

15TH DECEMBER 2023

The Nutshell



Hazelwood School

THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM HAZELWOOD



Compassion. Courage. Respect.



Parent end of term letter

Dear Parents,

As we reach the close of the Autumn Term, I would like to thank all our pupils for the heartwarming and poignant way in which they have embraced our festive celebrations. The Early Years site enjoyed delightful nativities, festive food and the joys of their Christmas gift shop. At the Prep School, we were treated to a wonderful nativity by Chestnut pupils, a joyous Christmas concert, and the Carol Service – a perfect ending to our festive celebrations. A special thank you to you, the parents, for your unwavering support during these memorable events.

In the classrooms, our pupils have consistently impressed with their engagement and focus during lessons. Their positive attitude towards their learning, sense of fun and endless questions, coupled with rigorous teaching, is so rewarding to see. The independence demonstrated in their work is impressive across all age groups, across both sites.

Beyond academics, the parent community, with support from Form Reps, has tirelessly contributed to the school's various events. The Christmas Fair, a culmination of the HPA and Form Reps' efforts, was filled with festive fun and spirit. A huge thank you to the HPA for working so hard to give our children many memorable experiences. The Christmas Fair and Gift Shops were a huge success and created a sense of wonder and awe across both sites.

This term was about much more than just festive celebrations. Our pupils excelled across all areas of the school, showing their determination to make the most of every opportunity: from academic achievements and progress, to new friendships formed, to joy on the games fields, to becoming confident public speakers, our pupils have done us all proud. Our focus on the 'Power of Me' has resonated through all elements of school life, and the children have embraced celebrating strengths as superpowers. As ever, working with Prep School-aged children, they kept us focused on what is important and reminded us why we should work with purpose and empathy as we navigate the complex world around us. Thank you also to you, as parents, for your support during the last few months.

Wellness Day on the 14th December was a wonderful culmination of the term, allowing our staff and pupils time to focus on their well-being. The activities and workshops provided a chance for them to relax, recharge, and connect. A huge thank you goes to those parents who gave up their time to offer an activity. With a renewed sense of wellbeing, we are ready to embark on the new year!

With colder temperatures outside, Christmas trees and fires lit, I wish you all a peaceful, happy, and warm Christmas.

Best wishes,
Lindie

HPA

Hazelwood Christmas Fair

The Hazelwood Christmas Fair, held on 2nd December, was a great success.

There were so many lovely stalls, great games to play and lots of yummy food and drink on offer - and Santa's Grotto was particularly busy!

Many thanks to the HPA for all their hard work and preparation. We are so grateful for all the work you do for the school!



HPA

Hazelwood Christmas Fair





HPA

Thank you!

The HPA would like to express their thanks and gratitude to all of the parent volunteers who made our recent festive events such a big success.

To all those who volunteered at the Christmas Fair, who helped out at the Gift Shop and those who prepared Santa's Grotto - your support is greatly appreciated and enabled us to finish off the term in a wonderful way!

Dates for the Diary



Spring 2024

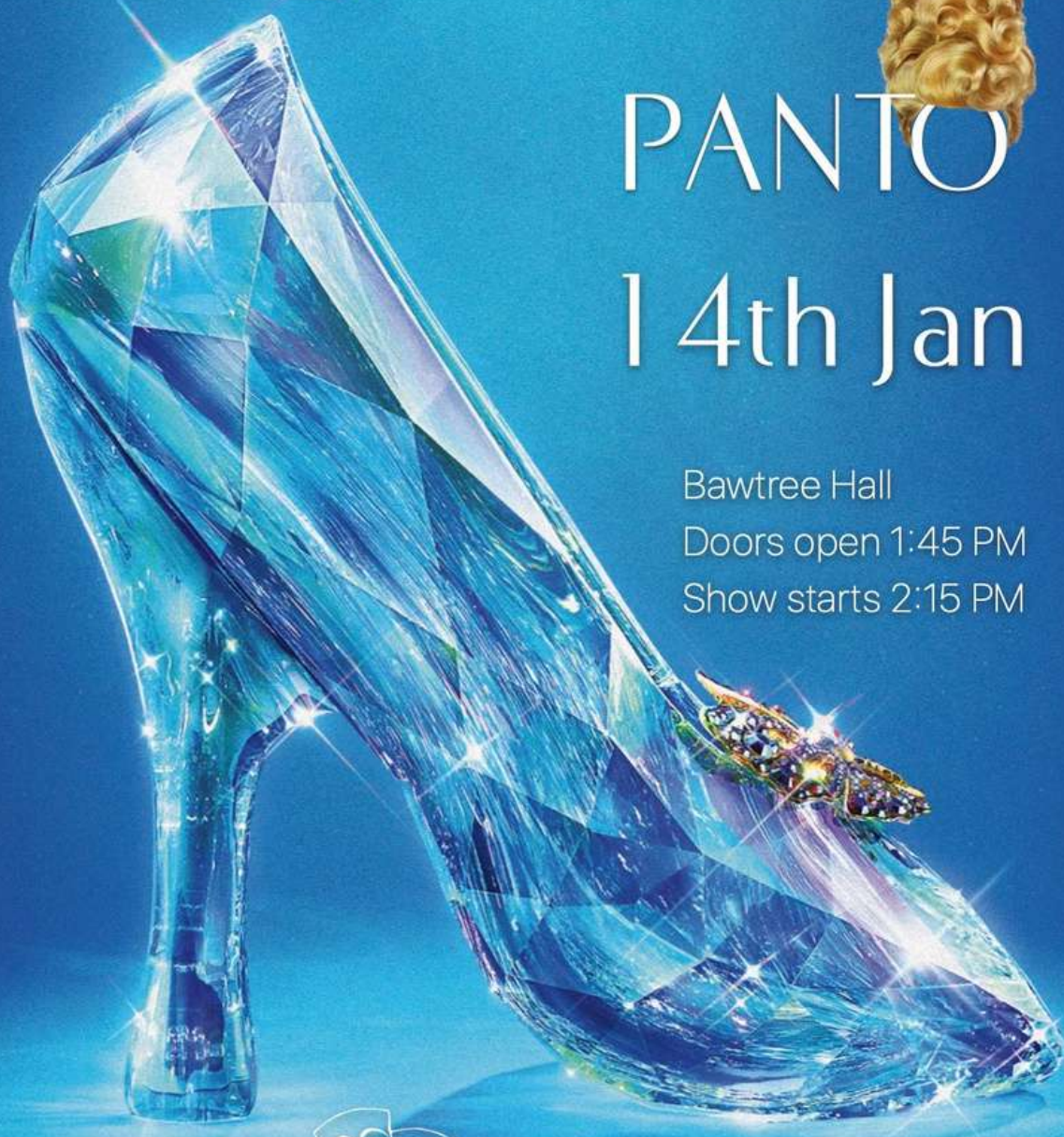
Sunday 14th January	HP Panto - Cinderella	TBC
TBC	HPA Disco - Years 1 - Years 4	TBC

Summer 2024

Saturday 9th June	HPA Summer Fair	TBC
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HPA





CINDERELLA

PANTO

14th Jan

Bawtree Hall
Doors open 1:45 PM
Show starts 2:15 PM



 Hazelwood School

www.buytickets.at/hpa
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The Power of Me

Wellness Day

What a great way to celebrate the 'Power of Me'! Our wellness day proved a huge hit with pupils and staff alike.

