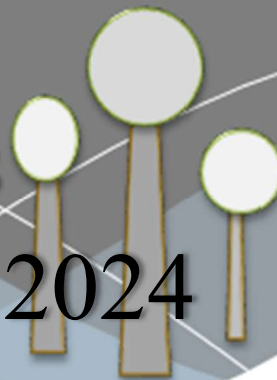




# Hatch Ride Matters

## December 2024



Dear Hatch Ride Community

We have had a wonderfully busy end to the year at school! The children have worked hard and enjoyed the fun advent activities this week, thank you to the PTO for providing the funds for this. We enjoyed 3 fabulous festive productions, Reception enthusiastically performed the Nativity and we were so delighted to see them singing up on the stage. KS1 shone with confidence in 'Baubles' as they sang, danced and acted in a re-telling of the nativity story. KS2 had the audience bopping along during their Christmas Top of the Pops concert, we loved all the dancing and singing. We are very proud of all the children for doing their best, thank you also to parents for helping learn lines at home.



A huge thank you to the PTO for organising a fantastic Christmas Fayre, it was a marvellous afternoon that raised £4420.53! Thank you to everyone who donated items for the stalls and to the companies that gave prizes for the raffle. Another thank you goes to Mrs Waters for donating the lovely new books to Year 6 this month.

On behalf of the staff I would like to thank you for our generous and thoughtful gifts and cards we have received this week. We have received some very complimentary emails from parents, this means a lot to us all. I wish you all of you a happy and healthy holiday and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



Ms Sparrowhawk

**Reminder for January:** Please do not park on the pavement by the side gate at drop off and pick up, our Community Police Officer will be patrolling to ensure this is enforced.

**Please help:**

- We need the following pre-loved items so if you are buying new ones for Christmas please think of us!
- Flat screen TV (between 42 and 62 inches)
- Children's mini trampette
- Board games



Christmas Jumpers

Our swap shop was a roaring success if you would like to donate yours in January for next Christmas please bring them to the office.

**School diary dates:**

<b>January</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Spring Term
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Assembly 2:45pm – 3:15pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 2 African Workshop
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Stone Age Day

Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Year 2 Assembly 2:45pm – 3:15pm
<b>February</b>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Trip to Hindu Temple
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Assembly 2:45pm – 3:15pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Trip to Woking Mosque Whole School Valentine Assembly 2:45pm – 3:15pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Half Term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Return to School
<b>March</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Ufton Court Trip
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Assembly
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 4 Ufton Court Residential Trip
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – school ends at 1:15pm

### Hatch Ride Giving Tree November Donations – Thank you!



Item	Donated By
Coloured Paper Card A4, 100 Sheet Pack 230gm 20 Assorted Colours	Ollie Killick
Numberblock Toy	Fletcher Hobbs
Baker Ross Rainbow Colours Pom Poms (Pack of 200)	Fletcher Hobbs
Chalk Markers	Liliya Alekseenko
Scola Reinforced Air Drying Modelling Clay (Stone), 12.5Kg	Rupert & Henry Williams
Plain White 100% Cotton Fabric Woven Calico (5M)	Mia Munday

### Class News

#### Reception

We have been enjoying a holly, jolly countdown to the Christmas break in Reception as we excitedly open our advent calendar of Christmas treats each afternoon. We have made and eaten Christmas pudding, using Mrs Joyce's magic spoon to stir the mixture and make a special Christmas wish. We have made Christmas crafts, ready to decorate your homes! Christmas stories have been made extra special with some hot chocolate and marshmallows and we made natural wreaths in the woods. The highlight though has to be the wonderful performance of our nativity, the children loved learning the nativity story and songs and when we performed to the parents they added an extra sparkle of magic which made it a truly festive occasion. We wish you all a very happy break and look forward to seeing you in January.



