

THE NUTSHELL

Celebrating recent highlights at Hazelwood

4TH JULY 2025

Scarlett Layton Year 8

'My time at Hazelwood has been memorable to say the least. I remember my first day like it was yesterday: I was very nervous, so much so that I insisted on taking my favourite meerkat teddy to class that day. I was greeted by Mrs Cross, who had my future best-friend in hand - little did I know how close India and I would be in the future. She offered to be my buddy and showed me around the classroom. From that day on, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here - from Oak, when I joined, to the end of Year Eight.

I remember in Year 1, wearing a tartan pinafore and thinking I was very cool being so grown-up; it makes me smile every time I see the tiny Year 1 pupils now, as it makes me reflect on my time here at Hazelwood and how I have matured and learned about the importance of friendship and developing one's identity. Leading on from this idea, Hazelwood has given me the opportunity to make lifelong friends and taught me valuable lessons that I will carry with me to Caterham and beyond, such as the importance of resilience in the classroom and sports field, as well as compassion in the playground.

Some particularly fond memories of my time here include our recent trip to Barcelona, being carefree on the beach, and our choir trip to Verona in which we won Best Song. During Covid, while I was sad not to see my friends in person, my teachers made it a fun experience despite the struggle of technology. I even remember logging myself out of our Google Classroom on purpose just so that I could attempt to skip a day - to no avail!

In Year 6, my first day was filled with anticipation about when we were getting iPads, even looking through my camera roll now gives just a small snapshot of my epic time here. Without Hazelwood, I would not have been able to indulge myself in new activities like Chapel Choir and football, or compete in the IAPS National Swimming Finals; I would not have won a poetry competition, earned the HECA Award, or performed as a geriatric boxer in the Year 6 play. Achieving the Tippet Performing Arts Scholarship gave me a sense of achievement and pride, as did dissecting a lamb's heart in Science, and having my bookmark published in the Library, while in Year 5.

With the support of my teachers, I have learnt new skills that I have stepped out of my comfort zone to try. I will be forever grateful for those teachers who helped me to become the best version of myself and that have provided me with the confidence and belief to begin the next stage of my school journey. Although I have enjoyed my time here, and I believe Hazelwood has shaped who I am today, I feel ready to take that next step and will do so with the happiest memories at heart'.

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Spotlight



Oscar, William, Stefanos and Margot competed at the Knight Frank triathlon recently and came 13/130 as a team.

Most importantly they loved doing it, and have raised £365 for Restless Development and for The Lucy Rayner Foundation.

Well done to Forza Fire!



Other News

Fundraising Success

Thomas P in Year 2 has been looking a little different recently.

He has been growing his hair since before he started school in order to donate to the Little Princess Trust to give hair and hope to other young people and help research into childhood cancer.

Please support Thomas's fantastic effort by going to his <u>Just Giving page</u>

Well done Thomas!





Climbing Success



Bella in Year 6 competed at the Big Boulder Bash in Canterbury recently, and she was very happy to come 3rd overall.

Well done Bella!



Other News

Charity Walk

Mr Caddy will be doing a charity walk with his brother in memory of their youngest brother this summer. They are fundraising for Mind, an exceptional charity helping those struggling with their mental health.

They are walking from Hampton Court to Greenwich along the Thames Path for a total of 34 miles (and apparently some elevation...) on Friday 22nd August.

Any donations no matter how much would be greatly appreciated and everything will be going straight to Mind, please donate <u>here</u>!



Wind in the Willows Production

Chloe & Tristan in Year 6 performed in the GLOW production of the Wind in the Willows last weekend at the Barn Theatre in Oxted.

Chloe was a Mouse & a Wild Wooder. Tristan was The Magistrate, a Wild Wooder and a Squirrel.

Well done!









Wrens

Last week was dedicated to a 'Julia Donaldson' theme, during which we explored a different book each day. The children had a great time participating in various activities, including creating paper plate fish and making their own storybooks featuring different characters. We also took advantage of the lovely weather by enjoying the paddling pool. This week, the children have been focusing on the theme of summer, engaging in activities such as ice play, crafting their own ice lollies from various materials, and painting watermelon slices.



Starlings

Starlings had a great time while exploring a theme of the week: Each peach, pear, plum. They have enjoyed counting peaches and plums, drawing, picking plums and pears from the ice blocks and sticking characters from the book making a picnic collage. They also had fun dressing up, cooking in the home corner, looking after the dolls, building with mega blocks, playing on the patio, exploring the sand pit and diggers, crawling through the tunnel, walking on the plank and of course listening to lots of stories, singing and dancing. With lots of sunny weather they all even enjoyed a splash in the paddling pool!





