



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 27 February 2026

Calendar of Events

Wed 4th Mar - Year 5 - St Crispin's Author visit - 10:30am - 11:30am

Wed 4th Mar - Year 6 - St Crispin's Author visit - 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Thurs 5th Mar - World Book Day

Fri 6th Mar - PA Mother's Day Shop (children to bring £3 in a named envelope/purse)

Fri 6th Mar - West End in Schools dance workshop - Years 4, 5 & 6)

Reminders/Notices

Year 6 - PGL:

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

Year 4 Winchester Science Centre sleepover:

Please and make payment via ParentPay.

Year 4 Food & Nutrition DT:

Please make payment of £1 online via ParentPay.



Introducing 'The Timber Tower'

We are absolutely delighted with our brand-new play equipment, The Timber Tower! It is fantastic to have this exciting new resource for the children to enjoy, offering them fresh opportunities for challenge, creativity and fun while supporting their physical development. We are incredibly grateful to our Parents' Association for all their hard work and fundraising efforts, which have made this wonderful addition possible. We are pleased to share that The Timber Tower will be officially opened for the children to enjoy on Monday, and we know it will quickly become a much-loved part of our school grounds. Thank you to everyone who contributed - the children are already very excited!



Lunar New Year

This week in our assemblies, we've been learning all about Lunar New Year, and the children were absolutely fantastic. We talked about some of the traditions, stories, and celebrations that take place at this time of year, and it was especially lovely hearing the children share their own experiences. Many spoke proudly about family meals, special decorations, red envelopes, and how they celebrate at home. Their stories really brought the assemblies to life and helped everyone understand just how meaningful this festival is for so many people in our community.

School Gates

As a reminder, all school gates — including Hughes Road — will now be locked slightly earlier in the mornings at 8:55am and opened slightly later in the afternoons at 3:15pm.

Y5 Trip to Ufton Court

Year 5 went to Ufton Court this week where they immersed themselves in Viking life. They rowed longboats and raided foreign shores for riches and they learned how to fight with swords and axes as well as defend themselves using a shield. In addition to this, they practised life skills such as carding wool to form thread, milking (pretend) goats and building houses from wattle. Year 5 had a great time and learnt lots too! Thank you very much to our staff team and parent volunteers who came along to help.

EYFS Sharing Assembly

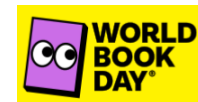
The EYFS sharing assembly today was an absolute delight. The children performed with such confidence - they should all feel incredibly proud of themselves. A huge thank you to our staff team for preparing the children so well and creating such a lovely experience for families. And thank you to all the families who joined us; your support means so much and helps make these moments so special for the children.

Attendance Matters

A gentle reminder that attendance continues to be a key focus for us. Thank you to all families who work hard to ensure children are in school every day. If you are facing any challenges with attendance, please speak with us - we are here to help.

World Book Day

World Book Day is just around the corner, and we are looking forward to celebrating a love of reading across the school. Please see the attachment detailing all of the activities that will be taking place on the day.

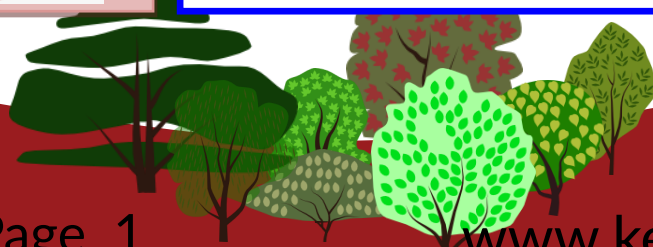


Amazon Wishlist

Thank you for your ongoing support for our school and for all donations received. Please do browse our wishlist if you can support in any way. If there's an option to add a gift message, please do — it helps us know who to thank!



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Sparrows	
Blackbirds	Jasper for always trying so hard with his work and for being a good friend to others.
Robins	Maria for creating a beautiful starry night picture in the style of Van Gogh.
Kingfishers	Jesse C for beginning the term with a positive attitude and making good choices. A particular well done for your contributions during RE this week. Keep it up!
Skylarks	Luca for offering thoughtful ideas and opinions in whole class discussions.
Cedar	Toby B for making some good choices this week, and for working hard in English. Well done.
Rowan	Harvey for showing positive learning behaviour and great effort. Well done Harvey, keep it up!
Hazel	Oakley for presenting his English work beautifully. Well done!
Sycamore	Max R-H for showing improved focus this week, and for working really hard in lessons.
Laurel	Eli for showing such enthusiasm and good behaviour at Ufton Court this week.
Maple	Eunice for showing great consideration to others and being a kind friend.
Mulberry	Olivia and Jolie for some super skills in hockey this week. Progress within the lesson was amazing!
Willow	Ava for her determined effort this week to challenge herself more.
Headteacher's Awards	Doris (Y5) for always being such an excellent Keep Hatch role model. Albie P (Y5) for showing great resilience.

This week's top Times Table Rock Stars are:



Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kingfishers:	Cedar:	Hazel: Henry	Laurel: Jayden J	Mulberry: Oliver W
Skylarks:	Rowan:	Sycamore: Riley	Maple: Charlotte S	Willow: Abi



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BOOKWORM BULLETIN

MOTIVATIONS
FLAVORS OF YOGURT

SPRING TERM EDITION
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YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT ALL THINGS READING

WORLD
BOOK DAY
5 MARCH 2026

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