#### Year 1

This month Year 1 have worked hard learning about 2d and 3d shapes in Maths and exploring rhyming patterns in English, including creating some alternative lines of Humpty Dumpty. We have enjoyed doing

DT where we explored sliding mechanisms and then used our knowledge of these to design and create our own moving storybook. We have shared these with Reception who were a great audience. Last week, we made all our adults proud by participating in our first play in Key Stage One. The enthusiasm, confidence and tuneful singing blew us away – we definitely have some future performers in Year 1! This week we have had full on Christmas fun – including making cards, Christmas trees, snowmen, candy cane decorations, Christmas computing, a party and Christmas lunch – phew! The children have worked so hard this term and we wish them – and you! – a restful and fun-filled Christmas holidays.



## Year 2

If you saw KS1's performance of 'Baubles' last week, we hope you enjoyed it. As a team, the children rose to the occasion and we were really proud of each and every one of them!

In English, we have been completing our stories about a magic button. We have completed our addition and subtraction unit in maths. In the last few days we have been learning about 2D shapes, including lines of symmetry. Feel welcome to ask children what the features are of a triangle, pentagon and hexagon are! For science, we insulated ice cubes with different materials, measured the change in temperature and explained what we noticed. Also, we have enjoyed using maps as a stimulus in art. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!



## Year 3

December has been extremely busy between rehearsing, crafting, playing while still learning and finishing all of our topics! It was great to kick off the month with the Christmas fayre and we enjoyed watching performances from KS1 and Reception. We have loved the Christmas countdown event this year. We have made pom pom snowmen and Christmas cards to share with our loved ones. We have done Christmas drawings, story writing and we have shared all of our favourite Christmas books during book club. It has been so much fun! It was a great way to end the term with a lovely Christmas lunch together and a visit from someone very special during the last week of term. Thank you to the PTO for the donations for the Christmas Countdown events.

I am looking forward to coming back in the new year starting our new topics. We will be diving into a new History topic of the Stone Age and we'll move through time to the Roman empire! A date for your diaries is

our 'Stone Age Day' on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. The children can dress up as cave men (think backcombed hair, messy faces and dark coloured clothes) and we have a full day of fun activities planned!

Mrs Branchflower, Mrs Herkes, Mrs Middlemist and I wanted to share a massive thank you for our lovely gifts and end this week. It was extremely generous and we really appreciated the thought that went into the treats for us. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and we'll see you all in 2025!



#### Year 4

This month has been a busy one but I'd like to start with a huge thank you to parents for supporting DT by collecting bottle lids, collecting glass jars for Christmas countdown week, and for the volunteers who helped in our final week. It has been a spectacular month thanks to all of you!

At the beginning of the month, the children wrapped up their learning of mechanisms and axles in DT. They designed, constructed and evaluated model cars and proudly brought them home. They finished off their newspaper reports about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in English and continued to develop their knowledge of multiplication and division in Maths.



The end of the month provided the opportunity for the children to celebrate Christmas with their peers during Christmas countdown. The last week of term began with the making of Christmas tiles and crochet Christmas trees. I was incredibly impressed with the children's enthusiasm and perseverance with crochet, they should be very proud. On Tuesday they ended the day with fantastic singing in the ks2 performance. It was lovely to see their excitement in sharing their Christmas spirit with you all. Towards the end of the week, the children enjoyed exchanging film and book recommendations, making wreaths and creating their own snow globes.



I hope everyone has a restful and fun Christmas holidays! I look forward to seeing you all in January to begin our exciting new units and celebrate their earning of 50 marbles!



## Year 5

Year 5 have had an incredible December, We begun the month with writing playscripts based on The Christmas Truce. They loved acting out the parts to their partner whilst we checked our playscripts made sense. It has also been filled with preparations for the Christmas performance from earlier this week! I would like to thank you for all the practicing the children did at home too. They performed incredibly well even singing driving home for Christmas beautifully! To round up the term this week we have been very crafty from making pom-pom baubles to pop-up Christmas cards and decorating gingerbread.



The Year 5 staff and I would like to thank everyone for all our thoughtful gifts and cards. We hope you have a wonderful holiday period and a Happy New Year!

Finally, I would like to give a quick reminder that Year five are looking after the chickens on the first week back of term, if your child would like to help, please could they bring in wellies!