Wagtails

The Wagtails have had so much fun learning about Goldilocks and the three bears. They have been very creative and have been making their own bear head band, sponge painting a large bear and making their own house using different shapes. The children have been making their own bear shape rice cake and bear toast. In the messy tray we have been making their own porridge and exploring Goldilocks hair (spaghetti play). On the carpet the children have been playing with different sized beds, bears and having lots of bear tea parties. The wagtails have been sorting coloured bears and counting bears. We have been doing lots of running on the tracks on the grass and making sounds using different natural materials.



Lower Robins

The children have been exploring the fascinating world of dinosaurs, learning about the various types and their names. We have been spending time in the garden, enjoying plenty of water play. We also discussed the importance of staying hydrated and the need to wear hats in the sun.

We focused on the letter 'j' and identified different objects that begin with that sound. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mrs Fryer for her hard work on our summer concert. A significant amount of planning goes into this event, and it has been wonderful to witness her dedication in teaching the children the lyrics and actions to new songs.

the children talked about summer, and we engaged in some ice cream painting. They also shared photos from their previous holidays, discussing the places they visited. While last week we focused on the sound 'r', next week we will explore the letter sound 'v'.





Upper Robins

Last week, we had a fantastic time exploring jungle-themed activities! The children loved engaging with the small world jungle animal table, where they let their imagination soar and shared animals with their friends. They also enjoyed creating jungle animal masks, playing with sensory materials in the tuff tray, and discovering the natural spaces in the nursery. This week, our focus has shifted to the Starting to School theme. We are discussing the children's expectations for their new room and the exciting experiences awaiting them next academic year, including uniforms. We've also been practising phonic sounds and recognising letters, shapes, and numbers together using different resources such as flashcards and everyday objects.



Skylarks Orange

Summer is approaching, and the Skylarks have been actively enjoying a variety of celebrations with their families. They performed delightful summery songs about the weather and rainbows, impressing everyone with their singing. Following that, it was time for our Graduation Ceremony, where the children received certificates and posed for photographs in their graduation attire. Afterwards, we gathered in the garden to enjoy a fun activity with a parachute filled with balloons, sharing lots of laughter and joy with friends and family.







Skylarks Green

The children on the Green side of Skylarks delighted in our 'Dinosaur' topic, fully immersing themselves in all things prehistoric! We worked creatively by printing with dinosaurs and then by making our own salt dough representations too. We carefully assembled our own pasta T Rex skeletons and unveiled fossils in our archaeological tray. We re-enacted prehistoric life at our 'small world' table and learned lots of interesting facts and specialised vocabulary via both fiction and non-fiction books. For a particularly interactive activity, the children conducted a volcanic experiment, watching how the vinegar and baking soda combined to instigate a frothy, volcanic 'eruption'. Great fun!

This week we took a retrospective look at our time in Skylarks plus looking ahead to our imminent move up to 'Big School' by discussing how we feel about this transition. We celebrated a fantastic year during 'Graduation Morning' and are looking forward to our 'Sports Morning' at the end of the week. We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to all our children leaving next week and wishing them well as they embark upon the next stage of their learning journey.





Reception

Trip to Drusillas

A definite highlight was our fantastic trip to Drusillas Zoo! The children loved meeting a variety of animals, taking part in an animal encounter, and learning about habitats and animal behaviour. It was a brilliant day, full of excitement, curiosity and plenty of fun!



Growing Up

This week, we have been reflecting on how much we've changed and grown! The children have been learning about the different stages of life – from baby, to toddler, to child. Using photographs of themselves at each stage, the children wrote short descriptions of what they were like at that age. They then wrote about what they would like to be when they grow up – from astronauts to zookeepers, their ambitions were inspiring!

Teddy Bears' Picnic & Transition

As part of our transition into Year 1, we had a special Teddy Bears' Picnic with the new Year 1 adults. Each child introduced their teddy and met the teachers and adults. They took part in an emotional teddy hunt in the Outdoor Box, where each teddy represented a different feeling. We then shared a relaxed picnic together in the sunshine – a lovely way to start building confidence and familiarity with the next step in their journey.

Maths

In maths, we have been revisiting our key learning from the year. We have explored part-whole models, solved missing number equations, and consolidated our knowledge of number bonds, shape, and operations. The children have worked hard and shown how much they've learnt!

