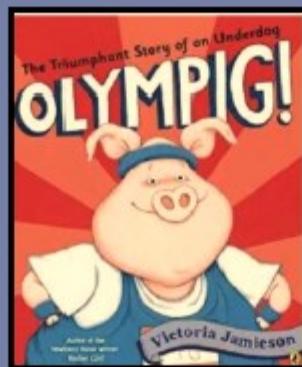
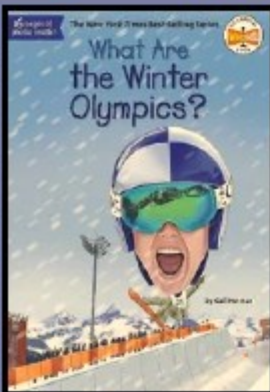

**SPRING TERM EDITION #3**

**YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT ALL THINGS READING**

## Winter Olympics 2026



**CHILL OUT WITH WINTER OLYMPICS BOOKS FOR HALF TERM FUN!**



READING BRINGS A WIDE RANGE OF BENEFITS, FROM SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH TO DEVELOPING EMPATHY AND ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO EXPLORE THEIR INTERESTS INDEPENDENTLY.

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