

THE NUTSHELL

Celebrating recent highlights at Hazelwood

7TH MARCH 2025

Dear Parents.

I want to share a recent experience that reminded me how important it is to step outside our comfort zones —even when it feels daunting!

Over half term I had the opportunity to go ziplining in Elgin, South Africa. Now, I had imagined this experience as nothing but exhilarating—flying through the air, taking in the breathtaking views, and feeling completely free. But when I got to the first platform and looked down, something unexpected happened. I was scared. Really scared.

I hadn't anticipated being so afraid of the unknown. My heart was racing, and for a split second, I thought, maybe this isn't for me.

But then I reminded myself why I was there. I had chosen to do this because I wanted to challenge myself, to push beyond what felt comfortable and familiar. And so, I took a deep breath, trusted the harness (and our guide!) and stepped off the platform.

Now, if this were a perfect story, I'd say the fear melted away instantly—but that's not what happened. My first zipline was a complete mess. I made mistakes, panicked mid-air, and nearly ripped my hand off because I didn't follow the instructions properly. It was chaotic, and I felt completely out of my depth. But I kept going. With each zipline, I learned, I adjusted, and it did get easier. By the final few, I was actually enjoying it—laughing, feeling the thrill, and appreciating the experience for what it was.

This experience reminded me of something valuable: fear is natural, and setbacks happen, but they don't have to hold us back. The things that scare us the most often lead to the greatest rewards. Whether it's trying something new, speaking up, or taking a risk, stepping outside our comfort zone is where real growth happens.

What is something that challenges you? What is something you've been avoiding because it feels too intimidating? Maybe today is the day you take that step. Who knows? You might just surprise yourself.

Best wishes, Lindie





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Spring Music Concert

Join us for an unforgettable evening of music!

We are honoured to support the Kerslake Robshaw Foundation, which is dedicated to providing children with access to music and sports, no matter their background. Every penny from ticket sales will go directly to this incredible initiative.

▲ A Night of Stunning Performances and a № Prize Draw!

Don't miss out - buy your tickets on MSP now!





SPRING MUSIC CONCERT

In aid of the Kerslake Robshaw Foundation

Friday 14th March

7.00 pm £20 per ticket

Hazelwood School, Bawtree Hall.

Special guests:

Camilla Kerslake & Chris Robshaw

To book tickets: headspa@hazelwoodschool.com

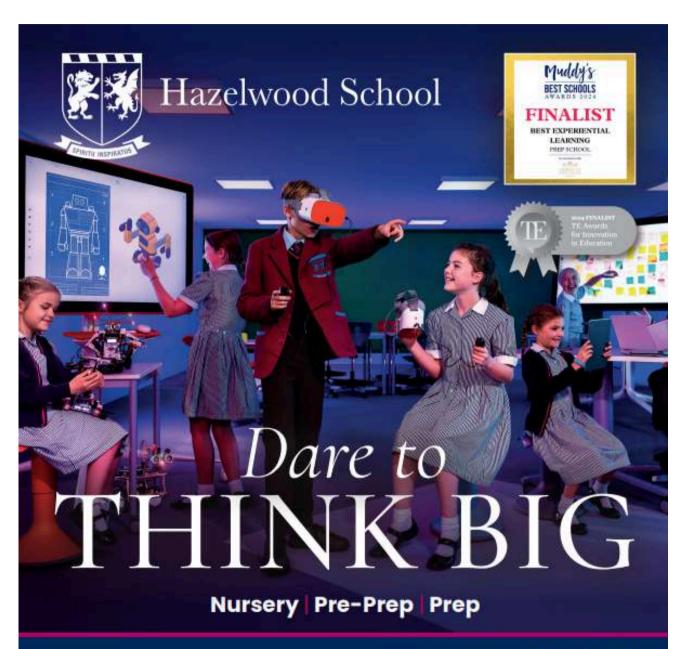








Open Event



Open Morning:

Saturday 15th March - 9.30am



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Parent Elective



This half-term, from 28th February to 21st March, we are excited to invite parents to take part in our Upper School Elective Programme.

In keeping with our Wheel philosophy and our commitment to putting people at the heart of everything we do, we are opening up our elective programme to all parents in our school community—from Fledglings to Year 8.

These sessions will take place on Friday afternoons and offer four fantastic opportunities for parents to join:

- Family Netball (3:10-4:10) Skills-based drills and friendly games with Year 7 and 8.
- Expressive Art (2:00-4:00) Parent-only session led by Mrs Tulett in the Art Room.
- Amigurumi (2:15-3:10) Learn Japanese crochet alongside Years 7 and 8.
- Improvisation (3:10-4:10) A lively, interactive drama session with Year 7 and 8.