Creative Curriculum

We looked at seaside holidays in the past and talked about how they have changed over time. We also explored symmetry in art, using half of a photograph of each child's face and drawing the other side to complete it – just like real artists! The results were wonderful and full of personality.





Seaside Topic Day

Year 1 enjoyed a fabulous Seaside Topic Celebration Day in the sunshine! The children enjoyed an exciting day, packed full of activities. They did beach craft, shell decorating, playing in the sandpit and paddling pool, a seaside fish and chip lunch, and they had an awesome fun splash swim! They enjoyed a beach safety talk with our recently qualified expert Year 6 life-savers.

The children had an interesting dental hygiene chat with our local dentist, Lavini as well as meeting Linda from Oxted Library to learn all about the Summer Reading Challenge!



















Forest School

2M had a wonderful afternoon in the woods last week! An exciting, interesting and fantastic learning time, completing a year of Outdoor Learning!

















Maths

In Year 3 maths this week we worked as a year group to complete a place value treasure hunt.











Bikeability Course

Year 4 braved the hot weather to complete their bikeability course. They learned practical skills about how to cycle on today's roads.

















MATHS

Year 5 were making quadrilaterals last week and investigating their properties.







DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Drawing stars 🏾 🍸











Year 6

Trip to Hever Castle

On Monday, Year 6 visited Hever Castle for their history field trip. The children enjoyed a guided tour of the Castle and a workshop. They were able to demonstrate their knowledge of Henry VIII and the Tudors and learnt more about the Boleyn family. In the afternoon they enjoyed the adventure playground, water maze, an ice cream, and the glorious weather!



History

Year 6 concluded their study of the causes of the civil war with a court case at the Outdoor Box. For the previous two lessons they prepared questions for Charles I and Oliver Cromwell based on the economic, political and social causes they have learnt. For the first time ever 2 classes decided not to execute Charles I and decided Parliament were more responsible for the outbreak of war.







Year 6

English

Year 6 have been enjoying Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream this term. Inspired by the play, they have written their own love potions.



Written by Imi P and Eleni C

Firstly pluck one delicate wing of the dead fairy fly and put it in the bowl. Then crush the rest of the rotting stinky body and add it. Next blend in the sticky, elastic slime of a sad snall and whisk till thick. Liquidise the metallic gold of Egypt and pour into the vile potion. After you have done that, compress a chewed dog bone and add to the spell. Then mush up the blood stained lamb's heart and drop it in. Afterwards mix the earthy dust of lovers feet with melted red bitter lipstick and drizzle it into the mixture. Finally incorporate the moldy stagnant pond water and let it brew for 3 minutes. And voila you have made your very own love potion! Just pour 3 drops into the victim's drink and watch them fall madly in love!

Written by Libby C



Year 7

Maths

As part of their investigation into the link between theoretical probability and relative frequency, Year 7 threw dice repeatedly in as many random ways as possible to reduce bias. Recording their results individually, and then as group, they were able to see that as the number of throws increased, so the results tended towards theoretical probability.













Robin Hood Production























Sport

Athletics

It was a fantastic day at the National Athletics Prep Schools Finals in Birmingham this week. Our 8 athletes did themselves and Hazelwood proud.

From start to finish, they were just incredible competing against the best in the country and rising to the challenge. There were a number of personal bests, top five finish from Callum P in the 75m hurdles and a double National Champion in Flo M in the long jump and 70m Hurdles. Max C, Jack G, Joe B and Milo VB all finished top 10 and Campbell C finished top 20 in the high jump.

We're so proud of what they've achieved – and there's definitely more to come from this brilliant group of athletes. Watch this space!















Library

Summer Opening Hours

Hazelwood Library will be open for pupils to come and change books over the holidays.

AUGUST DATES IN THE LIBRARY

4th 9.00 - 5.00 5th 9.00 - 5.00 6th 9.00 - 5.00 7th 9.00 - 5.00 8th 9.00 - 12.00

Overdue Library Books

Please don't forget to return or renew all those overdue books before we break up for summer or by the Monday 07th July to avoid the £3 charge per book. Please remember you can check the library management system <u>Accessit</u> to see what books your child/children have out. For any information on overdue books please email <u>wisniewskin@hazelwoodschool.com</u>.