There were so many activities to choose from: horseriding, skateboarding, a mini-triathlon, bike riding and guinea-pig cuddling...to name just a few!

Many thanks to those parents who gave up their time to share their knowledge and expertise with us.





Charity in the Community

We had an overwhelming response to our hamper donation appeal at the start of the month.



We delivered **30 bags** of goodies to Edenbridge Primary School, who were delighted and moved by our support.

Following their Christmas social event this week, where the hampers were distributed, the Head received the following message from one parent:

"Thank you for a lovely evening last night. The hampers are amazing, thank you so much. Such a lovely thing to do for families at Christmas time."

A massive **THANK YOU** to our Hazelwood community for your generosity. Your donations have made such a difference and has spread festive cheer among families.





NURSERY & EARLY YEARS

Fledglings 1

The little elves of Fledglings 1 have been having loads of fun engaging in various Christmas activities over the past fortnight. They have been busy creating exciting trinkets for their families. The children have had the joy of experiencing imitation snow alongside cuddly penguins and Arctic creatures. They have also had a merry time adorning the Christmas tree and crafting paper chains. During a delightful Christmas lunch, Fledglings 1 children savoured tasty treats while listening to cheerful holiday tunes. Furthermore, the youngsters have been decorating a mighty snowman and Christmas tree by using their own handprints and sponges. They have been merrily dancing to diverse Christmas songs in the halls and exploring the wonders of soft play. Flour play and searching for Pom Poms in shredded paper have also been delightful ventures. Additionally, the children have been creating their own delicious biscuits, embellished with vibrant festive colours and sprinkles. Jingle all the way!

The Fledglings 1 children and staff wish everyone a happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.





NURSERY & EARLY YEARS

Fledglings 2

First, we'd like to congratulate our little Fledglings 2 stars on their fabulous singing! We have been having a busy 2 weeks looking at the stickman story as well as crafty Christmas fun! The children have been looking and talking about their families following the stickman story, exploring wintery weather using different materials such as fake snow, ice and natural materials. We have been working on looking at big and small sticks, simple sequence coloured lollipop sticks, matching arms and legs, as well as making marks in snow. Lots of crafts have been made such as marble paint stockings, collages with natural materials, puffy paint snowmen and threading snowflakes! With Christmas round the corner the children have loved making Christmas trees using finger paint, threading Christmas trees, paint printing with different Christmas cutters, paper chains, print painting Christmas lights and candy canes...the list is never ending 🎨 To finish off the week we will be celebrating the end of term with a mini party full of lots of games! FLEDGLINGS 2 WISHES EVERYONE A BIG MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR! 🎄





NURSERY & EARLY YEARS

Lower Robins

Lower Robins have had a fantastic couple of weeks getting very excited for Christmas! We have been taking part in lots of Christmas themed activities, some including decorating melted snowman biscuits, practising our scissor skills and wrapping some presents and guessing the wrapped up objects!

The children enjoyed watching Skylarks and Oak's nativity and sat beautifully throughout. Lower Robins loved eating the Christmas lunch as well! A very merry Christmas to you all from Lower Robins!





NURSERY & EARLY YEARS

Upper Robins

Last week in Upper Robins, we have been busy with all things Christmas! Our little elves put on a delightful Christmas concert, enchanting everyone with their singing, playing instruments, and doing actions to the songs. We also had a jolly time finishing our Christmas crafts, which we packed up in our special Christmas bags. We signed our Christmas cards and even made delightful melted snowmen biscuits.

Upper Robins had a blast exploring our snowy winter wonderland, filled with winter animals and Santa's Grotto. This week, the festive spirit continued to sparkle in Upper Robins. Our little reindeer were captivated by the dress rehearsals of both the Oak and Skylarks for their nativity play. They couldn't get enough of the enchanting performances.

To add to the merriment, we enjoyed a scrumptious Christmas lunch and watched the delightful Snowman film while munching on popcorn. We also played festive party games like pass the parcel, and on Thursday, we had our grand Christmas party, complete with more rounds of pass the parcel in our finest party outfits. Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a joyful New Year!





NURSERY & EARLY YEARS

Skylarks - Green

The atmosphere on the Green side of Skylarks has been full of excitement and expectation as the end of term approaches and the arrival of Santa nears. The room has been a hive of festive activity with the children immersed in arts and crafts, Christmas concert practises, icing and decorating biscuits, wrapping gifts, posting letters to Father Christmas and fashioning toys in Santa's Workshop. We also experimented with frozen paints, watching them alter their state as they slowly melted.

Last Friday the children visited the 'Gift Shop', enthusiastically selecting gifts for their relatives and this Monday, we enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch. We look forward to performing our concert to our families this week and all the staff on the Green side of Skylarks would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all best wishes for a Happy New Year!!





NURSERY & EARLY YEARS

Skylarks - Orange

What fun the Skylarks have had over the last two weeks! They have enjoyed decorating shortbread biscuits with icing sugar and Christmas sprinkles. The HNEY gift shop proved a real hit with children enjoying selecting presents for their loved ones. They have enjoyed making Christmas crafts for their families, they have been giving and receiving Christmas cards and getting prepared for the Christmas nativity. The children have really worked hard practising the songs and actions and performed magnificently on the day! Happy Christmas to you all from Skylarks.





OAK

Over the last two weeks of term, the students in Oak class have been absolutely Christmas-crazy! We enjoyed watching the Chestnut class perform their nativity play, singing along with familiar songs and waving at their older siblings. Meanwhile, the Oak children continued practising for their own nativity play, and their final performance for their parents was phenomenal. After the show, they proudly displayed their work and achievements in their classrooms.

The Oak class was thrilled to visit the Christmas shop, and the adults were all amazed by their fantastic Christmas jumpers! The children have been busy making Christmas cards, calendars, and even tree decorations. We also took some time to write out our Santa wish lists! They have also loved seeing the Elf's daily antics and writing him letters and cards.

