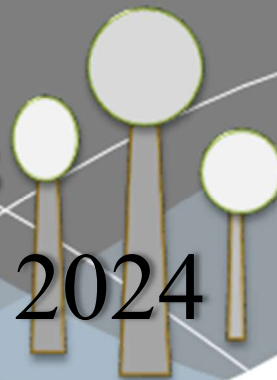




Hatch Ride Matters

November 2024



Dear Hatch Ride Community

We have had an eventful month here at school with many exciting activities and interesting learning experiences for the children. The next few weeks are even more busy with lots of dates to remember so please make sure you take a look at the diary section below. This weekend the festive season started with our school PTO Christmas Fayre, it was such a fun event and it was wonderful to see so many of you there!

Earlier in the month we held our moment of remembrance together on the playground, our thanks go to Major Fleck, Mr Baron and Mr Haley for their valued contribution. Year 4 had a reptile encounter in their classroom, the children were fascinated to see the animals up close. Year 5 went on a trip to the Winchester Science Museum which included a visit to the planetarium. Some of our Year 6 class took part in a Baking Masterclass at Luckley House School and made some delicious treats, we would like to thank the Food and Nutrition Department for giving us such a wonderful opportunity. Year 5 were also visited by members of Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service, they were given a tour of the fire engine and asked some brilliant questions.

Our school book fair was a huge success, thank you to everyone who made a purchase, we are looking forward to spending our rewards on some new class reference books.

It has been brought to my attention that the price of school meals has increased to £2.70 from 1st September. I apologise this was not communicated by the school but I'm sure you will have noticed the change when making bookings.

We have purchased a brand new Anaphylaxis Kitt, this is a lifesaving medical pack that contains adrenaline auto-injectors and also provides all our staff with comprehensive training. You will spot the bright orange box in the school hall. We feel this equipment is vital to have in school for the benefit of everyone but unfortunately this comes at a financial cost, we will be holding some fundraising events in the new year to pay for this – keep a look out in 2025!



Important Trip Update

For all future class trips and visits we will be sending out letters with strict payment deadlines. Please note, if we do not receive at least 90% of the children's contributions by the given deadline date then the trip/visit will be cancelled. I'm sorry to have to implement this regulation but we have had several trips and visits this year that have been under funded and the school is no longer in a position to make up the shortfall.

We do not want finances to become a barrier to enhancing learning, so please speak to myself or the school office if you are unable to pay the full contribution for a trip/visit. We will put out whole class reminders for payment, however we will no longer contact individuals for payment after the deadline date.

Thank you, Ms Sparrowhawk

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

Reminders:

We would like to ensure you are aware of our fire safety policy at the start and end of the school day. Please ensure you read the following carefully.

In the event of a fire when gates are open at the start of the day (8:30am – 8:50am)

Fire alarm will sound inside the building

A fire marshal will alert parents and children on site with air horn

Parents/carers and children should go to assembly point next to the playground equipment

Breakfast Club will assemble on the playground following their procedure

No one must enter the building until given the all clear

In the event of a fire when gates are open at the end of the day (3pm – 3:15pm)

Fire alarm will sound inside the building

Staff and children will follow normal procedure, lining up on playground for registration

A fire marshal will alert parents/carers on site with air horn

Parents/carers should go to assembly point next to the playground equipment

After 3:15pm (once registers have been taken) parents/carers or After School Club may collect children and independent leavers may leave

Parents/carers and children to leave site in orderly manner

Only front and side gates to be used

No one must enter the building until given the all clear

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School diary dates:

December	
Monday 2 nd	Whole School Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 5 th	Once Upon a Day
Tuesday 10 th Time 2pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 11 th	Y1-Y4 Acrobatics Club Taster Session (Y3&4 wear PE kit)
Thursday 12 th	Christmas Jumper Day (jumper worn with usual uniform) £1 donation -Save The Children
Friday 13 th Time 9am	Reception Christmas Presentation
Tuesday 17 th 6pm	KS2 Christmas Production
Friday 20 th	Christmas Lunch End of term – school ends at 1:15pm
January	
Monday 6 th	Start of Spring Term

Hatch Ride Giving Tree November Donations – Thank you!



