

THE NUTSHELL

Celebrating recent highlights at Hazelwood

Dear Parents,

23RD MAY 2025

Every day at Hazelwood, we strive to create meaningful learning experiences that connect knowledge with real-world issues. This morning was an outstanding example of that ongoing commitment in action.

Across every year group, from Reception to Year 8, the pupils stood tall and presented their research, insights, and ideas around the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) — causes they felt passionate about as a class. Whether it was climate action, clean water, gender equality, or peace and justice, they spoke not just with knowledge, but with urgency, clarity, and heart.

Today captured so much of what defines us as a school — pupils leading their own learning, engaging deeply with real-world issues, and using their voices to make a difference in thoughtful, creative, and connected ways. This kind of learning not only prepares our pupils for the world they will grow into, but also shapes the way they make choices about their future — including the subjects, causes, and paths they'll pursue in senior school and beyond.

And it's important to say this: none of this is possible without a foundation of academic rigour. We are uncompromising in our commitment to high standards in the core academic disciplines — because it is precisely those skills that give children the tools to explore the wider world with such depth and independence.

In the words of the late Sir Ken Robinson: "If you create the right conditions, people flourish. It's not a miracle – it's what happens."

That's what we saw today — not a miracle, but the outcome of thoughtful planning, skilled teaching, and a culture that empowers children to explore, question, collaborate, and create. It's about engaging with the world as it is and boldly imagining what it could become. It's about preparing our children not just for exams, but for life itself.

Our pupils don't just speak about the future — they live it.

Best wishes, Lindie

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AGM Meeting

Our AGM meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th June at **8pm** in the **TOSH**.

Everyone is welcome!

School News

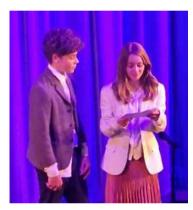


Hazelwood Variety Show

We enjoyed the annual Hazelwood Variety Show this week - the talent was outstanding!

We enjoyed comedy sketches, gymnastic performances, amazing singing, dancing and of course the annual Year 8 teacher sketch - always a highlight!

Well done to all of our fantastic performers!









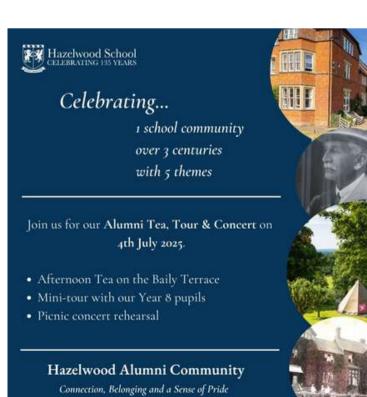
Alumni Tea, Tour & Concert

As part of our 135 celebrations, we are inviting our alumni community to join us on 4th July for tea, tour and concert.

If you're already on our alumni database, invitations will be sent out shortly.

If you haven't signed up, please visit the <u>alumni page</u> on our website and join our alumni community.

We hope to see you soon!





Spotlight



Thea and Hamish recently took part in a charity race. They both ran 1 mile to raise money for Alzheimer's Research and smashed their target, almost doubling it.

They both put in real, consistent effort during training and the race.

Well done!!



Mrs Anderson Year 2 Form Tutor

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

Every day in the classroom is different - bringing new experiences and the chance to be imaginative and interactive in my approach to teaching. There's nothing more rewarding than seeing the lightbulb moment, when a pupil suddenly understands a concept. I love being able to inspire young minds, while working with inspirational colleagues.

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU?

Knowing that every day my pupils leave the classroom having learnt something new, faced new experiences that will help them grow and had fun along the way. Listening to their cheerful conversations—whether about their learning or the little things that matter to them—is always heartwarming.

HOW DO YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO CHILDREN'S LIVES?

Getting to know every pupil-their interests, strengths and struggles-is key to my approach. It's wonderful to know what excites them, both in the classroom and beyond. I am passionate about supporting my students, helping them learn, grow and develop their potential. I look for the small, meaningful steps that spark progress, and then send them striding confidently in the right direction.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS YEAR?

Something I have been very much looking forward to (and has now just happened) was our Y2 performance of Rockpool—it truly rocked! It was such fun rehearsing with the pupils and collaborating with the amazing team of adults who taught the songs, created costumes and designed the set.

