

The Nutshell



Hazelwood School

There has been much cause for celebration this week with success for Hazelwood pupils in scholarship assessments, on the sports field and in the gymnastics arena. I will begin by congratulating Eliza Percival and Kristian Back who have both been awarded prestigious music scholarships; Eliza to Kings Canterbury and Kristian to Beechwood Sacred Heart. Both pupils have been stalwarts of Hazelwood music for many years now singing in the choirs and playing in the instrumental groups and orchestras. Guests at the Gala Concert, I know, thoroughly enjoyed Kristian's solo performance of Empty Chairs at Empty Tables from Les Misérables. Eliza has entertained our Open Day guests with her beautiful cello playing. Their scholarships are well deserved and I was over the moon to receive news of their successes earlier in the week. Well done Eliza and Kristian and thank you to the music staff who have prepared and encouraged them over the years.



The appearance of Baily the Hazelwood stag caused quite a stir on Open Morning – amongst the visitors as well as the children. He did his best not to be blown off the table by the strengthening wind. In gusty conditions Henry HR and Jack C blew the guests away with their superb jazz playing. Thank you Mrs Young for your support.

Equal cause for much celebration has been the flurry of sporting trophies which now grace the school's trophy cabinet. Over the past seven days no less than three trophies, and one Regional Championship title have been claimed by Hazelwood's sportsmen and women. We have been successful in both rugby and netball with teams drawn from the A and B squads. I was particularly delighted to hear reports of the uncontrollable excitement of one team member who was playing in their first tournament. A great debut and one which I am sure will boost confidence and thirst for more success on and off the sports fields. So our hats go off to U9A rugby squad who were victorious at the inaugural Tonbridge festival. A huge pat on the back for the U11B netball squad who conquered all at Hawthorns. And a massive leap, twist and tumble of joy for Molly C, Georgie L and Edward M who became the first ever U13 Regional Champions and will go on to compete in the National Finals in March as the top entry for the region in their category. But it is not all about the winning, and special mention must go to the U11 gymnasts who battled hard to claim a very credible 5th place in their competition. Eliza Y, competing in her first competition, posted the highest vault score of the team and Daniel H who showed grit and determination in overcoming the debilitating effects of a migraine to even step out onto the competition arena. We are proud of all who took part and all those who clinched victory.

Good luck to the boys competing at the weekend, weather allowing, in the qualifying rounds of the National Championships at Hurstpierpoint College

The Year 4 children were all victorious this week and the Nutshell wouldn't be complete without a rousing chorus of congratulations to the whole of Year 4, staff and pupils, who performed What a Knight! with such vigour, passion and carousing that the roof of the theatre came crashing down on Wednesday morning and Thursday evening. It was a stellar performance and one which the children clearly enjoyed as much as the audience. The amount of rehearsal time which is invested in these productions is enormous but the pleasure and growing confidence that the children gain from being in such an ensemble project is priceless.



From watching the performance, you could see how the children were supporting each other and how determined they were to give of their best. There were punchlines-a-plenty, fabulous one-liners and rousing choruses of the most catchy and uplifting of songs. The poise and musicality with which Eloise P and Daniel A performed their duet was quite incredible. There was some great dancing too, particularly on the ramparts from the Squires with Harry B and Alex W showing that they can throw some medieval shapes. I loved the names of the Good Knights and was impressed with how they all stayed in character right the way through the play. King Arthur and Queen Guinevere were regally commanding throughout and a special roar of approval goes out to Oliver H who spent the whole of the play on his all fours as Dusty the Dragon. All in all, it was a performance in which everyone played their part from the first to the very last line. The gauntlet has been thrown down to

Please remember that school closes on Thursday 9th February for half term. There is a staff training day on Friday and the Teachmeet on Thursday evening. Thank you.

the Year 6 who take to the same stage next half term to perform their three one-act plays. I am sure the bar is on its way up!

And finally, I am delighted to share with you news that Dr Carolyn Orr has accepted the position of Academic Deputy Head from September. Dr Orr is currently serving as the school's Acting Deputy Head having previously been Director of Studies. Since arriving at the school eight years ago her drive for curriculum excellence, for tracking and monitoring all pupils' progress and for supporting and mentoring fellow members of staff in best practice has been instrumental in driving up the standards of teaching and learning at Hazelwood. Her appointment is richly deserved and I am sure you will join me in congratulating her. She has given so much to the school and I know that she has still much more to share.

