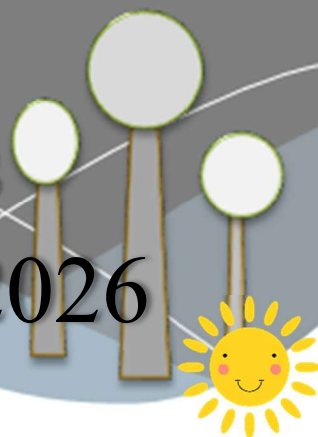




Hatch Ride Matters

Summer 2026



Dear Hatch Ride Community

It's been a very fun and very warm summer term in school! We recently had our Ofsted inspection and the whole staff team were overwhelmed by the positivity reflected back to them, it confirmed the community ethos that we have as a school. Children upheld our behaviour expectations in the hot conditions and were given an ice cream treat. We look forward to our final report which we will share with you.

We've been so busy with lots of learning as well as exciting whole school and class activities, visitors and trips all packed in! Year 3 completed their swimming lessons with great enthusiasm. Year 1 learnt about our monarch and explored the history of Windsor Castle. Year 2 visited the Natural History Museum in Tring to find out about animal habitats. Reception class went on their first coach trip and had a wonderful day at Wellington Country Park. Year 5 had a fabulous historical day at Butser Farm, whilst Year 4 extended their Geography classroom learning wading into rivers at Rushall Farm. Year 6 took part in a wildcraft session at Wellington College and had amazing memorable experiences during their residential week at PGL. We've also had lots of visitors, including the M&M Theatre group who gave a performance The Secret Garden to the whole school. We all enjoyed a great Healthy Minds Week that included a steel band workshop and time outside exploring our natural environment.



It's the time of year that we say goodbye to our Year 6 class. We are very proud of all their amazing accomplishments during their time at Hatch Ride. They have been a lovely group to watch move up the school over the years and we wish them all well in their new schools!

We are also saying a fond farewell to several members of staff this term, Miss Rutter and Mrs Branchflower, they will be missed by everyone and we wish them lots of good luck for the future. We also say goodbye to Mrs Herkes, who is retiring from teaching at the end of this academic year. She is not only moving on to new adventures but we are also celebrating an amazing 25 years of service to the Hatch Ride community.

We have had a fantastic year of sport at school and have been given the Gold Mark Award by Wokingham School Games. The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



We were also very pleased to have won a grant from Wellington College to develop our courtyard, you may have seen that we now have a new surface and all-weather gazebo. In September we will be purchasing some new resources for children to use in this space.

During the summer holidays we will be having maintenance work carried out in the school hall. We are able to do this work because we were successful in our bid for funding from the Trust's school building improvement allocation.

An update on our school playground; as you are aware, sadly our playground equipment has been closed for some time and we have been working to organise a replacement. Our Pupil Leadership Team have gathered children's opinions on what equipment they would most like to use and we have obtained quotations from suppliers. All quotations are for the same amount, approximately, £50,000. As this is such a large amount, we will be bidding for funds from the Trust's school building improvement allocation to help pay for this next year. We will keep you posted with developments.

I would like to express some thank yous – Mrs Adams for reading with Year 2, Freddie's Nonna for creating and maintaining a beautiful garden, Jill Howarth for bringing Du the reading dog to school. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Giving Tree this year or fundraised for the school, we really appreciate your generosity. We had a few items brought by Hali Rose who departed from Reception class earlier in the term, she wanted to pass on the message – she has happy memories of Hatch Ride School and all her friends and teachers and says hello 😊

A big thank you to the PTO for all the hard work you have put in this year organising events and raising money for our school. It was wonderful to see so many families take part in the Crowthorne Carnival and the PTO did a marvellous job with the children in school creating our entry.



I thank all parents and children, on behalf of myself and the team, for the much-appreciated gifts and kind words given at the end of term. The staff are always overwhelmed with the generosity and appreciation shown.

We are running a summer fundraiser *A Journey Together* the children have brought home the details this week. We look forward to keeping active over the summer and seeing how far we can travel as a community.

I hope everyone has a lovely summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Ms Sparrowhawk

School diary dates:

Please look out for new class information including PE days at the start of term in September, PE and external clubs will start on the first **full** week back.

September	
Tuesday 1 st	INSET Day – no pupils in school
Wednesday 2 nd	INSET Day – no pupils in school
Thursday 3 rd	Start of Autumn Term
October	
Friday 23 rd	INSET Day – no pupils in school
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th	Half Term
November	
Monday 2 nd	Return to school
December	
Friday 18 th	End of term – school finishes at 1:15pm