

The Nutshell



Hazelwood School



The story may stay the same and the ride to Bethlehem on Mrs Housego's donkey may be as thrilling, but our Nativity is always a fresh interpretation of a well-loved story. Years 1 and 2 did not disappoint this year! The performance was charming and heart-felt. Baby Jesus was cradled in the arms of a very caring Mary who in turn was well looked after by her attentive Joseph. The angels rejoiced, the shepherds were jubilant and the Wise Men navigated the perils of the desert to arrive at the stable on time to deliver their gifts from faraway lands. The story was told through the eyes of a family group of parents and children who narrated with pace and clarity. Altogether, a heart-warming display of growing confidence and collaboration. The children sang beautifully; plenty of songs with lyrics and actions learned off by heart and delivered with gusto and obvious enjoyment. My personal favourite was the Innkeeper's Song and I will be humming 'It's a squash, it's a squeeze' next time I have the misfortune of travelling around London on the Underground! The children and staff alike are to be congratulated on getting the school's festive celebrations off to such a fabulous and engaging start.

The U8-U11 swimming team deserve praise of an equally lofty nature. They travelled to Caterham to take on the combined might of Caterham Prep and Oakhyrst Grange Schools. Facing stiff competition from not just one, but two, other schools, you might think that they would crumble and nerves would get the better of them. Hazelwood children are, however, much tougher than this. They dig deep, draw on their early morning coaching skills and give of their best. Strong performances by the whole team, including some quite remarkable relay swimming (Miss Lloyd's words, not mine) saw the Hazelwood swimmers collect 298 points. Oakhyrst and Caterham finished with 231 and 229 points respectively.

School swimming has come on in leaps and bounds over recent years. Time was, a gala victory was a rare event and one to be celebrated as much in a state of surprise as in joy. Those days are long gone. Nowadays, we match even those schools steeped in swimming tradition and more often than not, return victorious. Such a transformation is typical of so many aspects of life at Hazelwood School where staff and children work hard together to deliver performances of the highest calibre be that in the pool, on the stage, in the classroom or on the sports field. Such focus, commitment and obvious enjoyment is why I love working in, and leading our school community.

This week the Community Fund Committee met to consider the many applications submitted for a share of the school's fund raising efforts over the past year. There were many local organisations all with most deserving and qualifying projects. I hope that some of the projects supported will directly benefit your children, your friends or families. The Nutshell will bring news of the ten projects we identified, committing over £7,000 worth of grants, once individuals have been contacted. Suffice to say, on their behalf, thank you for your support of the Fund. It is your generosity that has allowed the school to play such a visible and active role in the community. We look forward to next year's crop of equally well deserving applications. We are keen, as a school, to see The Community Fund continue for many years to come.

And finally, the week was rounded off in seasonal style with the wonderful Robins' Christmas Concert. Again, the joy on the faces of the children taking part was evident to see. They sang four songs, played percussion and cajoled their parents, in two of the songs, to partake in some good old-fashioned audience participation. A fabulous team effort. Thank you to the staff, parents and children for, once again, rising to the occasion.

For a list of emails/letters/texts sent home each week please see the 'Notice Board' further down the Nutshell.

News from The Nursery & Early Years

Jane O'Keefe has made the decision to retire from her current position as Nursery Manager at the end of the Spring term, after 8 years of dedicated service. I know that it has been an incredibly difficult decision for her to make. I, amongst many, will be very sorry to see her leave.

She is an immensely talented practitioner who loves the children and is loved by them. Resilient, hard working, quietly determined and hugely positive. Jane has given so much to HNEY over her time here and I know that she has made a huge impact on the many children who have been cared for by her and the wonderful team that she has nurtured and led. Jane has been key in the development of the Nursery site. Starting with just a handful of children, she has worked with the team to grow the Early Years to nearly 200 pupils.

She will be truly missed by the whole school community.

Jane has no intention of stopping 'working' completely yet! She is looking forward to developing a holiday club, involving animals, with her family.

The search for her successor will begin soon and we will keep you informed on our progress.

News from The Nursery & Early Years

What a fabulous week here at HNEY. Rehearsals for Christmas performances have been in full swing, we were even greeted by a short flurry of snow, just as Oak performed their dress rehearsal to the rest of the children on site!

This morning we were treated to a wonderful performance from all of the Robins children. I hope that everybody enjoyed it as much as I did. The children sang with such confidence in front of such a large audience. A big thank you to all staff involved.