I'm looking forward to completing my "Walk 1000 Miles Challenge", a goal I've taken on every year since 2021. I love walking in the beautiful local countryside and beyond, in the UK and abroad - with family, friends or alone. I recently undertook a Macmillan Mighty Hike, combining my passion with supporting a meaningful cause.



Other News

Macmillan Mighty Hike

Mrs Anderson (Year 2 Form Tutor) took part in a Macmillan Mighty Hike recently - walking a half marathon on the North Norfolk Coast, to help raise money for this amazing charity.

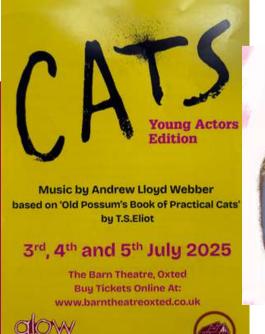
Mrs Anderson has a close family member who has battled cancer, and the Macmillan team were absolutely incredible with their support. They couldn't have got through it without this wonderful team of dedicated people.

The hike went well - 14 miles on the North Norfolk Coast that was flat as a pancake BUT 3 miles of shingle in one hit - it really was a mighty challenge!

Thank you to anyone who is able to support this incredibly worthwhile cause, please donate on their <u>Just Giving page</u>.



Cats Production at The Barn Theatre





Esmée in Year 7 is very excited to be playing Cassandra in a Cats production at the Barn Theatre soon.

She would love to see some of her friends and teachers in the audience to support her!

Tickets are selling out fast so book your seat now!



Other News

Athletic Success

Campbell in Year 7 recently competed in the U13 High Jump at the Surrey County AA Track & Field Championships 2025 and came second.

He was delighted with his silver medal! Campbell joined Holland Sports Athletics club last September to focus on the high jump and has started to go to some local meets this summer.

Well done Campbell!





Triathlon Success

Rafferty, Noa, Danny and Jack all did the Sevenoaks School Triathlon recently as a team called The Silly Lollies!

They all did amazingly well, all doing the swim, cycle and run with speed and enthusiasm! They really supported and cheered each other on!

Well done boys!







Wrens

Last week we were looking at the hungry caterpillar book. We made some caterpillar sun catchers using tissue paper, we planted some sunflowers and have been watching them grow. We also got some live caterpillars that we have been looking at every day. We read the hungry caterpillar book and did sang some animal theme nursery rhymes.

This week's theme has been under the sea. We have been making submarines, sea creature puppets on sticks and handprint crabs. We visited the playground this week and enjoyed exploring the mud kitchen and having a go on the trikes. We have also been reading and singing songs to do with the sea.

Starlings

Last week, our theme was hungry caterpillar, we made our own caterpillar headbands. We used our hand eye coordination to do threading with the food from the book. We made our own sensory books from different materials and read the hungry caterpillar book.

This week our theme has been construction, we have made our own traffic light while talking about the different colours they use. We have been talking about different shapes we use when sticking their houses. We have built our own creations out of duplo and looked at different construction books. We have also been on the playground this week and had a great time on the bikes.







Wagtails

The wagtails have had fun learning about The Hungry Caterpillar. They have loved making symmetrical butterflies and bumble bees. They have been using fruit to print a caterpillar and exploring insects in soil play. We have also welcomed caterpillars to our classroom to see how big they grow. We have been matching coloured fruit and looking at big and small butterflies.

We also had a colour day which the children were splatter painting a giant butterfly, exploring coloured water and mixing colours using our hands. They also explored different coloured fabric and came in wearing different coloured clothes.

The children have been listening to the story of the rainbow fish and talking about being kind. They have been very creative by making their own jellyfish and octopuses. The children have been sorting coloured fish and exploring coloured rice in the messy tray. Wagtails have been exploring the under the sea small world play and looking at different sized shells.

Lower Robins

This week, the children have been exploring fruit and vegetables. They particularly enjoyed the messy tray, which featured fruit frozen in water, and had a great time sorting colourful mixed rice by colour. Nic has been engaging the children in identifying and sorting different fruits and vegetables. Gem introduced a delightful sizing activity where the children independently arranged the fruit in order of size. Meanwhile, Milly conducted a grouping activity, encouraging the children to compare the quantities of different groups of fruit to determine which had more or less.