Item	Donated By
400pk Elastic Bands	Daniel Munday
Knife and Scissors Sharpener	Isabella Riddett
Rainbow Colour Felt Sheets 7 Rolls 21 x 90cm	Olivia Ilinca
60pcs Felt Fabric Sheets	Sophia Riddett
Numberblock Toy	Olivia Ilinca
Numberblock Toy	Isla Pike
305 Pack Washable Felt Tip Colouring Pens	Mia Munday
Chalk Markers	Isla Pike

Please look out for our Christmas wishes on the Giving Tree!



Class News

Reception

What a busy half term! We have loved all the opportunities that we have had to get out and enjoy our beautiful grounds this half term. We've enjoyed observing the seasonal changes, scavenger hunts in the woods, lots of opportunities for land art, we've made repeating patterns using natural objects and Rangoli patterns too. We've even searched the woods for things to build houses with! We have loved finding out about Diwali, the festival of light. We've enjoyed dancing and singing along with some fabulous stories, full of colour. The highlight of this was our very special 'Walk of Light.' This involved us dancing through a pathway of our very own Diva lamps. Since then we've immersed ourselves in the world of Fairy Tales! We've had a visit from a giant, who wanted us to measure his great big feet, and a Big Bad Wolf (aka Mrs Joyce and her leaf blower!) who wanted to blow down our houses of straw, sticks and bricks. We are really looking forward to dressing up as fairy tale characters for Once Upon a Time Day and we are very excited as we are starting to think about all the Christmas fun that is coming up!



Year 1

November has flown by in Year 1 with lots of learning and fun. We are challenging ourselves in Maths with subtraction and have been working hard on solving problems. In English, we have been focusing on traditional tales and have enjoyed reading a variety of fairy tales. We have focused on the story of Hansel and Gretel and have worked really hard to write our own re-telling of the story. Our EPC sport this half term is rugby, where we have been learning to work well as a team and have fun whilst getting muddy! We have started our Geography curriculum this month and are finding out all about the seasons and the differences between them. On Friday 15th November we enjoyed supporting Children in Need by wearing clothes to make us happy, finding out about the importance of helping others and carrying out special activities that day. We were so proud of the children's hard work to prepare and perform their Toy Assembly and they are showing equal enthusiasm for our Christmas play. Preparations are in full swing and we look forward to performing for you on Tuesday 10th December.



Year 2

In Year 2 we have started our rehearsals for our Christmas production. The children are enjoying singing the songs and becoming more familiar with their lines. We look forward to sharing with you in the near future.

With our familiar learning routines, children have been learning the story of Christmas during RE with Mrs Loyal. For English we have written diamante poems and developed the text to tell the story from a visual narrative. In maths, we are completing our unit on addition and subtraction. Children have become familiar with using Base 10 (sticks of 10, cubes of 1), representing steps in calculations and explaining this through talk, including when to exchange 10 ones for 1 ten and vice versa. Online safety and coding have been our focus in computing lessons. We have been learning the SMART rules and how to behave using 'connected devices' (SMART phones, tablets, games consoles, laptops). Insulating warm porridge using different materials engaged children well in science. Finally, children have participated well in tag rugby (Liam) and dance (Mrs Middlemist).



Year 3

Year 3 have been continuing to impress in Key Stage Two! We have learnt lots of new notes and songs on the recorder with Mr Woods. We have been getting stuck into our Science topic of 'Rocks and Soil' and we have been exploring during types of rock and looking into how they are formed. We have also learnt about the fossilisation process and got to handle a variety of real fossils. Finally, we have started our D&T project of sewing using cross stitch and applique to make a cushion. A **massive** thank you to our lovely volunteers who came and spent the afternoon threading needles many, MANY times!

We have lots to look forward to for the last few weeks of term. We are looking forward to performing in our first KS2 Christmas festival and we have already been practising and getting festive!



Year 4

This month, Year 4 have been editing their fantastic stories about the keeper of the keys and have thoroughly enjoyed acting out poetry. The children have been sharing their favourite books at book club and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm when making freeze frames outside.

In maths, the children are working hard at their times-tables and multiplication methods. They have all grown in confidence with their times-tables and it's been amazing to hear the variety of methods of practicing they have been using at home!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the start of their Egyptian topic and cannot wait to share the class assembly with you all. They have been learning about the Egyptian way of life, the jobs they had, their beliefs in gods and goddesses, as well as exploring their mummification rituals. Next, they will be moving on to understanding the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and they will be writing newspaper reports in English about this event.