On Wellbeing Day, we had a wonderful morning playing board games and having a Christmas party with party food and party games. Later in the morning, we went to the park; the children loved playing on the swings and the slide. In the afternoon, we went to the cinema (Mrs Keaton's room) to watch a film and eat popcorn. A fantastic end to a fantastic term!

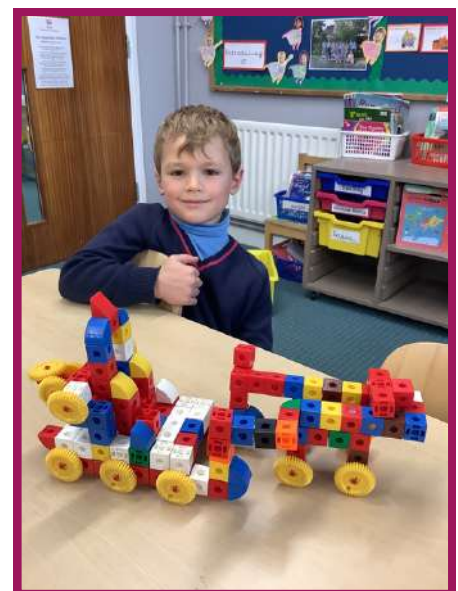




YEAR 1



This is a model of Father Christmas and his reindeer demonstrating amazing creativity. It even had moving parts.





YEAR 1

The children worked as a team to create an amazing Nativity which they should be very proud of.





YEAR 1

Art

Descriptive Writing

Year 1 learnt about the Russian artist, Wassily Kandinsky and how he used colours and shapes in his paintings. He would also listen to music while he painted and tried to paint what he heard. Following on from this, the children explored colour mixing and had a go at painting in the style of Kandinsky with amazing results!





YEAR 1 & 2

Year 1 and 2 enjoyed visiting St Peter's church in Limpsfield. Led by Reverend Helen, they celebrated Christmas with a special church service. They listened to the Christmas story, retold from a dove's point of view and with some Year 2 children leading the singing and actions, the children enjoyed singing two of their favourite songs from the Nativity.





YEAR 1 & 2

Chestnut's Egg Drop Challenge

Each Year 1 class buddied up with a Year 2 class for a fabulous, collaborative challenge! In small groups, children were asked to build a protective contraption for an egg so that, when dropped from a height, it wouldn't crack. An eggcellent activity that went down with a smash (literally!) for the children.





YEAR 2

Thank you from Chestnut Eco Council!

Chestnut Eco Council would like to thank everyone who supported their stall at the Christmas Fair. The children were delighted to be able to sell the seeds, table centres, eco-reindeer food and lavender bags they had made (along with Mrs Brighting's honey and secondhand books from Mrs Wiz).

The event raises money for eco projects in Chestnut that have included a nesting box with a camera, planting of flowerbeds, buying of watering cans and seeds and sponsoring animals with The British Wildlife Centre.

The Year 1 and 2 children already have some fabulous ideas for projects to develop using the funds raised this year, including pine cone bird feeders, bat boxes and artificial swallow nests.

Many thanks again for supporting.



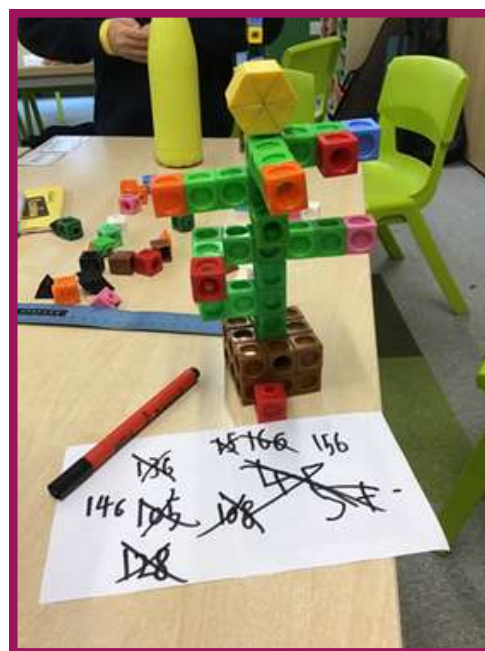
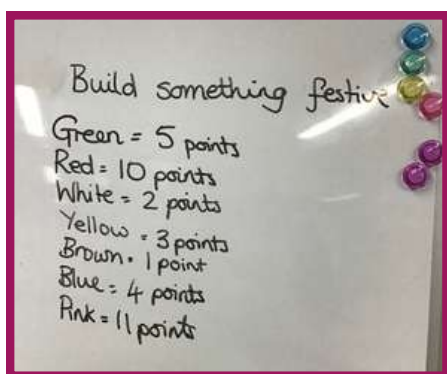


YEAR 3

Maths

With not long to go until Christmas, Mrs Nash's maths group have been practising their times tables and addition with some festive construction.

Each colour cube was given a value: can you work out what each shape is worth like Harper has with his Christmas tree?





YEAR 3

History of Hazelwood

Year 3 have been learning about The History of Hazelwood this term and how we used to learn. They have taken part in wonderful experiences, including a history lesson of what the school used to be like when Mr MacDougall Snr. was Head of Geography here. They created sketch maps of the site now and thought about how the uses of the rooms have changed over time. On Monday 4th December, the project came to a close with a History of Hazelwood afternoon. The children invited their families on tours of the school and did a fantastic job of showing them what it was like and what it is like now. We even practised our weighing and measuring in a special Maths/Food Tech lesson to make excellent treats that were enjoyed in the TOSH. A huge thanks must go to Mr Kempster for putting together all of the old photographs and putting together our working wall outside Year 3