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

The British weather might try to put a dampener on things, but nothing can dampen the spirits of the children at the Nursery & Early Years as we come to the end of another week of rainbow fish, dinosaurs, giant fruit trees and a three-way bake off.

The children in Fledglings 1 have had enormous fun doing fruit printing with apples and oranges to adorn their fruit laden texture tree. There has been plenty of making and shaping with the sunny yellow play dough and that old saying 'give a child an empty box.....' has rung true as the children have spent hours playing 'house', 'cave' or 'spaceship' in the large boxes given to the room.



Fledglings 2 have been focusing on The Three Bears this week with threading, sorting and size ordering. They've had competition in the cooking stakes this week with the Robins entering the Nursery Bake Off! The Fledglings 2 flapjack was simply delicious.

Lacie's Robins have delved into the past for some dinosaur exploration, making a dinosaur egg out of different materials and papier maché. They have created a dinosaur scene out of natural objects and their culinary masterpiece was dinosaur biscuits – munch, crunch – gone!

Matt's Robins have been looking at the colourful world of Rainbow Fish with mosaic fish, a homemade fish style memory game and lots of wonderful colour mixing. Bottom Robins made fish biscuits this week – but the children were very quick to point out that these were fish-shaped biscuits and not made of fish!



The children in Robins had fun making star shaped biscuits, matching the pictures for the rainbow fish, putting the pictures in the order of the story and painting their own rainbow fish. All in a week's work and play for our industrious 2 year olds!

Once again this week, the children of Skylarks have immersed themselves into the world of dinosaurs and erupting volcanoes. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating their own volcano by mixing vinegar with bicarbonate of soda. They have made fossils, helped create a version of snakes and ladders with a dinosaur twist and developed their rhyming skills by matching pictures on dinosaur eggs that rhyme. Watch out for next generation of palaeontologists.

Reminders for Next Week:

Monday 6th February (All Week) – British Values Week

Thursday 9th February – Skylarks trip to The Polka Theatre

Thursday 9th February – Half term starts for Term Time children (end of normal day or booked session)

Friday 10th February – Nursery & Early Years Closed for Staff Training

Monday 13th February – Nursery & Early Years Open for Monthly Children

Monday 20th February – Term Restarts for Term Time children

News from Hazelwood

Internet Safety Presentations

As published in the School Calendar, we will be holding Internet Safety sessions for all pupils in Years 4 - 8 on Tuesday, 7th February. We shall also be holding an additional session for parents at 7.00 pm that evening in The Old School Hall, which we anticipate concluding no later than 8.30 pm.

Our speaker is Mr Ricky Theodosio who is the Centre Manager at the Sutton Life Centre. The Centre focuses on the different personal, social and health issues that our children may face. During past school visits to the Centre, we have been impressed with their clear and caring approach as well as the approachability and knowledge of the staff. Mr Theodosio will be sharing his extensive knowledge of the unforeseen dangers of the internet with regard to children during his presentation.



All parents are **very much encouraged** to attend, and I would be grateful if you would email headspa@hazelwoodschool.com to **confirm attendance only** and the number of seats you require.

Tallin Clayton
Head of RS and PSHEE

Spotlight on Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHEE)

Our aim in PSHEE is to not only educate our children by covering the curriculum, but to help them believe in who they are. We want to see them standing a little taller, being a little braver and showing empathy towards each other. I feel that, as a staff body, we have more than succeeded with the children in our care. They trust us, and each other.

It is a privilege to teach PSHEE, alongside my Lower School colleagues, at Hazelwood School as it gives me an insight into the open, compassionate and resourceful minds of our students. Topics from Internet Safety to Self Esteem or Bullying have been discussed and the children always make me smile with their ability to express themselves brilliantly, as well as listen to each other. We have had lots of laughs (and a few tears!) along the way, but each child feels safe to share their personal views, beliefs and even fears. Furthermore, I've witnessed the children support each other with a smile, a kind word or even a hug – among our pupils are pure and solid friendships that will stand the test of leaving Hazelwood and heading off to senior schools. It really is quite exceptional to see and part of what makes Hazelwood so wonderful and unique.