The highlight of this month was the opportunity to handle a variety of reptiles. Every child was incredibly brave and asked some brilliant questions linked to our rainforest topic.

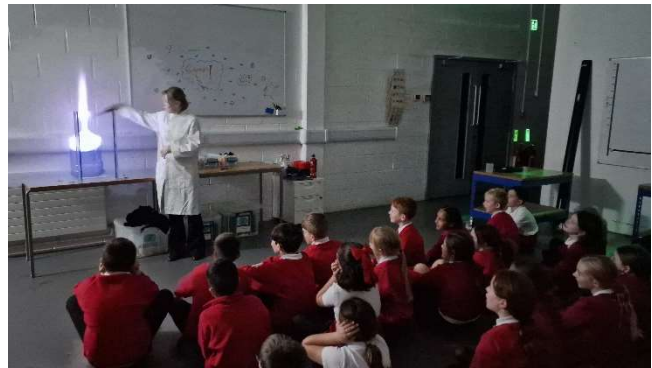
It's been a busy month and we look forward to moving on to our Christmas singing next month!



Year 5

It's been a busy month for year 5, we have had some brilliant days. Early this month we had the opportunity visit Winchester Science Centre and explore what affects the flight distance of rockets to finish off our science space topic. In history, we have been exploring the lifestyle of Ancient Greece. We have investigated their beliefs about gods and goddesses which linked to our English topic where the children have written wonderful recounts of the Greek Myth Perseus and Medusa.

Last Tuesday we had an exciting morning when we were visited by a group of Crowthorne Firefighters. They even let us shoot the hose, which created some beautiful rainbows. We are really looking forward to sharing our Christmas songs with everyone on the 17th of December.



Year 6

Year 6 continue to work hard this term and have shared some of their great WW2 learning through their assembly on Friday the 22nd. They wrote down ideas and facts for the assembly to help develop the script. It was lovely to have so many parents attend.

In Geography, we have begun our unit on the United Kingdom which has meant us thinking about the UK in terms of important cities, regions and counties as well as different types of settlement. It has been enjoyable to get out the atlases to support our learning as well as using our Geography platform (Oddizzi) for research. Next, we will develop our understanding of industry and energy in the UK.

In maths, we are improving our understanding of percentages, finding percentages of number as well as exploring multi-step questions to work out reductions or increases in amounts when working with percentages. This is challenging our understanding of number as well as our calculation skills but we are showing good resilience and perseverance in our learning.

Friday book club has also been a success in Year 6 with children sharing some of their favourite reads. From Amelia Fang to Darwin's Dragons, we have heard extracts of books which have hooked us into new stories or explored some old favourites. We have also discussed any linked books by the same author and found a couple of further reads in our classroom or in our reading scheme.

Baking Masterclass

Some of the Year 6 class were able to go to Luckley House to experience a Baking Masterclass. The school very kindly collected Year 6 in their minibus and the children enjoyed making focaccia and custard kisses biscuits. We had some lovely feedback about the children's behaviour and attitude whilst learning at Luckley House. An enjoyable afternoon for all involved. Thank you to Mrs Loyal and Mrs Joyce for accompanying our Year 6's.



Sports News

Our new girls and boys football teams both made a fantastic start to the season, November has been a great month for football at Hatch Ride. Hatch Ride Under 11 boys played Westende school and won 2 – 1. They played well as a team and had lots of opportunities to score! Hatch Ride Under 11 girls had their first ever match and played brilliantly! They didn't win this time with a score of 3 – 0 against Willowbank school but they have made so much progress this term and there will be plenty more wins in the future. Well done Hatch Ride!



Charity update

We held a non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need and were thrilled to raise £281.16

We were delighted to receive this note from the Crowthorne Foodbank thanking everyone who donated to our school harvest collection.

Dear Hatch Ride School
A very big THANK YOU from
everyone at Crowthorne
Foodbank for your wonderful
harvest donation. We have
been overwhelmed by your
incredible generosity - Your
donation will help so many
local families who are
struggling with the cost of
living.

Thank you to each and
every one of you
Kindest Regards
Crowthorne Foodbank



We have also received an update from Just One Tree, you can follow the link to see where our trees have been planted.

<https://www.justonetree.life/reforestation-schools-network.html>

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.

Visit Childcare Choices to see what support you might be eligible for, now and in the future, so you can juggle work and life:

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