All sessions will take place on the school site and are open to all parents, whether or not their child is participating in the elective. However, these sessions are for parents only, so younger children cannot attend.

Book your place!



Pancake Race







World Book Day









Spotlight





Mr Caddy Sports Coach & Teaching Assistant

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

Being inspired by the children every day! No day is the same and I love the variation of being able to see the students participate in all facets of their school lives.

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU?

The students provide me with motivation and keep me grounded to make sure I am always approachable and supportive. My colleagues also motivate me with their passion for what they do.

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

I think my encouragement is the big one! By supporting the students in their decision making and well-being, their self-confidence can grow allowing them to be who they want to be.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS YEAR?

I am looking forward to Wales hopefully not getting the wooden spoon in the 6 Nations, however unlikely!









Wrens

Over the past few weeks in Wrens, we have been busy creating our own dinosaurs and exploring various dinosaur footprints.

In addition, we have embarked on an exciting investigation into space, designing unique aliens and constructing a giant rocket. We have also enjoyed reading a range of books and dancing to nursery rhymes. We've been discovering dinosaur bones in the sand and honing our threading skills. Outdoors, we have enjoyed a dinosaur-themed area, using natural resources for our activities. We've even created galaxy sensory bags while exploring different shapes in our rocket-making projects.





Starlings

A busy two weeks for Starlings! We have started with exploring the story "we're going on a bear hunt", the children have really enjoyed working on their physical development. We have been on a bear hunt walk, practising our climbing, balancing and jumping using soft play equipment, exploring our senses with different materials and following an obstacle course in line with the story sequence. The children have made paper plate bears, threading teddy faces, sticking pictures on a bear hunt collage and lots more! This week the children have been exploring space, so far we have been exploring different materials such as sand, moon sand, gloop and flour.









Wagtails



We have been learning about the Gruffalo story. They have been exploring the Gruffalo cave and seeing what animals they can find. We have been doing Gruffalo creative activities - making snake paper chains, painting a big Gruffalo picture and sticking the facial features on the Gruffalo's face. Wagtails have had fun making Gruffalo flapjacks for their snacks and having a Gruffalo tea party.



Lower Robins

The children have been engaged in discussions about the 'runaway pea.' We enjoyed using tweezers to pick up peas and place them into Numicon number blocks. The children created individual peas to spell their names, which were then placed in a pea pod. We have been working on artwork for our display board and are excited to assemble it together. Last week, our focus was on farm animals. We explored books that illustrated various activities on a farm, as well as the range of animals found there. The children created sheep by using old corks to paint them.

We held our Robins Showcase last Friday, where the children had a wonderful time introducing their families to the classroom and the toys they love. We extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who attended; we hope you enjoyed the experience as much as we did.













Upper Robins

Last week in Upper Robins, we dove into the exciting world of superheroes! The children took part in various superhero activities, such as superhero training and a fun game where they rescued superheroes from elastic bands, channelling their physical skills. They also loved exploring our sensory tuff trays and decorating superhero masks, which sparked their creativity.

This week, we celebrated World Book Day and Pancake Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the ingredients and toppings for pancakes, and they had a delightful time tasting their delicious creations. We also explored different books and stories through messy play, engaging in the small world table and role play area. Outdoor activities included hopscotch and filling in the missing words from their favourite stories, making learning so much fun!

Skylarks Orange

Over the past two weeks, Skylarks have experienced a variety of exciting activities. During our first week, we focused on space. The children enjoyed creating their own planets and naming them, as well as making rockets where they traced or copied their names. These creations have been displayed in our classroom for everyone to appreciate. In the second week, we celebrated traditional stories. We read "The Three Little Pigs" and encouraged the children to retell the story using flashcards to sequence events correctly, which they did exceptionally well. Additionally, they crafted their own fairy tale books to bring home. Overall, it has been a fantastic couple of weeks in our Skylarks classroom, filled with creativity and learning.





Skylarks Green

The children on the Green side of Skylarks have delighted in a wide variety of activities over the past few weeks. We celebrated St. Valentine's Day by reflecting upon love and kindness and talking about who we loved and the reasons why. We extended this theme to incorporate the importance of loving and looking after yourself too, even pampering ourselves in our own little spa with foot baths, massages and quiet meditation!

Our emotions and feelings were further explored as we delved into 'The Colour Monster' stories. These books helped those children who may have struggled to express their emotions by linking feelings to specific colours.

The fascinating topics of 'Space' and 'Aliens' dominated the following week. Our understanding of the Solar System, planets, asteroids, astronauts and stars was enhanced via factual books, roleplay, creative work and mathematical activities. We made beautiful galaxy paintings with balloons, discovered 3D shapes as we made rockets, shooting stars and constellations and we also created papier-mâché and marble painted planets too.

