

Hatchlands Highlights

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Message from the Head

Dear Parents, Carers, and Friends of the School,

What a fantastic week it's been at Hatchlands as we celebrated Arts Week! The children have thrown themselves into a wide range of creative workshops—from art and music to drama—and it's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, imagination, and confidence shine through.

A huge thank you to Mrs Caswell for all her hard work in organising such a rich and engaging programme. It's clear from the smiles, laughter, and lively performances just how much the children have enjoyed every moment.

Wishing all our families a restful and joyful Easter break filled with time well spent with loved ones

With best wishes,
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Friends of Hatchlands

Thank you to the PTA for organising a wonderful Spring Trail last weekend. The sun shone and everyone had a lovely time.

We are very grateful for the hard work that the Friends of Hatchlands do to raise funds for our school.

Lots of children also had a great time at the PTA disco a few weeks ago and some of them visited the photo booth if they weren't too busy dancing! [Click here](#) to see if your child dropped by to have their photo taken!

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Our school target is 97%

Class	Attendance year to date
Bumblebees	95%
Ladybirds	94%
Hedgehogs	93%
Robins	96%
Kingfishers	92%
Squirrels	95%
Otters	94%
Skylarks	93%
Hares	97%
Woodpeckers	95%
Foxes	97%
Swans	96%
Owls	93%

A fond farewell to Mrs Austin

We are sad to share that Mrs Austin will be leaving Hatchlands at the end of the first week of the Summer term.

Mrs Austin has been an integral part of our team since the very beginning, as one of Hatchlands' very first employees. Her dedication, warmth and contribution to our community over the years have made a lasting impact, and she will be greatly missed.



Support sustainable travel and [click here](#) to book the walking bus

Compassion

Responsibility

Courage

Respect

School Learning Council Update



This week we had the honour of welcoming Eddy Humphreys, the Mayor of Reigate and Banstead to launch our fantastic Arts Week!

Ethan and Eysan had the very important role of meeting the Mayor upon his arrival and informing him all about our wonderful school. Thanks to the efforts of every School Learning Ambassador, Ethan and Eysan were fully prepared with a fantastic welcome speech. As you can see from the picture above, he was so inspired by the learning he saw in classes, he even had a little go himself!

Today, to mark the end of Arts Week, we welcomed Rebecca Paul, an MP for Reigate who also thoroughly enjoyed all of the artistic learning opportunities around the school. Her office have already emailed to say 'Rebecca thoroughly enjoyed her visit to Hatchlands School this morning. She found the children an absolute delight and would love to come back again in the future'.

Well done to all of the School Learning Ambassadors representing our school so wonderfully!

Reminders from the office...

The warmer weather is upon us at last! Please remember to send your child to school with a full, named water bottle.



A reminder that chewing gum should not be brought into school .

Quick links

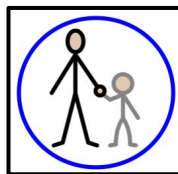
[Attendance & Sickness Information](#)

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SAFS Update



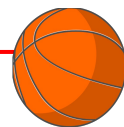
Useful Links

[Surrey Education Services](#)

[Surrey Family Information Service](#)

[Reigate & Banstead Borough News](#)





We have had a busy few weeks at Hatchlands, attending multiple different sporting events.

On the 13th March, we attended the Cross Country event at Priory Park with some of our KS2 children. A huge well done to everybody that took part, it was fantastic to see how courageous you each were as well as how much support you gave your peers who were running.

On the 19th March, a team of our Year 5 and 6 pupils visited Reigate Grammar School to take part in a Netball Tournament with 14 other schools. After lots of hard work, the team placed third, receiving a bronze medal. We are very proud of their achievements.

On the 26th March, we attended the annual gymnastic competition at Donyngs Leisure Centre. All the children that took part showed determination and courage. Well done to some of our Year 6's who came away with medals - well deserved!



Online Safety Spotlight

The Easter holidays are a great time for children to enjoy extra screen time, but it's important to make sure they stay safe online. Here's a quick guide for parents to ensure that kids enjoy their time online responsibly:

1. Set Clear Boundaries

- **Screen time limits:** Set a time limit for how long your child can be online each day.
- **Content restrictions:** Make sure to guide them on which apps, websites, and games are appropriate for their age

2. Monitor What They Do

- **Check their activities:** Regularly ask what apps, websites, or games they've been using.
- **Privacy settings:** Help them set their devices and apps to "private," so strangers can't see their information or contact them.