It has also been a busy week off stage, please read below for a roundup of each room and their activities.

This week in **Fledglings 1** we have been listening to and dancing to magical songs. We have also been playing with arctic animals in the fake snow. The children have thoroughly enjoyed painting, using lots of different sponges and stamps.

In **Fledglings 2** this week we have stuck eyes, a nose and a mouth onto a Gruffalo face and used different materials to make a mouse and a fox. We have also explored how to make symmetrical butterflies using different coloured paints. The children have also really enjoyed using the new tool centre and tools.

This week in **Lower Robins** we have been continuing with our theme of fairy tales as well as practising hard for our Christmas concert, which was a fabulous success! We have also been looking at number recognition with beanstalks and comparing groups of objects, seeing which had more or less. The children have also enjoyed making Christmas crafts.



Upper Robins have been feeling festive this week; we all enjoyed performing to our families in our Christmas concert. We have also been making decorations for the Christmas tree and starting our cards and calendars. The children also enjoyed listening to Christmas stories and have worked hard to recall their favourite.

Skylarks have enjoyed reading 'The Snowman' story this week. They have engaged in ice play with the arctic animals, looking at how snow and ice melts. They have also practised their numbers with snowmen hats. We have also been looking at rhyming words as well as rehearsing for our Nativity next week.

Oak have continued their space travels this week alongside rehearsals for their Nativity. They have used their imagination to paint and write about some amazing aliens that they have created. The children have also enjoyed cooking "space cakes"! Oak are very excited about performing their Nativity next week to family and friends.



What is on at HNEY next week?

Tuesday 5th December- Christmas gift shop and Christmas jumper day.

Wednesday 6th December- Oak nativity- 9.30

Thursday 7th December- Skylarks Nativity-9.30

Friday 8th December- Oak Polka Theatre trip

Swimming Gala Report – Hazelwood vs Oakhyrst Grange and Caterham Prep

On Tuesday 28th November, the U8, U9, U10 and U11 swimming teams travelled to Caterham Prep to compete against both Caterham Prep and Oakhyrst Grange. Historically, we have only swum against Caterham Prep and it has always been an exciting gala to attend. The gala kicked off with some close races and solid performances, with many swimmers placing in the top three for their events! Winning individual performances came from Maurice L (U8 boys backstroke), Oliver M (U10 boys backstroke and U10 boys front crawl), Alex B (U9 boys backstroke), Eliza Y (U10 girls breaststroke), Martha C (U8 girls front crawl), Woody J (U8 boys front crawl), Annabelle N (swimming up an age group for the U9 girls front crawl – very impressively!), Poppy J (U10 girls front crawl) and Michelle M (U11 girls front crawl). Then we moved on to the relays, which really set us apart from the competition with 10 out of 16 relays finishing in 1st or 2nd place (out of 6 teams)! In the end, we won the gala by a staggering 67pts! A truly outstanding performance from all our swimmers and a great team effort! I hope the swimmers are as proud of their result as I am of them.

WELL DONE ALL SWIMMERS

Miss Lloyd – Head of Swimming

1ST Hazelwood 298pts

2nd Oakhyrst Grange 231pts

3rd Caterham Prep 229pts



News from Hazelwood



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the schools fundraising for the Poppy Appeal this year. We raised a wonderful £307.73 which is the highest total for a number of years. The organisers were both impressed and very grateful.

Winter Uniform for children in Oak to Year 5 is the outdoor coat with no blazers. We ask that children in Year 6-8 wear their blazers (together with the coats if cold weather persists. Blazers are required to be worn by the whole school at special events eg Carol Service and Remembrance Day.

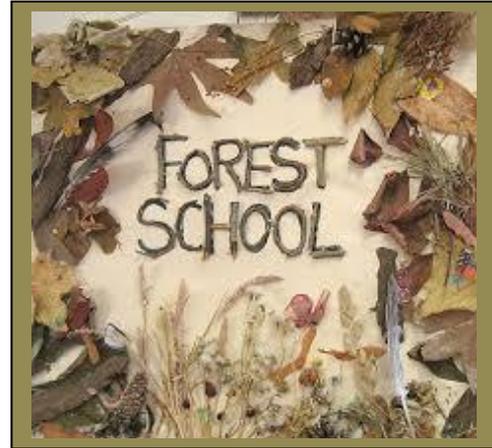
Year 3 get stuck on science

On Tuesday, 3T had to chance to extend their scientific knowledge on Magnetic and Non-magnetic items. The pupils walked around the school and into the buildings to find materials that were magnetic with their own magnet. The pupils in 3T found magnetic items in their classroom, the Baily Building, the Willow Building and in Mrs Greenwood's office as well as Mr Tappin's office! The pupils really enjoyed this experiment and look forward to finding more magnetic items on their travels.