This week we look ahead to 'World Book Day' by immersing ourselves in traditional stories. Studying words that rhyme, ordering story sequencing cards and recounting popular stories at the 'small world' table and tuff tray. Amongst all these literacy activities, we still found time to enjoy Pancake Day, flipping them, decorating them with a delicious selection of toppings and then devouring them! Yummy!







Reception

Pastoral Day

We began the term with a pastoral day, engaging in a range of hands-on activities that introduced the theme of nature and animals:

- Hedgehog bread rolls mixing, kneading, and shaping dough to create their own spiky hedgehogs.
- Making butter discovering how cream changes when shaken and enjoying the butter they made.
- Chick artwork using different materials to create adorable fluffy chicks.
- Vegetable printing exploring patterns and textures by stamping with different vegetables.
- Animal stories enjoying books that introduced the wonderful creatures we will be learning about.



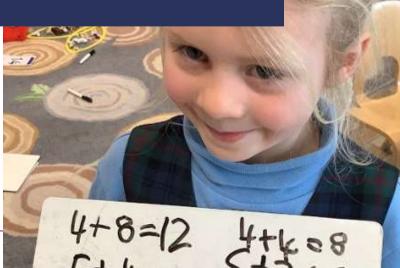


Maths

In maths, we have been:

- Investigating length and height, using mathematical vocabulary like longest, shortest, taller, and shorter.
- Measuring using cubes and comparing objects even comparing our own heights!
- Looking closely at numbers 9 and 10, focusing on how they are made up and practicing conceptual subitising.







Reception



TED Projects

The children enjoyed sharing their amazing TED projects on the theme of light.













Fiction or Non-Fiction

This week, the Year 1 children have been learning about fiction and non-fiction books. They especially enjoyed sorting all of the classroom books into fiction and non-fiction groups! They are excited to be learning about non-fiction writing in their new topic 'How do bees help our world?'





Learning to tell the time



Taste Test

In Science, the Year 1 children have been learning about their senses. They have been on senses hunts, taken part in smell tests and, this week, they particularly enjoyed taking part in a taste test! The children loved guessing and describing the different foods as they tasted them - especially the chocolate!













Tilgate Trip







Singing & Songwriting Workshop

We were so lucky to work with Al Start! Year 2 created their own song in their time with Al, and clearly enjoyed every second of it, if their laughter and smiles were anything to go by!







Visit from Year 3

Year 2 loved having a visit from year 3! We felt very honoured to be the practice audience for Year 3's English Speaking Board exam. It was wonderful to hear so many interesting talks and see how much their confidence and oracy skills have developed.

Thank you Year 3!





ESB

This week, Year 3 took part in their ESB exams. They had to perform a speech on their favourite subject, a poem by heart and a reading from a book. We had a range of topics from our pets to gymnastics and different games to theatre.

Everyone performed with confidence and did a fantastic job. Well done Year 3, you should be so proud of yourselves!!







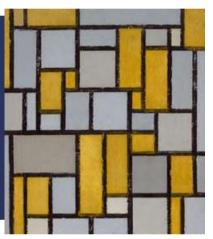






Maths

In Year 4 Maths this week, the children have been learning how to draw perpendicular and parallel lines using a set square. Inspired by the artist Piet Mondrian, the children spent the lesson drawing a tree and will over the week turn their drawing into an abstract piece of art using perpendicular and parallel lines so that it ends up looking something like this:







BOWLES RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Year 5 had the most amazing time at their residential this week. The weather was beautiful as they took part in skiing, conquering the high ropes, hitting the bullseye in archery, scaling the Rocks and much, much more!

They've not just had fun, they've learnt and grown together every step of the way!



































English

Year 7's recent writing task asked them to write a guide for parents explaining how to raise a happy teenager.

Here is Sam B's response:

How to raise a 13 year old

Are you tired of your grumpy teenager being a total downer the whole day? Well I'm here to help. I'm writing you some tips for raising a happy, healthy and kind teenager.

Tip 1

For starters, I would like to begin by saying do not, I repeat 'do not' turn on the light when you wake them up! It's every kid's nightmare to be woken up from the most important time of the day to the blinding orb in the centre of their room; this will make them grumpy and, if you can relate to that, this is definitely something we should avoid at all costs!

Tip 2

Do them a favour will you? Every school morning they have to go through stress and have to rush. You can help them by making their breakfast. We could really use that saved time because we waste about 5 to 10 minutes of our precious time making our breakfast, while you drink your tea and scroll through Instagram.