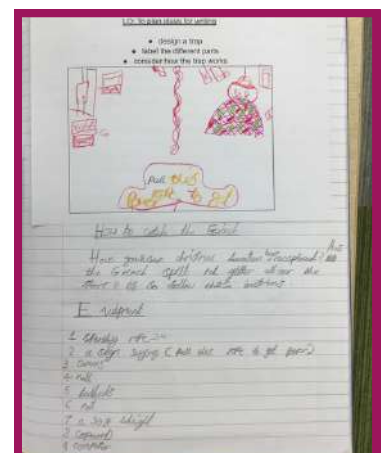
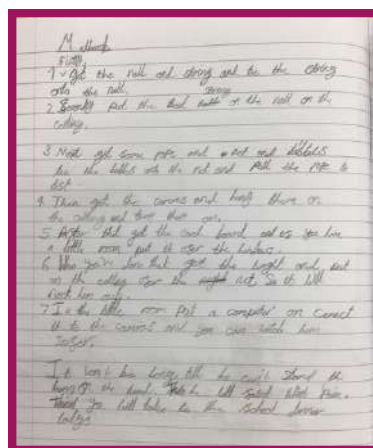
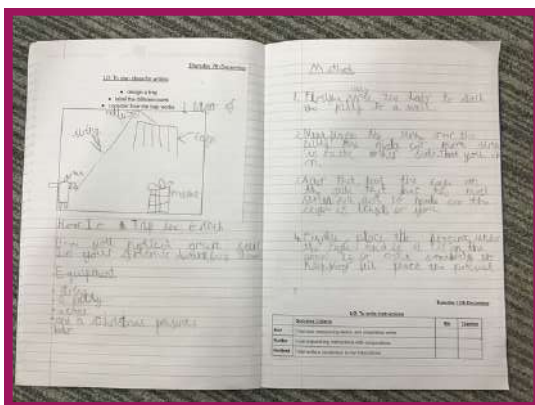
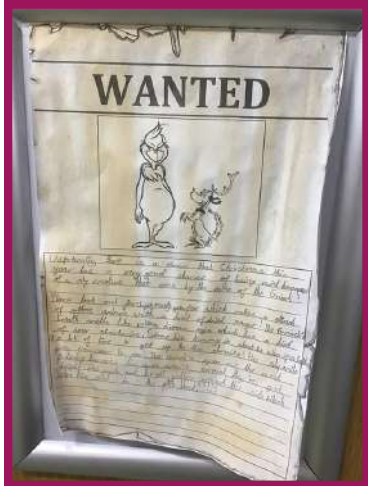
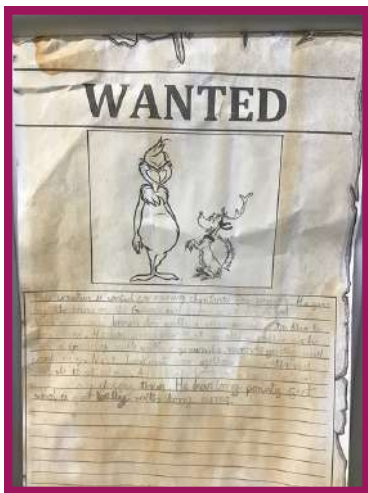




YEAR 3

The Grinch has been causing chaos in the Year 3 corridor over the last two weeks: destroyed Christmas trees, pulled down paper chains, tinsel, green fur and glitter everywhere...it's been a right mess. We made Wanted! posters warning everyone to keep an eye out and when even that didn't work and he was found roaming around the classrooms once everyone had gone home, we designed and wrote instructions for a trap. Fortunately, he was apprehended on Tuesday night!

Wanted posters by Oscar H, Clemmie B and Immy H.
Instructions by Arthur P and Lilah B.



YEAR 4

English

The children were tasked with writing a riddle about a character and seeing if it described Dick Turpin accurately if he were looking at himself in the mirror. They used their thesaurus skills to uplevel their words and find synonyms to add impact. They should be really proud of their hard work this half term exploring Dick Turpin during their topic, Crime and Punishment.

Strutting proudly up to the mirror and staring arrogantly into it, I see a beautiful, handsome sight. Fabulous, jade-teal eyes with pupils as dark as the night stare back at me. Rugged, splendid-looking hair and body makes the sun jealous. I feel as surprised as I'll ever be that I've got away with these robberies, but I am sure that my power and my speed is second to none. I feel guilty for a second, but soon it disappears and I feel proud. Beautiful, tanned skin says that I am not the robber that I know I am. Incredibly, I am as sneaky as a fox and I steal as well as a magpie. I feel fortuitous and vain, I am self-obsession. Can a human get more powerful? **By Will H**

Gazing dreamily into the glistening mirror, I spy a gladiator with blazing dark, blue eyes and a fantastic-looking jet black pistol in his bloodstained hands. Constantly overpowering, I cling onto my obsidian gun. Feeling amazed yet fortuitous, I intelligently plot my next vicious, deadly attack. My sins begin to twist my stomach into knots as I get a blood-thirsty feeling. Who am I? My mind comes back and I take control. I am self-obsession. Who have I become? **By Lana H**

Gazing dreamily into the glistening, diamond mirror, I spy a jaw-dropping man with an outstanding obsidian black gun. Glimpsing at my blood-stained hands, I see I am perpetually strong and powerful as a mountain gorilla. Could I be any more powerful? Feeling fortuitous, I ponder if I'll ever be caught. Intelligently plotting my next plan, I feel as clever as a god. Still, I ponder, can I be more amazing? **By Evan M**

Posing dreamily, I twirl my jet black cloak around my perfect body. Furiously, I peer at my old, wrinkled face with an evil grin. Powerfully, I march in my golden, glistening boots. Marvellously, I have a colossal, powerful gun which demolishes everything in its path. As deadly as my gun, I rob rich, wealthy men. Who am I going to become? **By Leo C**

Gazing dreamily into the gleaming, glossy mirror, I can see a distinguished, handsome man with lavish clothes. I spy a perpetually overly powerful man with a glistening golden-coloured rifle. I've got gargantuan, soot-black boots with armour on my humongous knees. I am the most powerful person in the world, or am I? I am self-obsession. Pondering arrogantly, I am fortuitous yet surprised as I intelligently plan my next vicious, deadly attack! Who am I? And what am I going to become? **By William LJ**



YEAR 5

The Wild Readers' Book Club has been enjoying the much-loved modern fairytale 'The Iron Man' this term. Our Year 5 Wild Readers have been venturing to a new and exciting location every Wednesday morning, rain or shine, to read, discuss and delight in the adventures of the metal-munching beast, as he saves the planet from the space-bat-angel-dragon. The Wild Readers have explored the themes of bravery, prejudice, irrational fear and to not to fear people who are different to themselves, but to learn to understand and accept them. In our final session, the children enjoyed a hearty cup of hot chocolate around the campfire, while celebrating their reading successes.