Last week, we focused on transport, and the children had a fantastic time creating a red bus, which they painted beautifully. We have also been monitoring our caterpillars, which are growing larger by the day. The children are eagerly anticipating their transformation into cocoons.







Upper Robins

Last week, we had an amazing time exploring the enchanting theme of "Under the Sea." The children discovered fascinating sea creatures, plants, and shells while enjoying engaging water play in the garden. On Friday, we also celebrated Colour Fun Day, where the kids participated in a variety of colourful activities. They had a blast mixing colours to create new shades, painting a vibrant rainbow fish with pipettes, cutting and sticking colourful ice creams, and enjoying coloured water play.

This week, our focus has shifted to the exciting world of Space! The children are learning about planets through songs, posters, and toys. They've loved painting planets in various sizes and colours using creative techniques like balloon and marble painting. Additionally, they've been making rockets from shapes and practising writing some letters from their names.

Skylarks Orange

Skylarks have had a fantastic few weeks! They recently wrapped up their mini beasts activity, which included an enjoyable bug hunt where they identified the various insects in our Skylarks garden. This week, the children are focusing on the topic of growth, exploring how babies develop into adults.

Additionally, we have been growing flowers in the garden and have planted some indoors, which we intend to replant in the garden later.





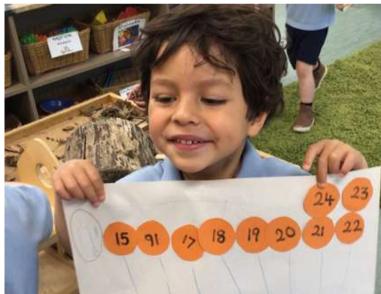
Skylarks Green

We concluded our 'Minibeast' focus last week and incorporated the popular children's book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' to further highlight the different stages in a caterpillar's life.

Coupled with the book, our tuff tray had sensory, story-related resources to explore and we also worked collaboratively to correctly order the illustrations to retell the story. We reinforced our number recognition by sequencing cardinal numbers to create caterpillars and used ladybird spots to consolidate our understanding of number bonds. We created salt dough bugs, threaded spider's webs and searched our garden for real insects too. The week ended with our first 'Colour Fun Day', with the room and garden awash with colourful, vibrant activities for the children to explore including colour mixing, coloured water play, coloured playdough and each child contributed some colourful blossom to create our Skylarks' Green 'Colour Tree'.

This week we have started our 'Growing' theme when we will be enhancing our understanding of the world by learning how to plant and take care of flowers and herbs, investigating the seeds of different fruits and vegetables, learning about the life cycle of the oak tree and buying beautiful flowers in our own little flower shop.









Reception



Beanstalk Challenge

Following on from reading the story, "Jack and the Beanstalk", the children were challenged to build a structure as high as possible using Kapla bricks.





French

During French with Madame Richards, there was lots of excitement as the children travelled to Paris on the Eurostar! There were many amazing landmarks to see including the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe!





Giants

The children enjoyed creating their own giants using paint and construction materials.





Year 1

Science

Year 1 has been learning about forces in Science and have been investigating push, pull and twist forces. The children designed push/pull toys and had a wonderful time making and playing with their creations!







Woodhouse Centre Trip

Year 1 returned to The Woodhouse Centre in Oxted to finish off building their bee hotels! The children loved working with members of our community from both The Woodhouse Centre and The Men in Sheds charities. The children also crafted bees and flowers to support their learning about why bees are so important in our world. The children look forward to presenting their ideas to the wider school in their SDG presentation!







VE Day

Year 2 spent some time learning about VE Day, culminating in making their own Spitfire paper airplanes!





Year 3

Residential with The Bushcraft Company

Year 3 recently returned from an unforgettable camping adventure at Penshurst, and what a fantastic experience it was! The trip was packed with excitement, outdoor learning, and plenty of teamwork. The children threw themselves into a wide range of activities, including den building, fire making, trap building, and camouflage games—all of which tested their creativity, problem-solving, and resilience.