3. Teach About Personal Information

- **What's okay to share:** Explain to your child that they should never share personal details like their name, address, school, or phone number online.
- **Safe usernames:** Encourage the use of fun usernames that don't give away personal details.

4. Use Parental Controls

- **Set up filters:** Use built-in parental controls on websites, apps, and devices to limit the content your child can access.
- **Review game ratings:** Check the age ratings on games or apps to make sure they're suitable.

5. Have Regular Check-ins

- **Stay involved:** Spend time playing games or watching videos with your child to understand what they're doing.
- **Open conversations:** Let them know they can come to you if they ever feel uncomfortable or see something tr
- **Don't share passwords:** Remind them that they should never share passwords with anyone, even friends.

By setting clear rules, monitoring their activity, and talking openly about online safety, you can help your child have a fun and safe experience this Easter holiday.



Red Nose Day



On March 21st we took part in Red Nose Day by wearing something red. Each class had a turn at baking in our Treetops room and we raised £267.80 by selling delicious cakes and biscuits at our Bake Sale after school.



Sustainability



Why Active Travel?

The research compiled by Sustrans shows that active travel to school makes children more alert and ready to face the school day than if they had arrived in a car.

“Walking, cycling or scooting to school wakes up the mind and body”.

Active travel to school can increase concentration by up to 4 hours and just 15 minutes of exercise can improve a child's mood.

Physical activity can encourage healthy growth and development, maintain a healthy weight and reduce anxiety and stress. It can improve musical strength, endurance and flexibility in children and adolescents.

Eco/Woodland News!

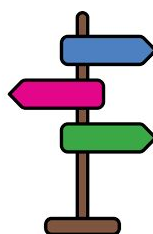


Years 3, 4 and 6 have now had their outdoor learning sessions in the woodland area. Year 3 were using their knowledge of hieroglyphics and cave paintings to decorate the fence in the woodland area using chalk and charcoal.

Year 4 made some bird feeders out of pine cones, lard and seeds, which the birds enjoyed - but not as much as the cheeky squirrels who pinched quite a few!

In Year 6 sessions the children made some lovely clay animals using natural materials.

Support



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Reception



Reception absolutely loved their class trip to Brooklands Museum on Monday! They listened carefully to the staff and asked some great questions. They looked at how bikes, motorbikes, planes, buses and cars have changed over time. They explored inside the late Sultans private jet, went inside some old buses and their favourite was seeing the cool McLaren! They finished the day with a workshop where they created their own cars and then raced them on ramps.



Year 1



Year 1 loved exploring Wisley Gardens last week. They were able to apply their wonderful learning about plants to explore types of trees, new plants and sketch different flowers. They even became flower detectives and searched for different flowers throughout Wisley!'



Year 2



In Year 2, the children have been exploring plants in science this term. They observed a range of seeds and bulbs to identify differences between them. They learnt that seeds and bulbs have a store of energy that they use to begin growth.



Year 3

This week in Year 3 was an exciting one! We finally finished writing our explanation texts on plants as well as looking at angles and types of lines in maths.

In geography, we created information pages all about rivers and presented them in our own original ways.

In science we planned and started an investigation to see how fluid travels up through a plant. We used celery sticks and blue food colouring to check how fast it will travel through the celery stick.

In PSHE we played the budget game where we had to survive for 12 weeks without going into debt - we realised that we cannot buy everything we want all at once! We have to save patiently.

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The Budget Game

Home
 Health
 Finance
 Goals
 Marketing
 Social

Health

100%

Finance

100%

Goals

100%

Marketing

65

Social

25

Balance

\$525

Next Goal

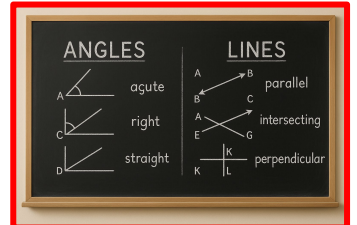
Visit 10 new clients

Finances

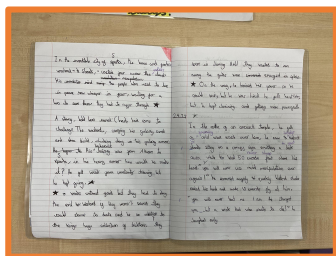
wages	21 Jan	\$2,048
Rent	17 Jan	\$1,087
Health Insurance	16 Jan	\$71
Insurance	11 Jan	\$21
Gas	10 Jan	\$78
Grocery shopping	6 Jan	\$4
Charity drive	3 Jan	\$18
Loan repayment	27 Jan	\$44