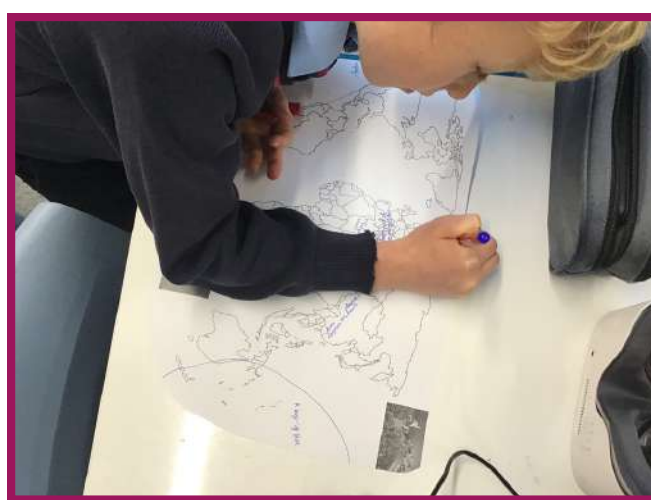




YEAR 5

Geography

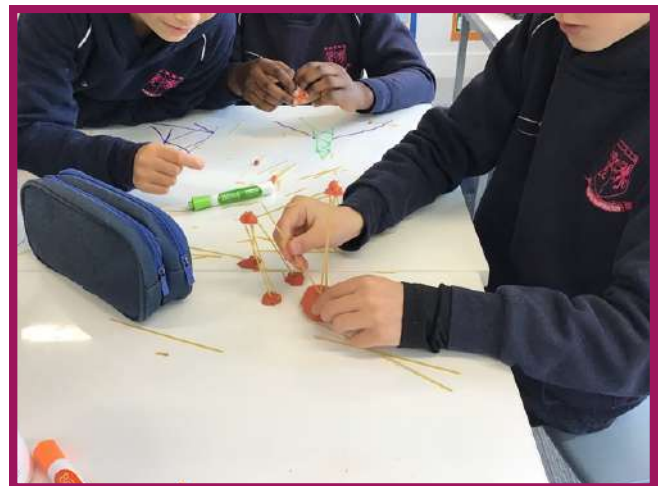
Year 5 were challenged to plot a safe route around the world for Santa. They had to avoid hazardous areas whilst ensuring that everyone received their gifts on time!



YEAR 6

Geography

Year 6 have been investigating earthquake proof structures to help countries prepare themselves for earthquakes. First they experienced what it is like to be in an earthquake using the VR goggles and then they designed and built their buildings using plasticine and spaghetti.

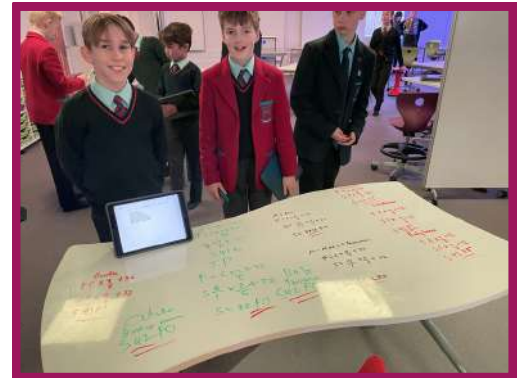


YEAR 6

Science & Maths collaboration

Year 6 maths pupils joined forces with a Year 8 science class to explore temperature scales and convert between them. Armed with ipads and thermometers, the groups chose various points around the site to record readings. Creating links between maths and physics, the groups then worked together to convert their readings between celcius and fahrenheit, using FSS

- Formula
- Substitution
- Solution



YEAR 6

English - short story & story extracts

The Class Snowball Fight

Cheekily grinning, Bob perched behind Rosie and, with a fistful of snow, malevolently lunged like a cheetah and threw an icy orb in her direction, striking her in the back! Thirsty for revenge, Rosie gathered her gang of giggly girls and formed an army against Bob and his petrified crew.

“Attack!” they screeched, plunging themselves at the opposing team, using icicles as daggers and frozen cobwebs as garotting devices. More and more students joined in until the whole school was lying in a heap on the ground, some with missing teeth and others with black eyes. The courageous 6W had almost won the Battle of Hazelwood, until...

A fuming Mrs Louw emerged from her office and screamed, “How dare you have a snowball fight... Without me!” **By Margot W.**

On a gloomy day in the car, I was heading to Amelia’s legendary party. I was so excited because I heard that she throws the best Christmas parties. I had been driving for at least 10 minutes now. I took a glance at the sky and immediately knew a storm was brewing. Half an hour later, it started pouring down with sheets of rain.

By Ella H.

Overpowering her voice, the lights boomed and flashed crepuscularly. The engine buzzed and started booming louder and louder, then abruptly, it caught on fire with fierce flames. Quilts of snow fell suddenly onto the breaking plane, and then.....

.....Side to side, we slammed as the battered plane plummeted downwards! **by Amelia H.**

Suddenly, Guy, my beautiful piebald horse limped. I fell off and whacked my delicate head as gushing ruby red blood came gugging out of my poor lolling head! **By Genevieve E.**

Dad slammed the brake which catapulted me into the boot and face first into the turkey. As I looked out of the window, I realised we had arrived. “WOO HOO!” **By Charlie H.**

It was an Ocado van, and it was coming straight for them at a whopping 90 miles per hour.

“The Ocado van. Why did it have to be the Ocado van?” Dave stated in a shocked voice. Everything slowed down and then...BANG! The Ocado van battered straight through the barriers and into the oncoming traffic, crumpling like paper. **By Jacob P.**



YEAR 6

English

Suddenly, a large pothole tripped up our car! It flew like Superman... off the bridge. "Aargh!" we all screamed.

"I'm sorry I ate all Logan's chocolate!" my dad yelled.

"That was you?!" I screamed, angrily.

"Er..."

The car flew through the air faster than the speed of sound and into the rushing river. **By Logan S.**

When we were halfway up the mountain, the last digestive fell out of the window and with no caution, I jumped, and grabbed the biscuit. Bang! I hit the ground and blacked out instantly... **By Noah R.**

Staring deeply into the screen, the time ticked and ticked until I trembled at the obstacle ahead... A sharp 340 degree corner tried to snatch us down the deep crevasses of doom that lurked there, waiting to pull us under to the darkness. **By Sophia B.**

As we approached the corner of death, the weather was as bad as a blizzard. We flew in the air like a majestic bird flying in the snow. **By Clarice R.**

In my hurried haste, I delved deep into my pocket expecting my trusty spanner to spring from the shadows like a dazzling light to save me from my unfortunate fate. Instead, my trembling hands pulled out one too many pairs of Christmas socks! They weren't even fluffy! I was doomed! **By Margot W.**

"Stop!" shouted dad, stepping out of the car. Walking around to the boot, he went to take the spare tire out. Then, realising he had removed it to fit all the luggage in earlier, he returned to the front only to find that Fred (my younger brother) had smashed the windscreen trying to play Roblox. **By Molly B.**

Unfortunately, I didn't make Rico's party, but still, I'M RICH! Currently I'm heading to the Bahamas in my private jet, away from those brokies. **By Callum P.**

Thankfully though, the ice melted quickly, the snow became more subtle and the rain had calmed down. I felt a bit warmer and my mum's house seemed not so far away. **By James E.**

As soon as we heard and felt the roaring motorbike crashing into the rear end of the car, we knew it was bad... Our car capsized over and we were all launched to the other side, which smashed the window with mighty force. **By Edward M.**

YEAR 7

Drama



YEAR 7

English

In Learning Support, we have been consolidating the wonderfully ghoulish Gothic writing that Year 7 have been working on in their English lessons. Taking inspiration from well-known Gothic works of fiction, Ted B, Harry S-H and George G 'team-wrote' some sinister, spine-chilling sentences:

The basement hallways in King's College of Medical Research were dark, even in the daytime. Inside the laboratory, the surgeon had finally created the monstrous, human-like-being that would surely terrify any person it came into contact with.