Tip 3

I saved the worst until last. It doesn't matter where you are, what you're doing, but do not... DON'T even think about it... In fact it's a command... Don't give us a hug/kiss in front of our mates! This small act spreads like butter on toast in school. "Sam kissed his muuum, Sam kissed his muuuum." That's all they say throughout the day. If this is prevented, it could build up our confidence and we won't feel as embarrassed.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. I am sure your teenager will thank you for it.



Maths

Year 8 have been enjoying some outdoor arithmetic in the gorgeous sunny weather earlier this week!







Sport

Swimming

Hazelwood's swimmers have been making waves in recent galas, delivering fantastic performances and setting an impressive number of personal bests in the lead-up to next week's County Championships.

In our boys' gala against Solefields, Hazelwood secured a clear victory, finishing with a final score of 119-160 (with the lowest score winning). The team put on a dominant display, achieving 13 personal bests across various events.

We also competed in a mixed gala against Hawthorns, where Hazelwood once again came out on top. The squad demonstrated excellent teamwork, with strong performances in both individual and relay events, setting a great foundation for the upcoming county competition. Against New Beacon, Hazelwood was involved in a thrilling contest that ended in a 139-139 draw. This closely fought gala saw some outstanding performances, with several more swimmers achieving new personal bests. Campbell C, Jack L, Max C, Xander H and Mikhail P were among those who set new School Pool Records, showing great progress in their training.

With County Championships just around the corner, these performances provide a fantastic confidence boost for the squad. A huge well done to all our swimmers for their hard work and determination, and thank you to the parents, coaches, and staff for their ongoing support.

Our U11 Lifesaving team is competing on Saturday evening and also our U11 County Relay teams competing on Wednesday afternoon.

Best of luck to all our swimmers competing at Counties next week—go Hazelwood!







Library

Winners & Runners Up of World Book Day Costume 2025

Reception - Maeve O, Louis L, Violet P, Alf H, Thomas S & Isabelle B

Year 1 - Ernie H, Lua E, Allegra M, Amelia S, Daphne D & Erica W

Year 2 - Max K, Rupert F, Milly D, Sam S, Cooper K & Seb P

Year 3 Freddie B, Arthur V, Jessica N, Sophie H, Aramis M, Jess G, Margot K & Rachel M

Year 4 - Heidi K, Florence V, Felix P, Alice K, Edie J & Max S

Year 6 - James P & Joe B



Carrie Sellon, author of the Pizza Pete series, visited us yesterday, coinciding perfectly with World Book Day! Carrie held an assembly with Years 1 to 6, workshops with Years 3 and 4 pupils and she read a story to Reception pupils.

In their workshops, pupils learnt how to write a story with a character, a desire and a purpose. They read them out to the class and enjoyed listening to everyone's imagination come to life!

Carrie previously worked in television making wildlife programmes and has written scripts for known presenters including Sir David Attenborough.









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New Space - Parent Community

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Based in Crowhurst, Drewshearne Barn is the hub for Head2Head Sensory Theatre, a charity offering fully inclusive multi-sensory theatre productions and workshops for families and schools.

They are holding an Open Day at the Barn Hub on Tuesday 18th March from 9.30-5.00pm. Please do pop along to see the space and meet the team.

www.h2hsensorytheatre.com







Notices



Cricket



Limpsfield Chart Cricket Club are starting a new junior team for under 8s (Year 3), boys and girls welcome. No cricket experience needed.

- Winter training is 2-3pm at Hazelwood School (Saturday 1st February eight weeks).
- Summer training (after Easter) is early on Friday evenings on the Chart.
- Matches will be on Saturday mornings.
- Prices are £60 for the winter training programme (£7.50 per session). The club offers flexible options to those experiencing financial hardship.
- The club is a fully insured ECB accredited Clubmark club. All coaches subject to DBS checks, coach education and first aid training. Email Pete at

<u>limpsfieldchartcricketclub@gmail.com</u> p.









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17-year-old student currently studying Equine 📽 Management seeking part-time work with horses, dogs, or children. Responsible, hardworking, and reliable with a genuine passion for animals.

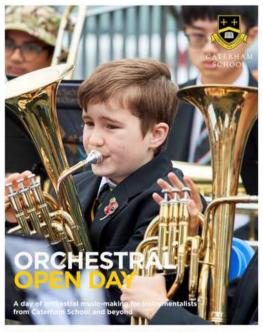
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- · Horse care and stable management
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For more information, please contact: 07815 918511





HUMPHREYS THEATRE, CATERHAM SCHOOL

from all schools (Grades 3+ and from school years 5:8) are invited to tun and enjoyable event. There is no charge for this event and more and on the website

Oxted & Limpsfield Music Society

5 April 2025

7.30 pm

Saturday

Ensemble Augelletti



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