Miss Dancy



Parents of Years 7 and 8 pupils, please note that the February and summer 2018 examination dates appear on the landing page of the parents' section of the Hazelwood School website. Any questions, please contact dos@hazelwoodschool.com



is for Forest Schools!

This half term Year 4 have been enjoying some time in our woods undertaking some Geography map work and using the natural resources found to make some wild art.



Once the fire was lit and hot chocolate was being made the children made a map of Hazelwood School and grounds.

The focus was on collaboration and making sure everyone was involved in all aspects of the task. The children worked well in deciding the groups and the role of each person, with industrious work taking place to create and complete the task.



The promise of warming hot chocolate on the chilly autumn afternoon certainly helped the focus before the children had fun in the woods.
Mr Walton



Calling occupants of inter-planetary craft

These children from Oak Reception are trying to make contact with people from another planet. In a galaxy not far from our own, they are travelling in their space ship, exploring the wonders of space. Having counted down to their own lift off, the children have extended their investigations to include counting down from twenty in order to familiarise themselves with numerical sequencing. On their travels, in the special role play area, they have encountered, and been themselves, stars! A great week of out-of-this-world learning. Well done all!

The wonderful Years

1 & 2 Nativity



A big Bethlehem thank you to the staff and pupils of Year 1 and 2 who entertained parents and friends from across the school with their superb re-telling of the Christmas story. Watching parents were blown away by the performance, not knowing whether to laugh or to cry tears of unfettered joy!



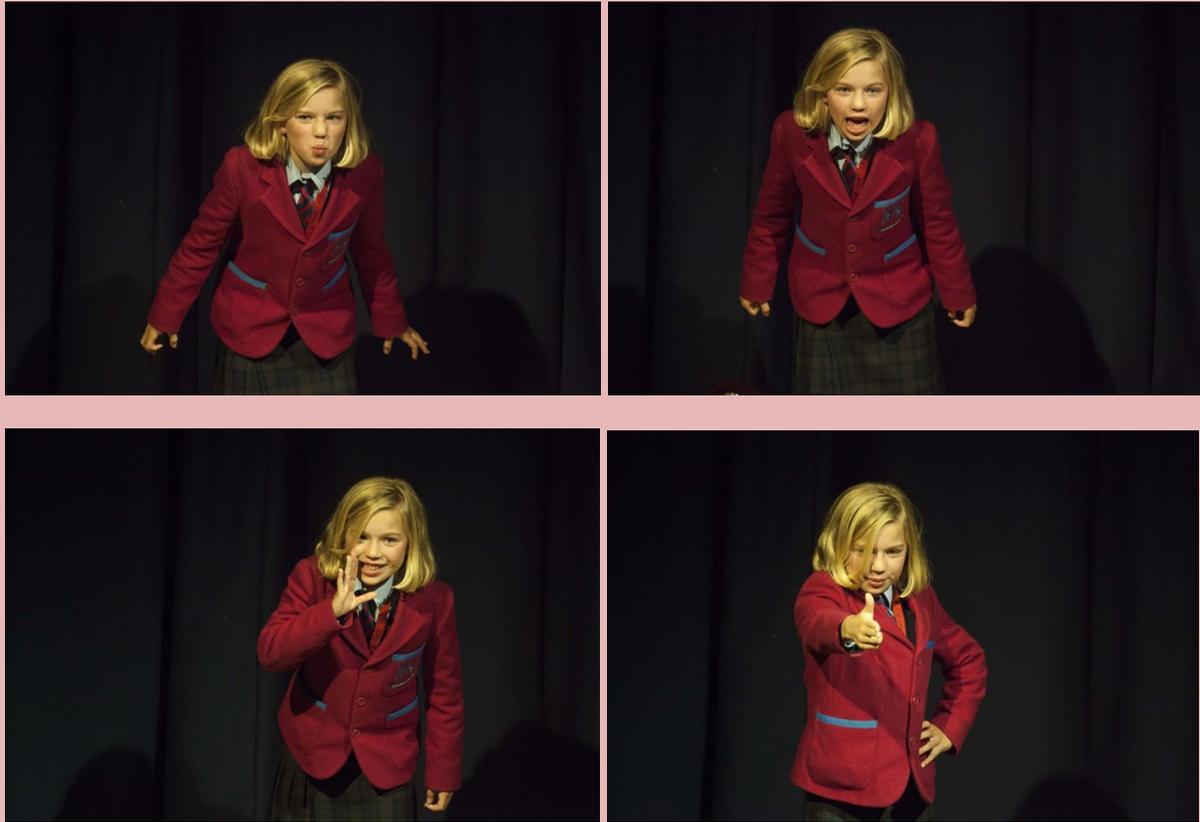
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Register with DKMS as a blood stem cell donor and you could save Evie's life.

