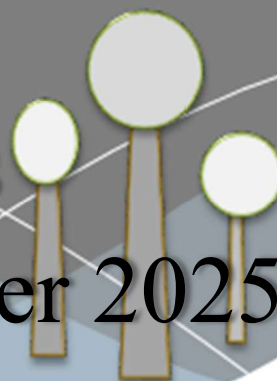




# Hatch Ride Matters

## Autumn-Winter 2025



Dear Hatch Ride Community

We've had a busy and long term at Hatch Ride with lots of exciting learning happening every day both in and out of the classroom. We are very proud of all the children for the resilience they have displayed over the last few weeks.

We have had several school trips and visits this term; Year 5 had a great time exploring both Sky Studios where they created their own film trailers and Winchester Science Museum where they journeyed into space. Year 6 enjoyed an immersive evacuee experience at the Watercress Line Heritage Centre. Year 1 also stepped back in time at Milestones Museum. Year 4 were visited by some fascinating reptiles as part of their rainforest project. Year 3 had a visit from Rabbi Zvi who shared lots of information on Judaism and Jewish festivals. The whole school took part in a STEM day with visitors from WSP, thank you to Mrs Jenkins for organising this.



We held whole school events as well as our regular weekly assemblies; the Harvest assembly, Remembrance assembly, individual class sharing assemblies and also fundraising fun days for Children in Need and Save the Children.

Our Sports lead Miss Gorrod has been busy taking children to exciting events this term organised by Wokingham School Games. Children have competed in hockey, boccia, multi-sports, girls tag rugby and a sports leadership academy.

Our boys and girls football teams have been flourishing on the pitch as well and we can't wait to see what they do next year.



Our school clubs are continuing to thrive and we have welcomed the start of several new ones including Rock Academy, Chess (thank you to Mrs Williams) and Forest Survival Skills which have proved very popular. Parents enjoyed a fabulous end of term Acro-dance show performed by Acrobatic club run by Empower Movement. Our school choir brought some festive cheer to local senior citizens at the Coates Centre. They also took part in the Wokingham Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert with many other schools from the area. Miss Costello, our music lead has been working hard with the children behind the scenes so thank you to her and the children for representing our school so well in the wider community.

As usual December is an eventful time at school with 3 productions being rehearsed and performed. Reception class all shone in their first Nativity. The KS2 children were all excellent at singing, dancing and acting in their performance of 'Lights, Camel, Action'. KS2 performed a moving Christingle Service by candlelight. In the last week the children have had lots of fun with their advent activities in class, thank you to the PTO for funding this.



We had a wonderful school Christmas Fayre at the end of November, brilliantly organised by the PTO team. The fayre raised a fantastic £3685.63!!! This will be spent on much needed resources and experiences for the children in school. Thank you to everyone who helped on a stall and donated items to sell. It was lovely to see so many families there enjoying themselves.



Our Giving Tree wishes have continued to be granted, thank you so much to everyone who has generously donated new resources.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers we have had helping our school this term! These people gave up their valuable time to help us; the PTO team, Mrs Adams, Freddie's Nonna, Harrison & Freddie's Granny, Grandad Geoff, Jacob's Grandad, Mrs Collis, Miss Gorrod's Nanny, Mrs Colmer and Fletcher's Nanny.



I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of all the staff for the generous Christmas gifts we received, it means so much to us all.

I wish you all a joyful festive break and look forward to seeing everyone in 2026!

Ms J Sparrowhawk  
Headteacher

#### School diary dates:

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| <b>January</b>                                    |   |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>                            | INSET Day (no children in school)       |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>                           | Start of Spring term                    |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>                           | Music Assembly                          |
| <b>February</b>                                   |   |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>                           | Year 5 Assembly                         |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> | Half Term                               |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>                           | Return to school                        |
| <b>March</b>                                      |   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>                           | Year 3 Assembly                         |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>                           | End of Term – school finishes at 1:15pm |
| <b>April</b>                                      |   |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>                           | Start of Summer term                    |