There are times when I've burst with pride as I've taught and observed the children. I have seen pupils talking openly and articulately about something that really matters to them, taking on board new information or showing empathy to those in different, and sometimes challenging, situations. All of this is done with a certain wisdom; the maturity of our students is a credit to them.

It's no surprise that visitors to our school have been impressed with our children and full of compliments. Not just for their manners, and ability to work well and sensibly, but for their gift of expressing themselves, listening with respect to others and thinking outside of the box. Our pupils don't say the most obvious things or the first ideas that come into their heads – instead, they say the most thoughtful ones. The ones that make even me stop and think. The ones that open my own eyes to new opinions and philosophies. The ones that make me learn something new each lesson. For that, I thank the pupils of Hazelwood as our learning journey never ends and, due to them, mine has been an eye-opening and fantastic trip so far!

*Miss Tallin Clayton
Head of RS and PSHEE
Head of Dowling*



Thanks to Hope A for bringing in a special Dowling duck dress for Miss Clayton. You can never have enough yellow and enough feathers. It's a quacking outfit!



Step aside Brownlee Brothers...

Hazelwood was able to field two sets of brothers in the Mixed Senior side which took on Sevenoaks this week. Whilst on the losing side, brother Barrionuevo and Mylet had plenty to celebrate. Niklas B and Alex M were named Men of the Match and Seb B bagged himself a hat-trick of ties. The game was non-contact which allowed Seb, currently signed off contact games, to rediscover his promising form before injury consigned him to the touchlines.

Match Results

Boys' Results

Team	Result	Score
U13A	Won	35 – 5
U12A	Won	30 – 25
U12B	Won	100 – 35
U11A	Won	35 – 5
U11B	Drew	25 – 25
U10A	Won	40 – 5
U10B	Won	50 – 5
Mixed Touch	Lost	30 - 65
U9A	Won	40 – 5
U9B	Won	25 – 15
U9B	Drew (vs A team)	25 – 25
U9C	Won (vs B team)	30 – 25
U9D	Won (vs C team)	50 – 40
U8A	Won	50 – 40
U8B	Won	45 – 10
U8C	Won	15 - 5
U8 Dragons	Won (vs C team)	5 – 0

Girls' Results

Team	Result	Score
U10 A	Drew	11-11
U10 B	Won	8-0
U10 C	Won	8-1
U11 A	Won	9-5
U11 B	Won	
U11 C	Won	10-7
U13 A	Lost	19-6
U13 B	Lost	

Tonbridge Rugby Success

On a cold but thankfully dry Sunday morning the Under 9A squad arrived at Tonbridge for the inaugural South East Festival. Hazelwood were to play in a round robin tournament against some of the best schools from the region.

First up we old friends St Michael's. Hazelwood had won convincingly in the early season exchange and perhaps started the game a little too relaxed. In a sloppy performance Hazelwood were to concede 3 tries but thankfully scored 7 in return. Next up were the New Beacon. As an all-boys school they are always strong but a much more alert Hazelwood team had no problem recording a 5 -1 victory. The third game of the day was the most eagerly awaited and our best performance of the day. Hawthorns are our close friends but fierce rivals. Additionally, many of the boys play together in various sporting teams outside of school. This was to be a fixture for bragging rights. From the start it was clear Hazelwood were up for the game. Player of the tournament Seb T-S made a crunching tackle to turn over the ball, Hazelwood quickly scored and the performance went from strength to strength. Hazelwood eventually running out winners 5 – 1. After an extended break the boys regathered themselves for the final game against Yardley Court. Superb defence and hard hitting resulted in a superb 5 – 0 victory. Hazelwood has recorded their second tournament victory of the season and extended the unbeaten run to 14 games.

Seb T-S was voted man of the tournament for his aggressive tackling and hard running but in truth the award could have gone to any of the boys. Harry W, another superb tackler kept the team on the front foot. Will O-E, Alex W and Daniel A all ran well on the wing and most importantly pressed hard in defence. Adam R distributed well all day keeping the team momentum fast and direct whilst Oliver Mc and Oli H dominated the defensive press and really started to understand how to make a good tackle into a great one.