During the whole of a dull, dark, and soundless day in the autumn of the year, when clouds hung oppressively low in the heavens, the thorny, dark shadow withdrew itself from the dingy mist that curled around the ancient tombstones in the gloomy graveyard.

The charcoal sky spits cold rain as we rumble to a stop at a crossroad. Violently, the heavens open, causing me to viciously grip the steering wheel, sensing the ground slowly collapsing beneath my car.



YEAR 7 & 8

Christmas Dinner

A fantastic evening was enjoyed by Years 7 & 8.

They were greeted with a mocktail, served a roast turkey dinner, and finished with a chocolate brownie.

Secret Santa gifts were shared amongst squeals of delight and a Christmas quiz was held, designed by Lucy B and India B. Table decorations were made by Chloe D and Grace G and beautiful paper stars made by Scarlett L.

We had Christmas music designed by Harry R and ably assisted with Joseph B and his boom box. We even had an inflatable snowman brought in by Emilia W-S.



Year 8

Year 8 enjoyed entertaining the residents of Tandridge Heights Care Home with a festive selection of songs, dances and some impromptu piano performances. It was all topped off by one of the residents telling the children about the origins of the carol "Silent Night."





Year 8

The Teenagers' Guide to Surviving Christmas

Does the thought of spending Christmas with your lazy grandparents and your hyperactive younger cousins worry you? Everybody knows that the thought of spending the whole Christmas holidays with your family really increases your stress levels. So, read on to find out how to deal with your distant relatives at Christmas time.

First things first, when you pay a visit to watch the annual Christmas panto make sure to save up a month of laughter, so it looks like you are enjoying it. The trick is, when you sit down make sure not to sit next to your parents, because if you don't, you can put an airpod in meaning you won't have to listen to the painstaking singing and shouting of the panto.

Next up, the dreaded Christmas walk. If you hate a Christmas walk, like me, just before you leave make sure to fake a really bad stomach ache and say you can't walk. If that doesn't work, you can always pull out the good old 'lock and wait,' which is where you lock yourself in the bathroom and don't come out until the family leaves. Your parents won't realise you're not there because they will be too concerned with getting your older siblings off their phones.

Lastly, embrace the chaos of your difficult family members. Do you find your younger cousins really hyperactive? Well, I am going to tell you what to do: make sure to not seem too interested in their silly ways, because they are just trying to impress you. If you don't take notice, they will become bored and try to annoy somebody else. Furthermore, if their new toys are being really annoying, like them, just remove the batteries. If your parents are always shouting at your older sibling, because they are always on their phones, just unplug your sibling's phone, when they try to charge so they won't have it for a bit. Then, they will have to spend more time listening to Grandad's old war stories, or have to play with the younger cousins and their new toys.

In conclusion, you now have all the tools you need to survive a bone-quaking family Christmas. However, still be prepared for the Grandparents' inappropriate jokes, be ready for the stress of your parents, which will be endless, and your annoying younger cousins. **By Sammy T**



Year 8

The Teenagers' Guide to Surviving Christmas

Does that early rise from siblings at 6.00 AM on a Christmas morning just bug you? Then, having to survive a long day with black circles under your eyes with a fake smile on your face? Everybody knows that long days with your family can be a little bit rough. Read on to discover the tips and tricks for a family Christmas.

On Christmas Eve, after that nutritious meal, Mum says, "You have to go to the pantomime, it's tradition!" Then starts to moan, "What's got into you? You used to be so happy." If that thought inside your head of loud, childish music and fully grown men dressed as dames fills you with frustration and dread, well, I have a tip for you: if you have air pods then put them in and make sure mum and dad don't notice!

Don't you just love relaxing on Christmas Day with the TV watching Christmas Chronicles for hours? But then, your mum comes in and says, "It's time for our Christmas walk." Wearing that look of joy on her face, mum beckons you to go outside for a long, non-relaxing walk. Here is a tip for you: hide. If you are very quiet it will be easy for you to just hide. Then, once they leave you can come out, play on your PS5 and go on Roblox. But, when they come back, quickly run upstairs and pretend you are sleeping.

So, there is the teenagers' guide for an easy Christmas with your family! **By Mollie B.**

Maths

In November, a number of pupils in Years 6 and 5, along with a few invitees from Year 4, sat the annual Primary Maths Challenge.

Designed to engage children in a wide variety of increasing complex mathematical problems, our pupils joined more than 50,000 others nationwide in completing the challenge.

We were delighted to present the highest scorers with their awards in assembly last Monday.



Gold Award

Florencia M, Callum P, Charlie JT, Alice P, Amelia J, Jacob B, Katherine D & Campbell C.



Silver Award

Ran J, Samuel C, Sophia B, Ben P, Esmée M, Noah R, Freddie G, Molly B, Polly A, Raif V, Ella J, Jacob P, Maxwell J, Yuv K & Logan T.



Bronze Award

Amelia H, Eleanor K, George G, Karl F, Oliver Y, Robin L, Daria M, Edward M, Logan S, Ralph M, Will R, Zach P, Joe B, Theodore J, Ava G, Skye I, Libby C, Charlie H, Isabella V, James E, Ollie P, Ryan H, Will H, Tommy R, Genevieve E, Henry S, Imogen P, Milo V, Oliver P, Rohan T, Chloe C, Elliot W, Thomas L & James P.





Sport

Swim Squad Santa Gala

In a splash of holiday spirit, swim squads recently traded their laps for whimsical water festivities at the annual Santa Galas. The pool turned into a winter wonderland as swimmers donned their festive attire and dove into the season's joy with imaginative races that left everyone soaked with laughter.

