



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 17 April 2026

Calendar of Events

Tues 21st Apr - Music Soirée - 6pm

Thurs 23rd Apr - Rock Steady Concert 9:10am

Mon 27th Apr - Class photos & Year 6 Leavers photos

Tues 28th Apr - (Back up day) Class photos & Year 6 Leavers

Tues 28th Apr - Year 5 Bikeability commences (further details will follow)

Reminders/Notices

Year 6 - PGL:

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

Year 4 Food & Nutrition DT:

Please make payment of £1 online via ParentPay.

Year 3 - Ufton Court Trip:

Please make payment of £ 35.66 and complete the online ParentMail Form.

Bracknell Music Centre Open Day:

See attached flyer



Welcome back to the summer term!

It has been so lovely to welcome our families back to Keep Hatch after the Easter break, and the term has already started with so much energy and positivity. We've had a brilliant first week back, with the school feeling calm, happy and full of purposeful learning. The children have returned demonstrating our Keep Hatch values every day - showing respect for one another, resilience in their learning and kindness in how they work together. As I walk around the school, I feel incredibly proud of the focus, enthusiasm and positive attitudes I see in classrooms. It really has been a fantastic start and sets us up perfectly for an exciting and enjoyable summer term ahead.

Lunchtimes at Keep Hatch

Lunchtimes are an important part of the school day as children need an opportunity for some downtime during their busy day. Following some feedback from parents, we have taken time to reflect and act carefully to strengthen provision in this area. We are already making improvements to ensure that lunchtime is a calm, positive and well-supported experience for all children. We recognise the importance of working closely in partnership with parents and carers, and your feedback plays an important role in shaping our approach. These changes are being closely monitored by the senior leadership team, and we will continue to review and refine our provision together. Relevant information will be shared where appropriate so that you are kept informed as developments are made. Thank you for your continued support and for working with us to ensure the very best experience for all children.

Thought for the Week This week's Thought for the Week has been "The only way to have a good friend is to be one." This important message was shared and discussed in assemblies, where we explored what it truly means to be a good friend in our everyday lives. We talked about kindness, empathy, honesty and fairness, and how small actions can have a big impact on how others feel. The children reflected thoughtfully on how friendships are built through positive choices, respectful behaviour and looking out for one another, especially during moments of challenge or disagreement. It was wonderful to hear the children share their own advice, including the reminder to "treat people how you would like to be treated" - a simple but powerful message that underpins our school values. Their contributions showed real maturity and understanding, and it was heartening to see how strongly they recognise the importance of being kind, inclusive and supportive members of our school community.

Duckling Eggs

As per tradition at Keep Hatch, we were delighted to welcome a very exciting delivery on Monday, as the Puffins and Sparrows received five duckling eggs! This much loved annual experience brings learning to life and sparks great curiosity and care from the children. Please find the link to the Duck Cam below so that everyone can join in the excitement from and follow the journey together. I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful PA, who generously fund this project each year and make these truly magical moments possible for our children.

<https://youtube.com/live/6CTSizZDo5Q?feature=share>

Ready, Set, Quack! The Virtual Duck Race is Here

Just a reminder that you can check on the duck race over the weekend and all next week. If you would like to sponsor your child(ren)'s class duck! There is **no pressure**—even **£1 per child** will make a massive splash! Donate via your class's **Superkind** page - all links are here: <https://superkind.org/pta/keep-hatch-school-parents-association> or by cash : Drop a named envelope (with your child's class written clearly) into the **PA Postbox** at the office. All donations must be in by **5pm on Thursday 23rd April** to count toward the totals! Thank you for your support

Music Soirée - Tues 21st April

We are very excited to be holding our annual Music Soirée next Tuesday evening here at school. We have some incredibly talented performers ready to showcase their musical skills, and we are very much looking forward to celebrating their confidence and hard work. If your child has already signed up to perform, please be aware that we do have a few spaces available in the audience, so if you would like to bring along an additional family member or friend, they are more than welcome. The more, the merrier!



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Sparrows	George and Jarrett for always being such kind and caring Sparrows, and for showing these traits when looking after our new ducklings! Well done!
Blackbirds	Memphis for excellent phonics and blending this week!
Robins	Joseph for being a kind, helpful and hard working member of Robins.
Kingfishers	Kaylan for superb effort and improvement in writing this week. You have produced some lovely, clear instructions. Well done!
Skylarks	Zak & Sofia for working hard in all subjects this week.
Cedar	Toby B for a very focused and diligent start to the half term. Well done.
Rowan	Ethan and Zach for working together, demonstrating teamwork and resilience, and challenging their learning in maths. Well done!
Hazel	Daisy for making some great contributions this week. Well done
Sycamore	Wilbur for a brilliant start to the new term.
Laurel	The whole of Laurel for an amazing first rounders lesson in PE - great listening and communication.
Maple	Chloe for always displaying great learning behaviours and being a great role model to others. Chico for great enthusiasm during Music this week.
Mulberry	Sebby for displaying a brilliant attitude to learning. Well done
Willow	Oliver for some excellent writing this week.
Headteacher's Awards	Felix (Y2) for such lovely manners and excellent Keep Hatch behaviour. Molly S (Y4) for consistently beautiful manners.



This week's top Times Table Rock Stars are:

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kingfishers: Henry	Cedar: Grayson	Hazel: Joshua	Laurel: Ksenia	Mulberry: Edie
Skylarks: Andrew	Rowan: Amelia	Sycamore: Max JB	Maple: Devon	Willow: Abi



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