Hazelwood Under 9s have an incredibly proud coach and a fantastically supportive set of parents. We can't wait for the national qualifiers next Sunday.

Mr Reay



Seb T-S being awarded his player of the tournament trophy. He was presented it by George Head (Tonbridge 1st XV Captain, Harlequins Academy, England U18s and most importantly Mr Head's son!) The rest of the squad are all smiles after their hard fought victory.

Hawthorns Netball Triumph

The U11B team left the Hawthorns tournament with gold medals, having played some exceptional netball. Despite the poor weather conditions and truncated format, the girls showcased all the skills that they have acquired in the term so far. After a close 4-1 win

against a strong Micklefield team, the team grew in confidence, triumphing 9-0 against Hawthorns and 4-0 against St Teresa's. The whole team played with great skill, grit and commitment. Special mention must go to Annie Verdier, who provided her best display of shooting so far this term. Well done, girls.

Mr Fagg



British Values Week starts Monday

With the prospect of not only special opportunities to study, consider and think about many aspects of widening British culture, the children will (or so rumour has it) be able to sample the delights of traditional British fayre at lunchtime. The patriotic menu kicks off on Monday with faggots – meatballs to you and me, sitting alongside creamy mash drizzled in warming gravy. D-British!

Wanted for Art

Please send in unwanted shoe boxes for a Y7 art project kicking off after half term. All shapes and sizes are welcomed. They are being turned into buildings. Any contributions to the Art Studio please. Thank you.

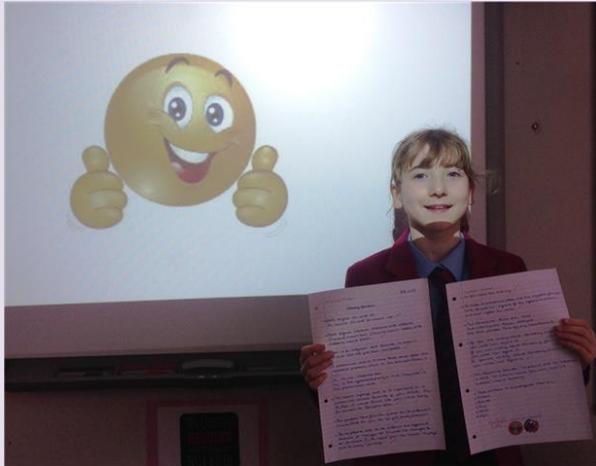


Blue Post-Box Reminder

Please do remember that there is a blue post box situated on the Sports Hall wall – under the noticeboards – which is emptied daily. Your letters and reply slips bound for the office can be placed in here. Saves you the hassle of parking up and walking to the school office. Of course, if you wish to say Good Morning to Mrs Roberts and Powell, you are most welcome to do so!

Match Teas

Please can pupils refrain from joining their parents in the TOSH for their match tea. The food served in the TOSH is for parents and visiting guests only. Pupils have their own match teas served in the Dining Room. Thank you.



Special Félicitations to Hannah who is this week's uncontested Star for French. Not only has Hannah completed all her prep extension but she has also taken the initiative to write her answers to last week's Thinking Questions posted on HALO. Well done! Keep up the good work Hannah.

Madame Le Floch

A reminder for anyone else looking for extension or simply a bit of a recap, to log onto the weekly review of HALO, section

"What to think about". You can write your answers in your exercise book or on paper if you would like them displayed in the classroom.



Get in on the Act!

Due to low ticket uptake, we will be cancelling the school trip to The New Victoria Theatre in Woking to see the Sister Act matinee on 25th March. However, we still have a large number of tickets available and will be offering them at a reduced rate of £25 each (the seats are well situated in the stalls - those who sat in the same seats for the recent Blood Brothers matinee were delighted).

However, please note, as this is no longer a school trip, the tickets will be handed out beforehand, to enable people to make their own way there - a coach will no longer be provided.

Should you be interested in tickets for yourselves, your children, family or friends, please email Tallin Clayton at claytont@hazelwoodschool.com by Friday 17th March. The price of £25 is discounted for a brilliant show that has shown in The West End. Once email confirmation has been given, the tickets are non-refundable.