## Year 6

During the last week of term, we have been enjoying our Christmas Countdown activities which have ranged from reindeer bags to natural decorations! It has been nice to celebrate the last week of term with a daily Christmas jumper as well! Also, in the last week of term, we have been making Christmas waistcoats. It has been challenging at times but we think we have all developed our sewing skills even if our waistcoat didn't quite end up looking like our design. 😊



We really enjoyed taking part in our KS2 Hatch Ride TOPT Christmas special. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to write in to say how much they had enjoyed the evening.



## Charity Update

Thank you to everyone who supported the Save the Children Christmas Jumper appeal, we raised £166.50.



## Community News

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# Top Tips for a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

It can be difficult to stay away from technology and devices, and sometimes this means that people – of any age – can find it hard to be present in the moment. As a period when families are able to spend some quality time together and enjoy each other's company, Christmas is the perfect opportunity to step away from our phones, laptops and consoles and concentrate on the things that really matter. Follow our top ten tips for a tech-free festive period and make the most of this holiday season. Merry Christmas!

- 1. BOARD GAMES CAN BE FUN (HONEST)**

OK, no one wants a repeat of that incident when your youngest had to pay triple rent on Mayfair, but going back to basics with a card or board game can be a fantastic bonding experience. Choose a game that even the youngest members of your family can enjoy and have a fun tech-free time.
- 2. MAKE YOUR OWN DECORATIONS**

Spending time on arts and crafts is a brilliant way to relax and spend some productive time offline. Making your own Christmas decorations as a family can become a wholesome tradition and leave you with some treasured mementos, too.
- 3. GO FOR A WINTER WALK**

Not much beats wrapping up warm on a crisp December day and taking a stroll. Whether alone or with the family, a walk is a fantastic way to clear your head and relish the break from hectic normal life. As an extra festive treat, why not make a flask of hot chocolate to take with you?
- 4. BAKE SOME FESTIVE TREATS**

Not all Christmas cooking has to be a stressful chore that's timed with military precision. Baking some simple festive treats like cookies doesn't have to take hours – and will make sure you're stocked up on tasty things to offer any friends or family members who pop round.
- 5. READ A FAMILY STORY TOGETHER**

Turn story time into an event. Make the living room or bedroom into a tech-free space, light some candles, make some hot drinks and reach for a classic Christmas tale. It's a fantastic way to relax before bed, and the right story will help to get the whole family into the festive spirit.
- 6. TURN OFF NOTIFICATIONS**

It sounds obvious, but turning off email and app notifications can give you more control of your relationship with technology. Getting into the habit of checking your phone periodically – rather than reacting every time a notification arrives – helps you to stay present in the moment.
- 7. FEED THE BIRDS**

Food's hard to come by for wildlife in winter, so helping our feathered friends is a very worthwhile reason to put down those devices and reconnect with nature. Fill a bird feeder in the garden or take a snack for the ducks in your local park (but ditch the bread in favour of oats, rice or birdseed).
- 8. SET DAILY LIMITS**

Many apps and devices let you set reminders to let you know how long you've used them for that day. Setting daily limits puts you firmly in charge of your time and will help to ensure you don't miss out on any family Christmas memories because you're engrossed in your phone or laptop.
- 9. GET ON YOUR BIKE**