Hazelwood School Xmas Fair
Dining Room
2nd December, 12:00 – 15:00



This is what the animated telling of Roald Dahl's Little Red Riding Hood looks like. Holly impressed the visiting adjudicators and was one of the reasons that Hazelwood picked up the trophy at Caterham School's Poetry Live! competition.

HPA

Christmas Fair - Saturday 2nd December 12.00pm - 3.30pm

Please bring your family and friends to the Christmas Fair. New this year is our very own vintage carousel offering rides for children. Apart from visits to see Father Christmas, other attractions include festive games for the children, a bottle tombola for all the family, 2nd hand toy stall and exciting gift stalls including art, clothes, jewellery, pet gifts, food and photography. The Christmas Cafe in the dining room will be serving hot sausage rolls, paninis, pulled pork baps with apple sauce, sandwiches, soup, cakes, hot and cold drinks and mulled wine.

Raffle tickets will be on sale with the draw at 3pm for some fabulous prizes. If you have any raffle tickets at home, please don't forget to return them in good time.

Parking at school will be very limited but it should be possible to drop off passengers and accompanied children. Please park considerately and avoid parking in Wolfs Hill which last year completely blocked the road. There should be no parking on the verges as this damages National Trust land. When parking in Rockfield Road or other nearby roads, please be considerate of other users and residents in those roads and consider carrying a torch or hi-vis item if you are walking up the road in poor light. Thank you for your support and understanding.

HPA Christmas Gift Shop

One of our most magical events of the year is just around the corner! Many of you will be familiar with the excitement generated by this event and how the children love to take part in this special shopping experience. Please read below for further details as there are a few changes for this year - not least that Mad Hat and Hair Day is taking a rest this year.

Friday 8th December - Bring in a Gift Day (wearing full school uniform)

Each child comes to school bringing with them 1 or 2 unwrapped gifts (for male and female recipients according to whom they intend to purchase gifts for on the Monday) to donate to the Christmas Gift Shop. These should be new and unused and to the value of about £5. It is very important that the quality of the gifts is something you'd like to receive in return from your child. The gift choice nowadays is endless: mugs, books, candles, tea sets, DVDs, gloves, scarves, hats, umbrellas, car equipment, walking ideas, pamper ideas. And so the list goes on. Last year, the gifts were wonderful. Please note, however, that there should be no alcohol, nuts, glass or knives/blades. It would really be appreciated if everyone could please follow these guidelines to avoid some of the difficulties that have occurred in the past.

Monday 11th December - Christmas Jumper and Gift Shop Day

Each child should bring in £4 to choose two gifts (or £2 to choose one gift if they brought just one gift in on Friday) for their parents / grandparents etc. from the Gift Shop which will be in TOSH. These will then be wrapped up for them to take home and give at Christmas.

This event is extremely popular with the children - especially the younger ones - who all like to participate and it is run chiefly for their benefit. This is a special day for the children but if you do not want your child to take part, please could you discuss this with them before the day as it is very difficult to cater for disappointed children who feel that they are missing out on all the excitement with their friends.

If you are able to help set up the Gift Shop in TOSH on Friday 8th and/or to wrap up presents on Monday 11th, please contact Lizzie Stephenson lizziestep@gmail.com or Natalie Thomas nethomas4@gmail.com

HPA - Christmas shopping and free commission for the HPA

With Christmas coming up plus your normal shopping, please also generate a free cash donation for the HPA with every purchase you make online through The Giving Machine portal. There are over 2000 of the most popular stores taking part in the scheme making it easy for you to make a difference without it costing you a penny more than the normal purchase price of your items. The shops involved in the scheme include Waitrose, Sainsburys, John Lewis and Amazon, to name but a few. You can open a new tab for The Giving Machine just before you check out and your basket should be waiting there for you to generate money for the HPA! Details are at <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/hazelwood-school-56917/> or our code at the checkout is "Hazelwood School".