Mrs Tulett's Parents' Art Workshop

If you are interested in working with Mrs Tulett to create a giant canvas of your own work for you to hang in your own living room, then now is your chance. We would like to invite ten parents to spend for Friday mornings in the Art Studio experiencing the magic of Mrs T. The 'course' is free and is happening from 9 until 12 on Friday 3rd March until Friday 24th March. If you would like to come along, email bursar@hazelwoodschool.com First ten emails received will be initiated into Mrs Tulett's creative ways. No previous art experience is necessary.



Oh What a Knight of Star Performances and Team Spirit!

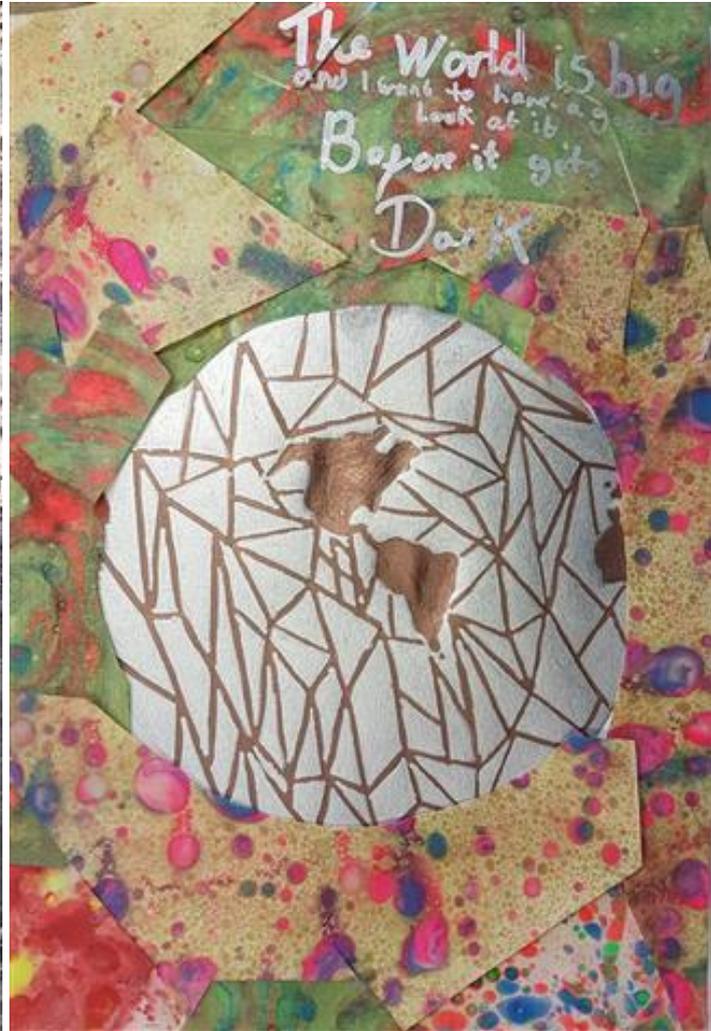
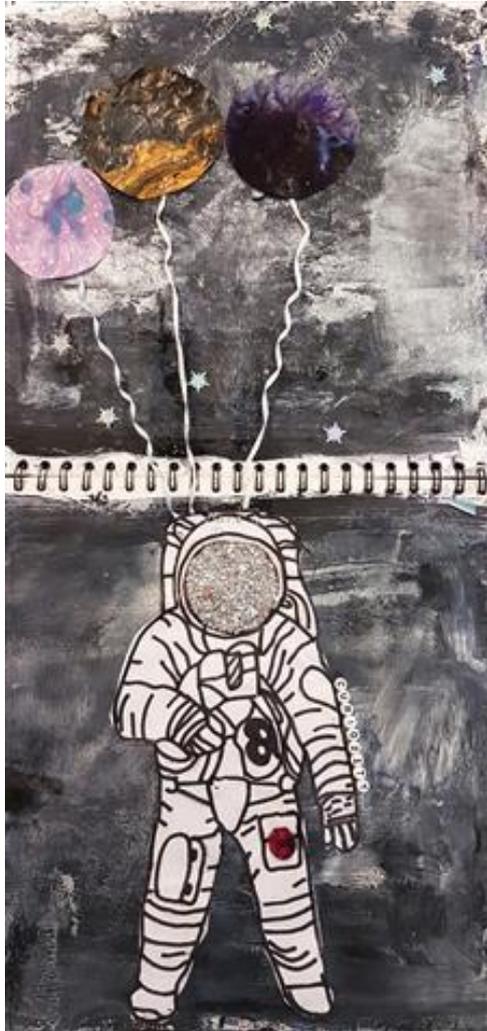




