



NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

It has been another full and busy week in school, and the weeks really are flying by! Our School Council have been working hard on an important focus around making our school healthier, and they are now asking for your support. As part of this, we are encouraging children to bring in healthy snacks for breaktime and to ensure that packed lunches reflect healthy choices too. Snacks and packed lunches could include healthier alternatives including items such as breadsticks, fruit, vegetables, popcorn or dairy products. Please also remember that we are a nut-free school due to severe allergies. This includes items such as peanut butter, chocolate spreads containing nuts and cereal bars. If a child brings in food containing nuts, it will need to be removed for the safety of others. We really appreciate your support with this as it is vital in keeping all of our children safe.

On this note, it was lovely to welcome our Year 2 parents into school this week for their Family Feast. As always, it was wonderful to see so many of you joining us, sharing the children's lunchtime experience and eating alongside them. We hope you enjoyed it, and we look forward to welcoming our Year 3 parents next Thursday.

This week we also welcomed Don Rae into school to deliver workshops across all classes. As always, he was fantastic, bringing energy, enthusiasm and engagement to every session. His workshops are always lively and tailored so well to our children, and it was wonderful to see both staff and children so fully involved. His enthusiasm is infectious, and we always look forward to his visits, we will definitely be inviting him back again!

A gentle reminder that if your child is absent or running late, it is your responsibility to inform the school office. This also helps our office team significantly, reducing the need for follow-up calls. Arriving late can be unsettling for children, as they enter a classroom where learning has already begun and may feel that all eyes are on them. Please support your child by ensuring they arrive on time, ready to learn, and in the correct uniform.

This week, I noticed that too many children had not read four times or more over the past week. I completely understand how busy family life can be; however, reading is one of the most important things you can support your child with. Regular reading builds vocabulary, improves comprehension, develops imagination and underpins success across the whole curriculum. Even a few pages each evening, (perhaps while you are preparing dinner) can make a real difference.

We are delighted to share that Miss King has welcomed her baby boy, Tommy, both mum and baby are doing well, and I'm sure you will join me in wishing them lots of happiness and special moments as they begin this wonderful new chapter together. This week, we were delighted to receive our new table tennis table, which was enjoyed for the very first time today! This was purchased using the money raised by the ProStrike Challenge earlier on in the year. I would like to thank you, as always, for your continued support. From everyone at KHCPs, we wish you all a happy and relaxing bank holiday weekend. Don't forget your daily read and, most importantly, take time to make memories together as a family.



Diary Dates

Monday 4 May – Bank holiday

Wednesday 6 May – Class photographs

Thursday 7 May – Year 3 Family Feast

Monday 11 May – Years 6 SATS week & breakfast

Tuesday 19 May – School Council trip to Parliament

Thursday 21 May – Year 4 Family Feast

Monday 25 – Friday 29 May – HALF TERM

Tuesday 2 June – Year 2 trip to Mountfitchet Castle

Please note that some dates unavoidably may change.



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Weekly Attendance

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Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	99%	100%	97.2%	96.9%	93.1%	91.9%	87.5%	94.2%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 1	Reception	Year 2



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	98.2%	96.7%	98%	94.9%	89.2%	93%	95.2%	94.6%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception	Year 2	Year 1



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ava-Rose	Sophie	Harry	Rosa	Olivia	Emma	Poppi



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Sadie in Year 1 has been selected for the Headteacher's Award for demonstrating respect and kindness to both adults and children. Well done Sadie!



Important reminders

We encourage children to bring in healthy snacks for breaktime and in their packed lunch if they have one. Snacks and packed lunches should **not** include the following: confectionery such as chocolate, sweets, fruit strings, crisps or cheddars. Alternatives can be breadsticks, fruit, vegetables, popcorn or dairy products. Bottles should only contain water. Please remember we are a nut-free school due to allergies. This includes no peanut butter or Nutella as part of snacks/lunch.



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Reading at Home

Class	Number of times children have read this week						Percentage reading 4 times or more
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	
Reception	3 (27%)		1 (9%)	1 (9%)	4 (36%)	2 (18%)	6 (54%)
Year 1	3 (19%)		3 (19%)		1 (6%)	9 (56%)	10 (63%)
Year 2	1 (5%)		2 (10%)	3 (15%)	1 (5%)	13 (65%)	14 (70%)
Year 3	7 (29%)	1 (4%)			5 (21%)	11 (46%)	16 (67%)
Year 4	2 (7%)		3 (11%)	4 (15%)	7 (26%)	11 (41%)	18 (67%)
Year 5	3 (15%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	6 (30%)	8 (40%)	14 (70%)
Year 6	1 (3.5%)			1 (3.5%)	12 (43%)	14 (50%)	26 (93%)

Well done to Year 6, where over 90% of their pupils read four times or more this week.



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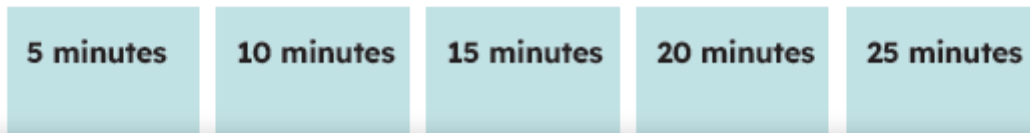


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HERO

Here, every day, ready and on time

Minutes lost per day



equates to a yearly loss of:



Five minutes late per day adds up to three learning days lost in a school year

If 15 minutes late each day you will miss two full weeks of school in one year

Poor timekeeping means less chance of success!



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