The HPA also has free commission codes set up with Easy2Name, Northbrook wrapping paper and cards, Micro-scooters and Stamptastic so these are all great ways for the HPA to generate funds at no cost to you.

Thank you for your support

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

BRING IN A GIFT DAY!



**Bring in two presents
for the
Christmas Gift Shop**

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MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!
CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP!**



**Bring in £4 to spend in
the Christmas Gift Shop**

**Choose two gifts for
your family for £2 each.**

**These will be wrapped up for you
all ready to give at Christmas.**

News from the Kitchen

Please don't forget that the new menus for both Hazelwood School and the Nursery & Early Years are now on their respective websites under The Parents' Sections.

Music Timetable

The weekly music timetable can be viewed on the Music Notice Board outside the Dining room in the courtyard. I will endeavour to have the coming week's music timetable on the notice board by the end of the school day each Friday. Please ensure that your child brings their instrument and music in on the relevant day. It is also important for them to take these books and instruments home when they do not need them in school.

Sports Department

Match Reports should be taken to Mrs Greenwood or emailed to her on headspa@hazelwoodschool.com by Friday afternoon ahead of assembly on Monday morning. If your child is nominated as captain, please encourage them to write a short report in time for the assembly. The children do like to share their successes with the rest of the school. Thank you.

Notice Board

Communications sent home this week

The following letters have been sent home this week. If you need a duplicate copy, please contact the School Office.

Year 3: English Speaking Board Examinatio
Year 4: Amended Play Script
Years 6-8: Recommended Reading List
Year 8: Theatre Trip

Library

Please may we ask you to check with your children about their library books. This is the time of year, when the end of term draws ever closer, that we need to see lost and late books returned to us. Should your child have not returned a late or lost book by Monday, 11th December, we will need to charge our usual £3/ book to your end of term accounts.

We remind the children in their library lessons to look for their books and to bring them back. Please can we ask that you speak to your child/ren about their books. Also, If a book is still lost from last term, then we have to charge the remaining cost of that book minus the £3 that would have been debited from the summer term account. We do not wish to make these charges if at all possible and we don't like to spend time chasing children for their books, so your help is much appreciated.

Children can take books out for the Christmas holidays and we encourage this, but we must be able to renew late books and green-ink stamp them with next term's date. All books going home for Christmas should have 8th January stamped in them.

Thank you for your help and for your wonderful support. The Hazelwood Librarians.



Lost and found!

Mrs Powell in the school office is the proud guardian of twelve watches and three pairs of Glasses. These are shown in the images above. If you recognise any of them, please do come along to the office to reclaim your possessions. Many thanks.

Key Events for Next Week

Week 14

Monday 4th December

All day Year 4 India Day
1700 Year 8 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 5th December

0900 HNEY Christmas Gift Shop and Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 6th December

All Day Governor Immersion Board Meeting
1300 Rugby: U9 A-C Hurstpierpoint Tournament (A)
1430 Netball: U13 A-C v Holmewood House (H)
1430 Netball: U11 A-C v Holmewood House (H)
1430 Netball: U10 A-C v Holmewood House (A)
1700 Year 8 Parents' Evening

Thursday 7th December

0835 House Meetings
0930 Skylarks' Nativity
1330 School Council

Friday 8th December

All day Christmas Gift Shop Contributions
Am Oak visit to Polka Theatre
1900 Christmas Concert



TIS THE SEASON TO GET CRAFTING

**CHRISTMAS
TEXTILE DECORATIONS &
FELT WREATH WORKSHOP**

YR 5 - YR 8

£50.00

MRS STARR

**FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2017 •
EMAIL [FIZZISTARR@GMAIL.COM](mailto:fizzistarr@gmail.com)
10AM - 3PM PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH**

A portrait of Emma Davison, a personal stylist. She is a woman with dark hair, smiling, wearing a red sleeveless top with a white checkered pattern. She is resting her chin on her hand. The background is a blurred indoor setting with wooden chairs.

Emma Davison Personal Stylist

Do you need help with a wardrobe that is full of clothes you never wear? Perhaps you want an occasion outfit but find shopping stressful? Or wish to update your style but don't know where to start. Emma can help.

Using a Personal Stylist can have a hugely positive impact on your life and self esteem and ultimately, save you time and money.

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