Professor McGonagall (aka Mrs Ford) was overwhelmed with the numbers of children who turned up for Harry Potter Book Day on Thursday. The room was dressed with artefacts, books, games and potions transported from Hogwarts and pupils' homes and there were plenty of wands to direct the magic making. Thanks to Mrs Lawson for providing Prof's cape. Expelliarmus!

Watch this Space

The Year 8 artists are exploring the theme of SPACE this term and their star gazing and planet hopping is producing some out-of-this-world ideas. Developed to date only in their portfolio books, the emerging designs are stunning and full of promise. The Nutshell will bring the final renditions once they have landed in the Art Studio.





WE HAVE LIFT OFF!

Early well done to the IAPS swim squad who represented the school on Saturday. Nationally the top 16 swimmers go through to National Finals. Hazelwood swimmers recorded some great results with 8 swimmers coming third in their races, 6 clinching a second place spot and three, Hannah R, Sasha T and U11 Freestyle Relay (Freya, Jas F, Lucy L and Hannah R) powering their way to a well-deserved and exciting first place finish. Time will tell if any or all have done enough to go forward. Flippers crossed!

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 the report in time for the assembly. The children do like to share their successes with the rest of the school. Thank you.

Notice Board

Communication sent home this week

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

All Years – Sister Act
Years 4-8 – Internet Safety Presentations
1L Assembly on Wednesday, 8th at 9.00 am.

Key Events for Next Week

All Week		British Values Week (HNEY also)
Monday 6	1515	Netball: U10A – D v Granville Home
Tuesday 7	All day 1645- 1815 1900	Internet Safety Day Y6 Play Rehearsal – Melons at the Vicarage Parents' Cyber Safety Talk and Workshop
Wednesday 8	0900 1430	1L Assembly Rugby: 1st, U10A, U10B v Copthorne Away Rugby: 2nd, U11A/B v Copthorne Home Touch Rugby: U10/U11 mixed v Hilden Oaks Home Netball: U10 A and B, U11A v Aberdour Away Netball: U11B and C/D v Hawthorns Away Netball: U13A and B Versatility Tournament Home (The U11 As are playing in this)

Thursday 9 All day Y2 Egyptian Day
1000 Skylarks trip to the Polka Theatre
1415-
1600 Piano Workshop and Assembly, Y3-Y8
1430 Rugby: U8A, B and C v Solefield Home
Rugby: U9B and D v Homefield Away
1515 Rugby: U9A and C v Homefield Away
(All U9s will be travelling together and due back at 4.45pm)
Netball: U8 A – C v Feltonfleet Away
~~Netball: U9 A v Aberdour Home~~
1900 'Teachmeet' – Staff Training Evening

HALF TERM STARTS

Friday 10 All day SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY (Staff Training)
Nursery & Early Years closed (Staff Training)



This week the children of Skylarks explored their dinosaur world still further. They talked about where dinosaurs may have lived and thought volcanoes and what it was like to live near one. They then had the chance to build their own tower of bubbling lava. They also built a word bank for a dinosaur coming up with words to describe their size, shape and appearance. After all this thinking, our young learners were exhaustasaurus!



**Oxted
& Limpsfield
Music Society**

Hanna Hipp *mezzo*

Emma Abbate *piano*

Saturday 11th February, 8.00pm

Bawtree Hall

Hazelwood School, Limpsfield

The programme includes pieces by

Ravel, de Falla,

Handel, Mozart and Gounod

Tickets £20 (under 25s £10)

**For reservations contact us via the message box
on the O&LMS website below:**

oxtedandlimpsfieldmusicsociety.org.uk

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Weekly Arts & Crafts for kids

Run by: Katie Brind

Contact: 07590679326

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