One of the highlights was the "Santa's Sleigh Relay," where teams transformed into Santa's reindeer, each pulling a designated "Santa" across the pool. The relay added a twist as swimmers clung to kickboards, forming makeshift sleighs that zoomed through the water.

Another crowd-pleaser was the "Snowball Relay," introducing a water polo ball as the coveted snowball. Teams manoeuvred through the pool, carefully cradling their slippery snowball.

The "Reindeer Relay" brought out creativity as teams mounted noodles like trusty steeds. As the initial reindeer splashed through the laps, teammates joined in, creating a chain of aquatic reindeer by the final lap.

The "Christmas Present Relay" saw swimmers fetching floating Christmas presents and navigating the pool to rescue them from the naughty elves. This race not only showcased swimming skills but also tested participants' ability to balance the holiday spirit on their backs.

Laughter echoed through the pool area as swimmers embraced the festive challenges, showcasing their athletic prowess and their enthusiasm. The Santa Galas proved to be a delightful break from routine, bringing together swimmers and spectators in a shared celebration of the season.





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Swim Squad Santa Gala





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Other News

Gymnastics

On the 12th of November I competed at the Kent Gymnastics Championships held in Rochester. I was so happy to win the title of the 2023 Kent County Floor Champion as I came joint First along with a squad-mate from the Weald of Kent Gymnastics Academy in Tonbridge.

It was my first competition with my new club and squad and I was actually pretty excited throughout the whole competition and was far less nervous than usual.

I am now really looking forward to competing with my squad at the South-East Regional Championships in April with them as they are the current reigning Regional champions.

Thank you so much to Mrs Louw and all the teachers who have allowed me to train for 10 hours a week and for being flexible on when I hand in homework so I can continue to take part in gymnastics competitions.

By Esmée



Swimming

Jessica in Year 2 swam 1500m in 1 hour at her swim school distance week.

Well done Jessica!





LIBRARY

Bookmark Competition

It's the time of the year that we launch the bookmark competition. The Bookmark form is attached and must be used for all entries.

Bookmarks can be in colour or black and white, but please **DO NOT** use highlighters as these entries will not be submitted. Please ensure that your entry has some link to the library or to books in general. All completed bookmarks must be returned to the library after the new year by 7th February at the latest.

Name

Class

HAZELWOOD BOOKMARK COMPETITION 2024



Hazelwood School

HAZELWOOD SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKMARK COMPETITION 2024

You could be in with a chance to get your design of a bookmark published for everyone to use

Every entry earns 3 house points.

Winning bookmarks will get 5 more house points and their bookmark produced for all to use!

All you must do is use this template and design a bookmark with a catchy library design or phrase and return it to the library by 7th Feb 2024.

Your entry will then go to a board of judges who will agree the winning ones, which will then be made into bookmarks for **WORLD BOOK DAY on the 7th March 2024.**

GOOD LUCK!

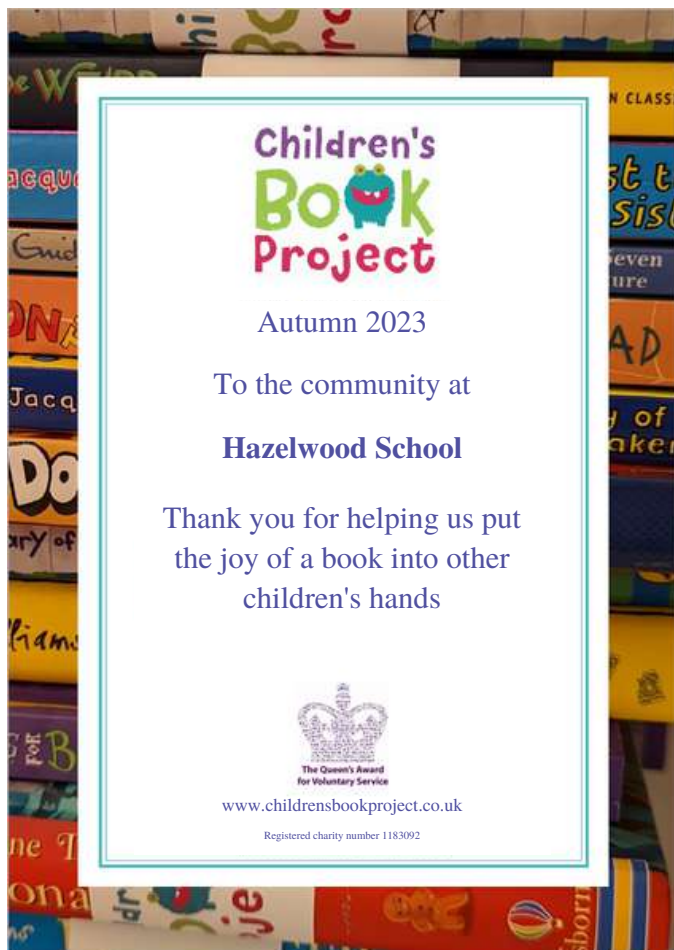
Please note that Bookmarks must be neatly drawn, painted, coloured, black and white or designed on a computer if they fit this template. Please **DO NOT** use highlighters or glitter!



RETURN BY 7th FEBRUARY 2024



LIBRARY



Mini Winter Book Bingo & Reading Challenges

There are two challenges running this Christmas holiday. One in the style of a Bingo game and includes all sorts of activities from making biscuits to designing Christmas trees out of Christmas words, or you can just complete the National Libraries/Hazelwood School winter reading challenge.

Whatever you do just enjoy the time of the year to sit and read a book in peace.... but don't forget to bring in your completed forms, pictures and reviews by the 19th January.



LIBRARY

TAKE PART IN THE HAZELWOOD SCHOOL WINTER READING CHALLENGE 2023/24 AND EARN 5 HOUSEPOINTS

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO LIBRARY BY
FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY 2024



Your name:

Your class

Please try to read at least three books.

	Title	Author	Completed (parent's signature)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

NB Rate and review the books you read for extra house points.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE HAZELWOOD LIBRARY!



