

The Nutshell



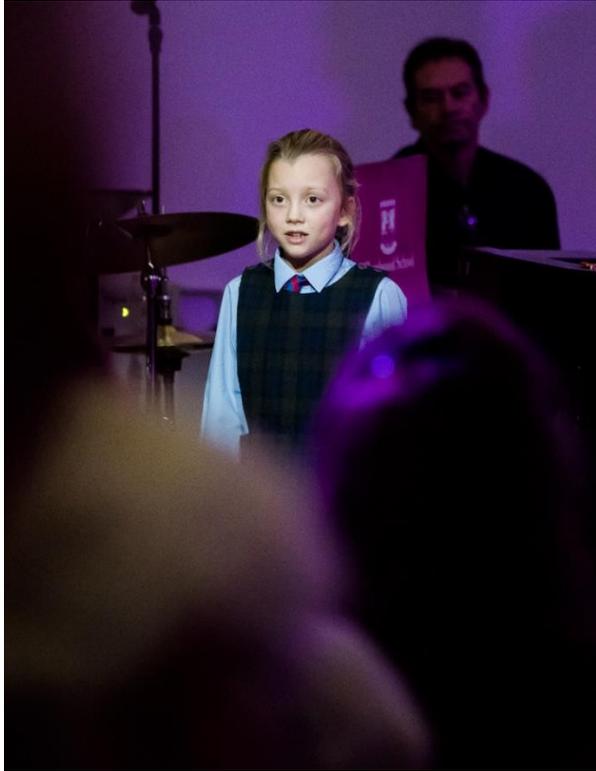
Hazelwood School

The last Nutshell of the term is a festive affair and one which needs little or no introduction from me. All I am going to say is a huge thank you and well done to everyone who has contributed to the most amazing final week of a wonderful term. The Gala Concert on Friday was a truly special occasion with members of the whole school community drawn together in the most magical music making. The Early Years' Nativities and Christmas Concerts boasted a compelling charm, simplicity and honesty which captured the true spirit of Christmas. The Christmas lunches were orchestrated for the first time so that the children could sit, Hogwarts style, in rows with all their friends around them. The food was delicious in spite of Dave and his team arriving on Monday on the main site to find that the Gas Board had cut off our supply! And the Carol Service yesterday, as ever, raised the roof of the Chapel at Tonbridge School and I trust filled many hearts with joy and wonder. Thank you to the pupils, the parents and the staff for all you do for our community. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



“A massive whoop worthy thank you for such a wonderful evening on Friday. How you manage to better each event that is put on astounds me every time! Orchestral music was very rousing and brilliant, the young violinist quite unbelievably amazing, loved the sax/electric violin combo, loved your young percussionist who is a very talented drummer, the singing was just out of this world – there is nothing as wonderful as the sound of young voices – and they all looked so happy taking part. And I particularly loved the Les Misérables mash up – literally my favourite music of all time and I wish I had taken part in the Mum’s choir – will regret that forever more”

Congratulations to Freya D who received news this week of a Music Scholarship to Kent College. We are very proud of her achievement. Well done Freya.



“Thank you so much for broadcasting the Gala Concert live on Friday evening.

My mother who is no longer mobile enough to attend school events was able log in from her home in Hever and enjoy the concert.

I too got to enjoy it via the live broadcast; I was unexpectedly delayed at work and therefore unable to make it back to Hazelwood in time. However, I did get to our Headquarters, where it was displayed on the video wall in our Command Centre (albeit muted from time to time during 999 calls) - fabulous!”



“Well what a treat we had! Thank you all so much for putting on such an awesome concert. Beautifully set in our new hall, I can safely say that that was one of the best and most enjoyable Hazelwood experiences I have ever had, and I've had a few!! So cleverly arranged and orchestrated. Everyone involved seemed to be having such fun. Well done to ALL concerned”



“Just a quick note to say how fabulous the concert was on Friday night. Our son is not very musical and therefore this was our first concert at school and we were blown away by the standard. It was really good for us to see another side of the school and we have been raving about it all weekend. Alex on the violin was amazing but we particularly enjoyed the young boys on percussion who were so diligent it was very endearing to watch. There was also a very ‘happy’ trombonist who really caught my eye! A wonderful evening and I believe all the participants enjoyed themselves as much as the audience. Many thanks for a super event.”

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





On Monday, the Skylarks children decamped for the afternoon up to the main school site where they staged a take-over of the Lower School Art Room and Bawtree Hall. They busied themselves making Christmas biscuits and wreaths as well as being put through their paces by the Sports Department in a series of exercises all with a festive theme. It was lovely to have the younger children in the Baily Building. The visit was such a success that there are plans already to repeat it in the New Year!