One of the most memorable moments was cooking and enjoying delicious burgers over the fires they had built themselves. It was wonderful to see the children working together, encouraging one another, and stepping outside their comfort zones. New friendships were formed, and existing ones grew even stronger as the children supported each other through every challenge. Although sleep was in short supply, the laughter, shared achievements, and sense of adventure made the trip a huge success. We are incredibly proud of the bravery, teamwork, and positive attitudes shown by all the children—well done, Year 3!





















Trip to Bough Beech Reservoir





















ART



SCIENCE

Our Year 5's walked an impressive 15km around Titsey Farm @ 🎄 🛠

Thank you to Farmer Bill for showcasing his incredible animals





Year 6 & 7

Shakespeare Workshops

Years 6 & 7 stepped into the spotlight yesterday during their Shakespeare workshops in the theatre!

The atmosphere was electric with creativity and laughter as pupils explored Shakespeare's work through engaging, hands-on workshops.











Years 6 & 8

SDG Project

Some Year 8 and 6 pupils have been volunteering to sort babies' clothing, as part of their Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) project, for the charity Stripey Stork-a baby bank which collects and redistributes baby and children's items to families in Surrey and Croydon, who are experiencing hardship. By offering their time, the children have supported the charity's wonderful work, as well as ensured that quality clothes don't end up in landfill.











DT

Students from Years 7 and 8 have been exploring working with metals. They have learnt how to cut metal, such as brass, copper and aluminium using tin snips, filing to make smooth and joining methods such as riveting and soldering. To make a metal mug they cut and shaped their metal pieces and hammered to curve and form the sheets.

There are lots of creative bugs in progress! Well done!













Library

Children's

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The Children's Book Project

We are again running the collection of new and nearly new (but in very good condition) books for the Children's Charity in the run up to the summer holidays.

Across London and the UK 1 in 4 disadvantaged children owns fewer than 10 books, whilst 1 in 8 has none at all. This has an impact not only on these children's academic outcomes but also on their wellbeing, emotional development and sense of themselves as a reader.

The Children's Book Project directly tackles this 'book gap' and gifts donated books to targeted communities across the Capital. These schools and community groups put on celebratory book gifting events at which children are invited to choose a book to take it home and keep. The charity expects to gift upwards of 70,000 books this year.

For more information visit <u>www.childrensbookproject.co.uk</u>

Please drop off your unwanted new or nearly new books that your children have grown out of and send them in to me in the Hazelwood Library after the Easter holidays and I will ensure they are sent on to children who do not get/or have any books of their own. Let's help more disadvantaged children to enjoy the magic of books too!

Please note that the condition of books donated is very important. The charity cannot accept old, marked or tatty books since these are not suitable to gift onwards to another child. so please do not send any of the following :

- textbooks or revision books
- religious texts
- encyclopaedias
- DVDs or CDs
- torn, scribbled or dirty books
- ex library books or ex reading schemes







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A Black Top of the Range Renaux Twingo with Sat Nav, Bluetooth etc. Stop/start, Lane departure, Front/rear parking bleepers, reverse camera, great sound system, 23700 miles on clock, 9000 until next service, 4 tyres all done 2500 miles or less. New battery 2,500 miles ago. 55 mpg in normal running . 0.9 litre turbo engine. ULEZ compliant too! Registration DG65 JKE.

We bought it from its first owner 3 years old and in our family since then. Price £5000 but not looking for any offers due to the excellent standard of the car.

Please contact Nicki Wisniewski 07971 278790







A Hazelwood family has a young relative who is only 25 years old and is in urgent need of an intestine transplant following a medical complication resulting in her small intestine being removed a couple of weeks ago.

Her aunt is donating her painting to help fund her treatment.

Please contact Michelle on 07702 629 942 if you are interested in purchasing the painting.



FORPAIGE

A UNIQUE OIL PAINTING BY TANZANIAN-BORN ARTIST STEPHANIE REITH THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL GO FULLY **TO SUPPORT THE** SPECIALIZED TREATMENT & TRANSPLANT CARE FOR PAIGE MYATT TAYLOR WHOM THE ARTIST LOVES DEARLY.

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A chance for parents and carers to meet Committee members, who are themselves parents of dyslexic youngsters, and specialist dyslexia tutors, to talk about any concerns they have about dyslexia at home or in school.

Monday 9th June 2025 8pm – 10pm

This meeting is free and open to all parents and carers who have an interest in dyslexia.

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