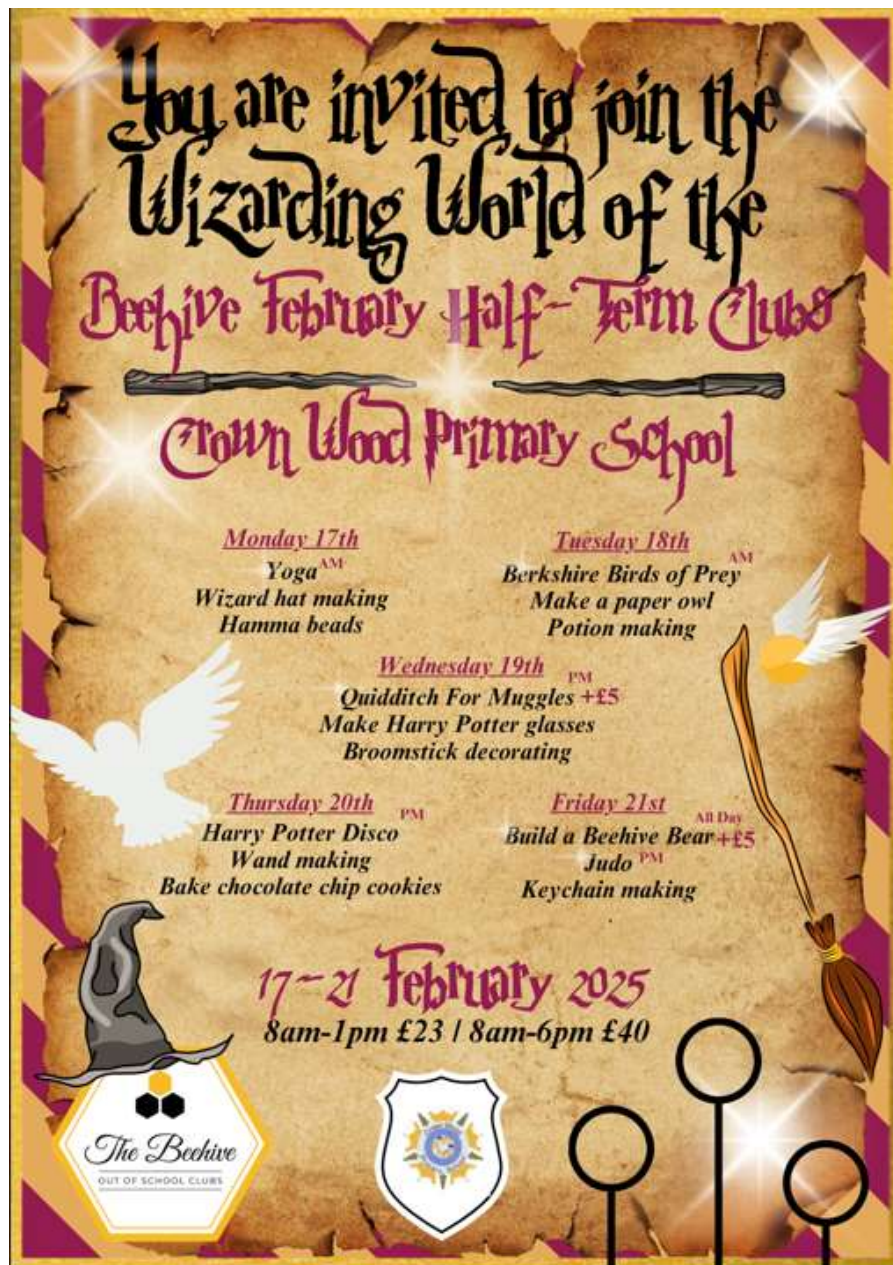
Exercise, such as going for a run or a bike ride is an excellent way to burn off some of those Yuletide calories while giving your brain and eyes a break from screen-based activity. Physical exertion also helps reduce anxiety and releases endorphins which can improve your sense of wellbeing.
- 10. MAKE TIME FOR YOURSELF**

There can be a lot of pressure to meet up with friends, make video calls and check in with people at Christmas – but remember that you need time to relax as well. Don't feel guilty about not replying to messages and emails immediately – the holiday is your chance to drop down a gear or two.

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**Government Support with Cost of Childcare** Apply now to get 15 hours childcare for your 2-year-old to start in April. Applications for 15 hours childcare are now open for eligible working parents in England with a child who turns two on or before 31st March. Parents can apply for their hours on gov.uk to get their code and then share it with their childcare provider. To continue receiving the government support, they will need to reconfirm their details every three months on their gov.uk account.

From September 2024, 15 hours childcare will be expanded to eligible working parents in England with children between 9 and 23 months old. From September 2025, eligible working parents in England with children between 9 months up to school age will have access to 30 hours childcare. This comes alongside the existing government childcare support, including 30 hours for 3- and 4-year-olds, Tax-Free Childcare and Universal Credit Childcare. Parents might be able to use more than one offer to help with their childcare costs. Childcare is also expanding for primary-school children – from September 2024, parents in England are expected to see an expansion in the availability of childcare in their local area before and after school, that runs from 8am until 6pm or later, also known as ‘wraparound childcare’. If you are eligible for Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare, you can use the support to help pay for wraparound childcare.

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