Recent Transactions

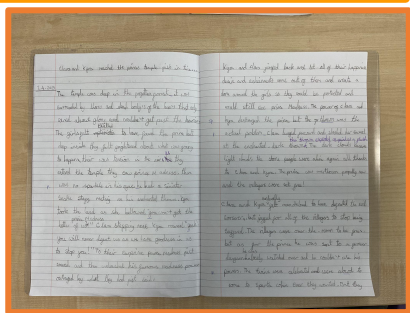
26 Jan	Rent	-\$187
26 Jan	Salary	+\$1,000
26 Jan	Expenses	-\$13
26 Jan	Expense	-\$13
26 Jan	Travel	-\$13
26 Jan	Travel	-\$13
26 Jan	Loan	-\$10
26 May	Expenses	-\$13
26 May	Expenses	-\$13
26 May	Pay membership	+\$60
26 May	Pay membership	+\$60
26 May	Travel	-\$13
26 May	Pay Travel	-\$13
26 May	Pay Travel	-\$13
26 May	Purchase	-\$200
26 May	Buy	-\$5



Year 4



Over the last few weeks, Year 4 have been working incredibly hard when writing their own historical narratives. They have carefully planned each section and ensured they have included each of our writing tools. We have been very impressed to see the vast array of stories that have been created.



Year 5



Year 5 and the Key Stage 2 Eco councillors were busy this week enhancing the school environment. They have so much fun digging and removing a patch of grass and preparing it to receive wildflowers, a mix of 42 seeds. This new bed will be a haven for pollinators as well as looking beautiful! Foxes enjoyed their morning session so much they offered to dig in their lunchtime playtime. Thank you to all!

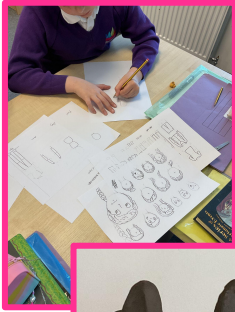
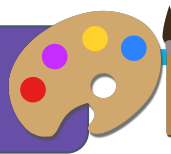


Year 6

Year 6 had a fabulous time in the Woodland area with Mrs Cooke this week. They carried out an experiment to see which natural materials would be best to insulate a jar of warm water (which represented the body of a mouse). They also made their own animals out of clay and natural resources. We think they look wonderful!

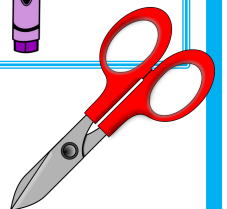
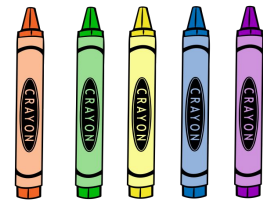
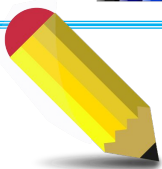


Arts Week



This week Hatchlands has celebrated its 2nd Artsweek. Children across the school have had the opportunity to paint, draw, sing, play, dance, sculpt, perform and explore the creative arts in many ways. We have been fortunate to have had sessions provided by Amy (Collage) , Anna (Papercraft) , ESE (Dance), Grooveline (Music), Include Choir, Jane (Puppets), Janine from Italia Conti, Kicks, Kirsty (Sketching), Painty Pots, Stagecoach and Starsteppers as well as our fantastic staff decorating classroom doors and other crafty sessions

It was also the launch of this year's art competition - the theme for this is Spring. Children are encouraged to paint, draw, sculpt or sew to create their own masterpieces. The deadline for this is Thursday 24th April. Please make sure that entries have a name and class written on them before they are handed in to class teachers.



KS2 Decorated Egg Competition

A very well done to the winners of our KS2 decorated egg competition!