Summer Challenges

The end of the summer term is almost here and we have plenty of summer challenges for your children to get stuck into. We have the 10 book challenge and back by demand - The Hazelwood School Readopoly - when competing this challenge please assist your children in completing a 'Reading River' which demonstrates what they have done for this challenge (please see the examples for ideas). All challenges will be loaded up to Google Classroom but pupils in Reception - Year 5 are being handed a paper form to complete. There are lots of prizes and points to be earned for both challenges. There is also the National Libraries challenge 'Story Garden' and we would like as many children as possible to sign up to the libraries in your area and take part. Please try to encourage your children to read during the holidays as this is an important skill that will make such a different next year if they have been reading during the summer.

Have a wonderful summer holiday and keep reading!

Mrs Wisniewski



Library

TAKE PART IN THE 2025 HAZELWOOD

SCHOOL SUMMER READING CHALLENGE PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO MS WIZ IN THE HAZELWOOD LIBRARY BY FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER



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YOUR CLASS FOR 2025/26.....

PLEASE TRY TO READ AT LEAST FIVE BOOKS.

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House points, marbles, points and prizes will be awarded depending on your year group. So sign up and read, read, read!

Have a wonderful summer holiday and don't forget to just keep reading!



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What is a Reading River?

A reading river records your reading over a period of time so you can remember what you have read or done! Here some examples of 'Reading Rivers.' They can contain as much information as you want or just the titles of the things you have read or done.

You can include drawings and pictures or just a written account.

It can be colourful, bright and imaginative or just black and white but don't forget the information about what you have read.

Google 'Reading Rivers' for more information and examples.

Have fun completing your River!











Library







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 www.childrensbookproject.co.uk

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

Children's Boek Project



Thurs 29th July 2.30pm-3.30pm Tissue Paper Insects Age 5+ £1.50 Book from Tuesday 16th July @9.30am

Weds 6th August 2.30pm - 3.30pm Bug Hotels Age 5+ £1.50 Book from Tuesday 29th July @9.30am

Thurs 7th August 10.30am - 11.00am Minibeasts Active Storytime Under 5's FREE No need to book

Tues 12th August 11.00am-12noon Explore Learning Ages 5-11 FREE Booking via Eventbrite: https://tinyurl.com/ye27ay8v

Thurs 14th August 2.30pm-3.30pm Clothes Peg Dragonflies Age 5+ £1.50 Book from Tuesday 5th August @9.30am Tues 19th August 11.00am-12noon Explore Learning Ages 5-11 FREE Booking via Eventbrite: https://tinyurl.com/4cud5pv6

Weds 20th August 2.30pm-3.30pm Crazy Cress Creatures Age 5+ E1.50 Book from Tuesday 12th August @9.30am

Tues 26th August 11.00am - 12.00am Butterfly/Garden Active Storytime Under 5's FREE No need to book

Thurs 28th August 2.30pm - 3.30pm Sunflower Paper Plate Weaving Age 5+ £1.50 Book from 20th August @9.30am

FREE end of SRC celebration craft Saturday 13" September Drop in 2.30pm -3.30pm - Just bring your certificate or wristband



Join the team to have fun being creative and reading this Summer



READ SIX BOOKS OVER THE SUMMER AND WIN PRIZES

Starts 5th Ends 13th July September

RHYMETIME WILL BE ON EVERY FRIDAY THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS WITH FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY FROM TOAM. SINGING STARTS AT 10.30AM

Come and find the Summer Reading Challenge characters hidden around the library!



Notices



FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE FOR YEARS 3 - 8

Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th August

10 am – 12 pm Hazelwood Sports Pitches



Please contact Mr Jarvis for further details and to reserve a place.

Hazelwood Under 13A Boys & Girls Coach Lindfield U12 Manager & Coach UEFA C LICENSE COACH Tel: 07725 026329 jarvisj@hazelwoodschool.com









Bring: packed lunch (no nuts); water bottle, change of clothers Wear: Old clothes, outdoor shoes, waterproof





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learning songs, scenes and dances from different musicals ending the week with a demonstration performance for friends and family on the final day. The workshop is suitable for ages

6-18 (split into age groups) and is a perfect way to spend a week of the summer holidays! Performers will learn new

environment. Please note places are limited.

WHERE: OXTED SCHOOL, EDEN HALL WHEN: MONDAY 28TH JULY - FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST 2025 | 10-4PM EACH DAY PERFORMANCE ON THE FRIDAY!

SUITABLE FOR 6-18YRS (split into age groups) Early drop off time available. Please enquire regarding fee

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