The Robins children joined vocal forces with their mum, dads, grannies and grandpas (not to mention the staff and Rudolph the Reindeer) to fill the Paterson Hall with the sounds of Christmas. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces and to have the support of so many friends and family. Happy Christmas!





The school's inaugural Great Hazelwood Bake Off received some amazing entries all inspired by the theme of *Twas the Night before Christmas*. The design skills were excellent with good skills demonstrated in 3D modelling and script writing in piped icing. All the cakes were tasted by a panel of expert judges keen to expand their waistlines in advance of the school Christmas lunch on Monday. It was a very difficult decision to separate out the entries but a combination of interpretation of the theme, design skills and baking prowess finally allowed the prizes to be awarded to our lucky, and talented winners. Well done and thank you to all who entered.



Congratulations to our winners:

Years 5,6,7 and 8

Ethan S

Years 3 and 4

Jago H

Years Oak, 1 and 2

India H

Commendations were also awarded to other pupils in each of the above categories.

Thank you to Mrs Bean for organising the popular contest. It will be back!

A Series of Unfortunate Events

Congratulations to the four Hazelwood pupils, Natasha B, Lila D, Gracie Mae KK and Hollie M who took part in the Redhill and Reigate Roller Skating show organised by Barry Bridger at Hawthorn's School last weekend.

The girls looked fabulous in their matching artistic outfits and performed with grace and beauty. The girls performed two incredible show dances for each performance which showcased the skills that they have been perfecting at the After School Rollerskating Club on a Wednesday afternoon.



Let the Christmas feasting begin!





Christmas lunch across both sites was finger licking delicious! Thank you to the team at Holroyd Howe for pulling out all the stops to make it the best feasting ever!

Christmas Gift Shop Delight

Thank you to the HPA and to all the parents who donated gifts for the Christmas Gift Shops. The children loved scouring the tables for appropriate presents to take home and hide under the Christmas tree. There was excitement as the children queued and when they were finally allowed into the TOSH to shop, it was like the doors of the January Sales being opened for the first time.



“I worked all day in the Christmas Gift Shop today and am, without exception, amazed at how wonderful Hazelwood pupils are. Every single one was polite. Every single one was just delightful in the care and consideration that they displayed when choosing a gift. I wish that all parents could see just how seriously their children took the decision as to which Gift would be the perfect one on Christmas Day. Our children are a credit to us. They are infinitely precious and we should be justifiably proud of them.

Our village is working.”

Well done to Sasha T who thought up this innovative, and eminently edible, way of learning her Latin verb endings. As no picture was sent through of the verb stems, the Nutshell has to assume that these were eaten, as a reward, for being word, and tense perfect! Either that or Mr Fagg has disappeared off for the Christmas break clutching a very large festive cake tin!



Safe travels to all our Hazelwood families who are enjoying Christmas overseas. Enjoy your holiday and time with friends and family. May your days be filled with sunshine or snowfall (depending on which you are hoping for)!

Gala Concert: 9th December 2016



“Please extend our thanks to all the many staff involved covering everything from the shuttle bus/car park management, catering and the numerous teachers who went out of their way to look after the kids backstage to the wonderful performances on stage.

It is a continuing delight to see our girls progressing - as I pointed out to my youngest last night, to have sung to nearly 400 people at the age of 8 is incredible. Their confidence on stage is a wonderful achievement which has come from years of nurturing and encouragement from all their different teachers over the years.

My absolute highlight last night was watching Oscar D playing his trombone skywards - I do so hope someone managed to catch him on film, I have never seen anyone so lost in music, it made my night!

Thank you again, we really do appreciate all the time and effort that you put in to such events, it is the icing on the cake of a wonderful all round experience, they are very lucky children.”



“Big congratulations on a great night, most successful in every department, well done.”

NEWS from the LIBRARY

Hazelwood School Bookmark Competition.

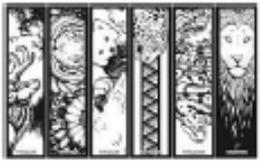
The Hazelwood School Library is running a competition over Christmas to design a bookmark which will be used by pupils in the library. Those that take part will receive house points per entry and the winning ones will get further house points and have their design made professionally into bookmarks for the Library to use. The new bookmarks will be ready for World Book Day on 2nd March 2017!