Hazelwood School Winter 'BINGO' Reading Challenge 2023

NameClass

<p>Sing a Carol</p> 	<p>Decorate a Christmas tree on paper.</p> 	<p>Read a book with Bears in.</p> 	<p>Make a Christmas book character from a toilet roll</p> 
<p>Read a Funny Book about Father Christmas.</p> 	<p>Read a book about Christmas.</p> 	<p>Read a Christmas story to a toy!</p> 	<p>Read under the Christmas tree!</p> 
<p>Read a Christmas poem.</p> 	<p>Make a Christmas Tree out of Christmas words!</p> 	<p>Design a sleigh for Santa!</p> 	<p>Read a book starting with a 'S' 'A' or 'T' r</p> 
<p>Find a book related to a snow sport.</p> 	<p>Read in a Christmas hat and take a photo!</p> 	<p>Make and design a Star!</p> 	<p>Read a chapter of your library book to a member of your family.</p>
<p>Write a Christmas book review.</p> 	<p>Design a bookmark for the competition related to Libraries and books!</p>	<p>Make Christmas biscuits.</p> 	<p>Read First News/The Week junior and write about an article that interests you!</p> 

Instructions: Place a cross in the box when you have completed an activity, and your parent/guardian has signed it off. Then return the form to the library by the 19th January 2024

House points will be awarded on return of your form and a Book prize given if you complete the whole challenge! Please submit with photos of what you have done.

But most of all have fun and a lovely Christmas!

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Recommended Reading Lists

Scan the QR codes below to access recommended reading lists for each year group and also search more widely by genre, helping you find books to match your child's individual interests.



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Year 7 & 8



Search by Genre





NOTICES

From 1 Jan - 11 Feb 2024, pubs, restaurants and hotels will accept clean and empty:

- Confectionery tubs
- Biscuit tubs
- Cracker tubs



We're all guilty of indulging in chocolate, sweets and crackers over the festive period and in the UK we buy tens of millions of these plastic tubs every year!

Make sure your tubs don't go to waste and bring your clean, empty plastic confectionery and cracker tubs to any Greene King managed site.

After 11 February, all tubs will be taken to a plastic reprocessing centre where they're shredded, before being sold onto plastic manufacturers. All money raised from the sale of Tub2Pub plastics will be given directly to Macmillan Cancer Support.

COMPUTING CLUB

Programming, Robotics & Animation



YEAR 4, 5 & 6

FRIDAY 15th December
10am-3pm



Please email
hayesd@hazelwoodschool.com
to book your place!
(Limited to 20 spaces)



A new home is needed urgently for Teddy!
He is a beautiful black and white cat with green eyes. He is extremely friendly, loves cuddles and enjoys to nap a lot!

Please email Olivia on
eyleso@hazelwoodschool.com should you wish to invite a lovely, furry friend into your home.



My name is Claudia Taylor (daughter of Mrs Taylor 1T). I am available for babysitting weekday evenings after 6.30 and anytime at the weekends. I am DBS checked as currently working in an after-school club during a gap year.

Please contact me on 07393312573.



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schoolblazer

Schoolblazer will be running a flash sale from **Thursday 4th January - Friday 5th January 2024.**

There will be up to **1/3 off selected in-stock items** online at schoolblazer.com during the sale period, while stocks last.

All day drama workshop Girls and Boys in Year 3 & 4



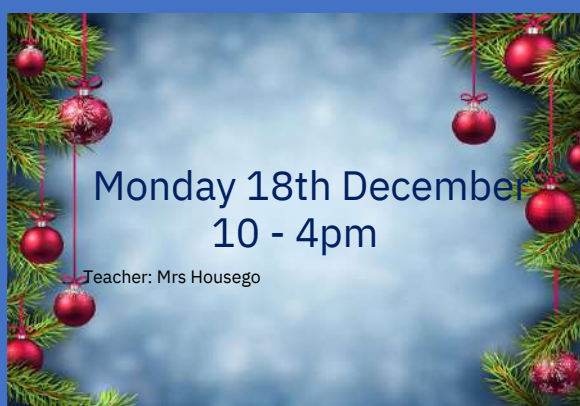
Tuesday 19th December 10 - 4pm

Teacher: Mrs Housego

Christmas themed improvisations. Freeze-frames that come alive, articulation and volume exercises. Using costumes, wigs, and fake snow as starting points for creating pieces of drama. Using mics, lights, and props. Telling jokes on a microphone. Plus, fun warm ups and activities for projection and expression.

Meet in the theatre. Bring a packed lunch & tea.
To book a place (£40) and for online payment details
email: housegoj@hazelwoodschool.com

All day drama workshop Girls and Boys in Year 5 & 6



**Monday 18th December
10 - 4pm**

Teacher: Mrs Housego

Christmas themed improvisations. Freeze-frames that come alive, articulation and volume exercises. Using costumes, wigs, and fake snow as starting points for creating pieces of drama. Using mics, lights and props. Telling jokes on a microphone. Plus, fun warm ups and activities for projection and expression.

Meet in the theatre. Bring a packed lunch & tea.
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SPELLING & READING CLUB

We are here to ignite the love for language and unlock the magic of literacy for 6-9 year olds!

INDIVIDUALISED ATTENTION

We understand that every child is unique. We tailor our approach to meet the specific needs of each learner, ensuring a personalised and effective learning experience.

BOOST CONFIDENCE

As children conquer new words and improve spelling skills, they gain confidence in their abilities. This newfound confidence extends beyond the club, positively influencing other areas of their academic journey.

SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

We foster a warm and supportive community where children feel encouraged to express their thoughts, ask questions, and celebrate their achievements.

END-OF-TERM CELEBRATION

We wrap up each term with a special celebration, acknowledging the achievements and growth of our young readers and spellers.

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To enroll or inquire, contact : nat2001@hotmail.com | 07790025431




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FOOTBALL**
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- EMAIL:
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**Girls in
Yr 4, 5, 6 and 7
needed to play in the Surrey Girls
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CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL COURSE

Years 3-7



**Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th &
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HAZELWOOD ASTRO PITCH
10am -12pm

Please contact First XI coach
Mr Jarvis to reserve a place.
Tel: 07725 026329
jarvisj@hazelwoodschoo.com



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2023 Reindeer Run

St Catherine's Hospice are in full running spirit as we are joined by over 5,000 children in our 2023 Reindeer Run. As a big finale, we are linking up with **Junior Park Run at Tilgate Park on Sunday 17th December at 9am**. This event is open to all juniors aged from 4 – 14 years old.

What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free! but Park Run ask you to please register at <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/tilgate-juniors/> before you first come along. You only need to register with Park Run once, this will give you a unique barcode; and don't forget to bring a copy of your barcode in order for your run to be timed. If you forget it, you can still take part, but you won't have an official running time.

The QR code below may be used to go straight to the Tilgate Park Junior Park Run website to register:



The Park Run is a free event, St Catherine's representatives will be on hand with free antlers for all children who take part.

St Catherine's Hospice representatives will also be running a bucket collection at the event.

We hope to see as many young runners as possible joining in the festive fun. If you cannot join us, you are still able to support St Catherine's Hospice to be there for the local community when life comes full circle by donating at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/stchreindeerrun23> **or using the QR code below:**





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