Runner up: Isabelle



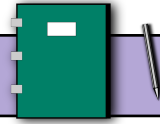
1st place: Alana



Runner up: Sienna

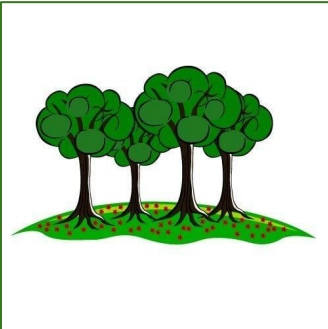


Dates for the diary



Date	What is happening?
22.04.25	Summer Term begins
23.04.25 09.00 & 2.45pm	KS2 RSE Workshop
29.04.25 @ 09.00am	Parent Forum at 9.00am
05.05.25	May Bank Holiday
06 & 07.05.25	Year 4 Residential
06.05.25 @ 2.45pm	Kingfishers Sharing Assembly
08.05.25 @ 09.00am	SAFS Coffee Morning
08.05.25 @ 2.45pm	Squirrels Sharing Assembly
13.05.25 @ 2.45pm	Hedgehogs Sharing Assembly
15.05.25 @ 2.45pm	Robins Sharing Assembly
16.05.24 from 2.00pm	Family Friday - International Fair
19.05.2025	Walk to School Week begins
26.05 - 30.05.25	Half term week
02.06.25	INSET Day
09.06 - 14.06.25	Year 6 Residential
27.06.25	Sports Day at Redhill Memorial Park
11.07.25	Reserve Sports Day if bad weather on 27.06.25
14.07 - 16.07.25	Year 5 Residential

Summer Term 1 2025 - Woodland Explorer Sessions Your child will need wellies or spare trainers for their session please

22.4.25	Year One		
29.4.25	Year Two		
13.5.25	Year Four		
20.5.25	Year Five		
22.5.25	Year Six		
23.5.25	Year Three		





Surrey
Wildlife Trust

Join us on Tuesday 29th April at 9:00am

Want to have a say in school life? Our **Parent Forums** are a great way to get involved! These are relaxed, friendly meet ups where you can share your thoughts, raise any concerns, and help shape school policies.

We're also looking for **Parent Reps**—parents who can help bring ideas and feedback from other parents to the forum. If you're passionate about making a difference, this could be a great way to get involved!

Question	Answer
Is the Parent Forum the same as the PTA?	This isn't the PTA— It's not about fundraising or organising events. It is a relaxed space where you can share your thoughts, raise any concerns, and help shape our school policies. It's all about open discussions and making sure parents' voices are heard. No commitment, no pressure—just a friendly chat about what matters to you and your child's school experience.
How often do they take place? And can I join by zoom?	Once per term. You can join in person or on Zoom — whatever works best for you! If you come along in person, we'll have tea and biscuits waiting for you
What is a Parent Rep?	A Parent Rep is a key link between parents and the school. It's a simple but important role—you'll help gather feedback, share ideas, and bring any concerns from other parents to the Parent Forum . You don't need any special experience , just a willingness to listen, chat with other parents, and share their thoughts in a supportive and constructive way. As a Parent Rep, you might: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Speak to other parents and gather their views on school life ✓ Bring those ideas and concerns to the Parent Forum meetings ✓ Help the school understand what parents think is working well—and what could be improved ✓ Be a friendly face for parents who might not feel confident speaking up themselves It's not a big time commitment —just attending forum meetings and being open to chatting with other parents. It's a great way to make a difference and help strengthen the school community!
What will be discussed at the meetings?	Anything related to improving the school and further developing the partnership between the school and parents. The meetings will be informal and are an opportunity for an open discussion. Minutes of the meetings will be taken and these will be accessible on the school's website.

In February 2025, we launched our **Actions for Nature Competition** – where we are asking the whole school community to complete and report one or more **#actions4nature** at home or in your local community. Every action logged on our website will go towards ***Your school*** increasing their chances to win the **£500 grant** towards outdoor learning equipment or tools for school grounds improvement!"

April's Action for Nature – Let it Grow!

Long grass, peppered with flowers, is one of the rarest habitats in our well-tended gardens, yet it is incredibly beneficial for wildlife. Patches of long grass encourage different plant species to grow, help insects to thrive and create feeding opportunities for birds and small mammals - so simply let nature move in!



HATCHLANDS

SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE 2025

(RESERVE DATE FRIDAY 11TH JULY 2025)

AT REDHILL MEMORIAL PARK



MORNING - YEAR 1 AND 2 AND KS2 - FUN SPORTING ACTIVITIES
(E.G JAVELIN, SACK RACE, EGG AND SPOON RACE)
PICNIC LUNCH WITH FAMILIES
AFTERNOON - KS2 COMPETITIVE RACES

(RECEPTION WILL HAVE THEIR OWN SPORTS DAY - DATE TO FOLLOW)

POSTER COMPETITION

CHILDREN CAN DESIGN A POSTER FOR OUR SPORTS DAY
INCLUDE THE ABOVE DETAIL AND ANYTHING ELSE THEY THINK WOULD BE
EXCITING OR USEFUL ON A SPORTS DAY POSTER.

PLEASE CAN COMPLETED POSTERS BE GIVEN TO MISS PUDDY BY FRIDAY 9TH MAY.