Those pupils that have already expressed some interest have been given an entry form but attached to this Nutshell Edition is another entry form for printing off. Please note that it is a maximum of 5 entries per child.

Note the closing date is 8th January 2017.

Good Luck!

Please remember if you would like to complete any Book Reviews over the Christmas Holidays then you will be awarded 3 house points for each Book Review up to a maximum of 3. We also like to see photos of you reading books in funny places and these too will get house points (2 per photo maximum 3 photos).

<p>Name ----- Class -----</p>		<p>HAZELWOOD BOOKMARK COMPETITION 2017</p>
		 <p>Hazelwood School</p>
		<p>HAZELWOOD SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKMARK COMPETITION 2017</p>
		<p>Do you want to earn house points ... and be in with a chance to get your design of a bookmark published for everyone to use? You do! Well here is a template and all you have to do is complete it with a catchy library design and return it to the school after Christmas by January 8th. Your entry will then go to a board of judges who will agree the winning ones and these will be made into a bookmark for WORLD BOOK DAY on the 2nd March 2017.</p>
<p>RETURN BY 8th JANUARY 2017</p>		

A National Schools' Competition!

To celebrate **Harry Potter Book Night: The Professors of Hogwarts** Bloomsbury Publishing have launched a magical national schools' competition!

THE PRIZES: One lucky class, of up to 30 pupils, will win a trip of a lifetime to discover the magic of **Harry Potter** at the **Warner Bros. Studio Tour London**, as well as a hardback box set of the seven Harry Potter books and Harry Potter themed goody bags! **PLUS 25 lucky runners-up** will also win copies of the books and themed goody bags.



HOW TO ENTER: To be in with a chance of winning the above prizes, they want you students to invent your own **MAGICAL PROFESSOR**. **For further information and to download the template go to the Bloomsbury Publishing website and search under Harry Potter & competitions.**

Then send your completed entries to:
Harry Potter Book Night Schools Competition
Bloomsbury Children's Marketing
50 Bedford Square
London
WC1B 3DP

Note the Closing date is February 10th 2017.

Lastly the Hazelwood librarians would like to wish you a Very Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year!
Nicki Wisniewski and Kath Dymoke



HPA

Please note that annual subscription fees to the HPA will be charged on the forthcoming spring term invoices. This fee remains at £10 per Hazelwood family. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

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.

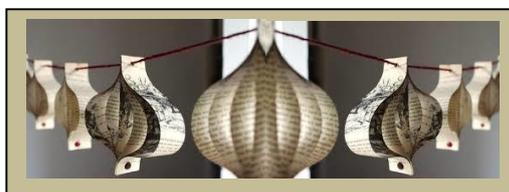
Music Timetable

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.

Pupil Name	Instrument/Voice	Grade	Result
Anderson Henry	Voice	3	Merit
Andrews Trinity	Voice	1	Merit
Andrews Hope	Voice	4	Merit
Back Kristian	Violin	3	Merit
Bream Amelle	Voice	2	Distinction
Bruwer Hannah	Piano	1	Merit
de Haldevang Beatrice	Piano	1	Merit
Georgiou Luca	Voice	2	Pass
Georgiou Eva	Voice	4	Pass
Hewitt Oliver	Piano	1	Merit
Hilleard-Rees Henry	Violin	4	Merit
Hudson Olivia	Violin	2	Pass
Kiale Lucie	Voice	2	Pass
Land Henry	Piano	1	Merit
Leach Jemima	Violin	2	Pass
Miller-Smith Brea	Piano	PT	Pass
Pearce Imogen	Violin	2	Merit
Pearce Imogen	Flute	2	Merit
Roberts Charlotte	Voice	1	Distinction
Savelleva Camilla	Voice	2	Distinction
Standley Polly	Flute	1	Merit
Stephenson James	Voice	3	Merit
Tsang Nicola	Violin	1	Merit

Pupil Name	Instrument/Voice	Grade	Result
Connerly Oria	Piano	Initial	Distinction
Phillipott Georgia	Voice	4	Merit
Richards James	Piano	3	Pass

Congratulations to the school's musicians for their outstanding performance in the recent round of music examinations.



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.

Key Events for first week back in January 2017

Monday 2nd January

1400-1700 Year 6 Play read through

Tuesday 3rd January

HNEY opens for monthly children
1400-1700 Year 6 Play read through

Wednesday 4th January

am Bus services start
Breakfast Club, Clubs and Late Room start
Early Morning Swimming starts
Music Groups start
0830 Term starts for Years 3 to 8
0900 Term starts for Years 1 & 2
0900 Term starts for Oak Reception and HNEY (term-time)

Thursday 5th January

0835 House meetings

Friday 6th January

1645-1815 Year 6 Play rehearsal: Melons at the Vicarage



The children in Fledglings, Oak, Skylarks and Robins let their hair down on Wednesday at their end of term discos. With Mrs Rutter dressed as Buzz Lightyear, some of the dancing was 'out of this world'! The children's moon walk took them to Infinity and Beyond!!



A Christmas card for Hazelwood School. The background is light blue with white snowflakes and a red reindeer silhouette at the top. The school's crest is centered at the top. Below the crest, the school name "Hazelwood School" is written in a dark blue serif font. A list of Christmas themes follows, each preceded by a white square icon: "Angels and Shepherds", "Bethlehem Baby", "Carols by Candlelight", "Dance and Decoration", "Excitement and Expectation", "Festive Feasting", and "Glad tidings of great joy". At the bottom, the text "Happy Christmas from all at Hazelwood!" is written in a large, bold, red serif font, and "The alphabest of Ha-zelwood" is written in a smaller, dark blue serif font below it.

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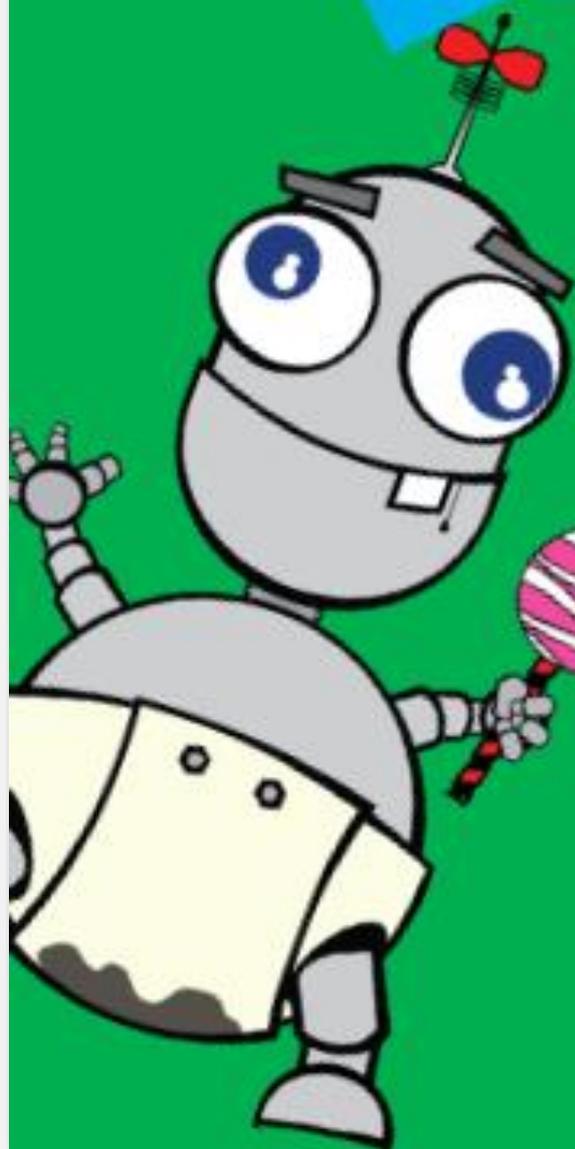
Happy Christmas from all at Hazelwood!

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SITTER?



Name Sandra Sherlock

Call: 07581629433

I am available: Most Fridays

After 5-30 till Late

If you need day or night

*Christmas help I am free from
Sunday 20th until 23rd December*

And 28th to 30th December

References upon request



Musicale Summer Music Courses Early Booking Discount Offer is coming out this week via the post. If you do not receive it or would like a copy please call Caroline on 01582713333. Deadline for the offer is 13th December.

CUT & PASTE THE FOLLOWING URL into your BROWSER TO BOOK ON-LINE

http://www.musicale.co.uk/online-bookings?utm_source=Musicale+email+addresses&utm_campaign=7d6394e3e0-Musicale+Holidays

What people are saying

The end of the week concert was truly inspirational and I am full of admiration for all the staff.

This has been the best week ever. I can't wait for next year.

I have just realised that I have done a year's practice in a week, and my playing has come on in leaps and bounds.

The standard of the Musicale Young Artists' Programme is always outstanding, and the fact that so many young people from all over Britain want to take part simply endorses the excellence of the training given during the courses. - Hertfordshire Advertiser

