



Friday 2 October 2026

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

It has been another busy week at Kelvedon Hatch. It has been lovely to see the children settled, engaged and enjoying their learning. I particularly enjoy seeing the variety of learning taking place across the school and hearing the children talk about what they have been doing.

Our Year 3 children enjoyed a visit to Chelmsford Museum this week, and it was lovely to hear what a positive experience they had. The children had the opportunity to take their learning beyond the classroom, explore the museum and learn through seeing and experiencing things first-hand. We were also really pleased to hear how well they represented Kelvedon Hatch while they were out, demonstrating our school values and being a credit to our school. A huge well done to Year 3, we are delighted that you enjoyed your day!

Reading continues to be an important priority for us across the school. Being a confident reader supports children in all areas of their learning, and we want our children to develop not only the skills to read well but also a genuine enjoyment of books. It has been great to see reading taking place across the school, from children developing their early reading and phonics skills to older children discussing texts, exploring vocabulary and using their reading skills across the curriculum. Please continue to support us by reading regularly with your child at home. Even a short amount of time spent reading together, talking about a story or discussing new vocabulary can make a real difference.

It was also really nice to see some of our children taking part in their Rocksteady sessions this week. Rocksteady gives children the opportunity to learn and play music together as part of a band, while developing confidence, teamwork and perseverance. I love hearing little snippets of what they are producing as I walk around school and seeing the enjoyment the sessions bring.

A reminder about the start of our school day. Classroom doors open at 8:30am and close at 8:40am. We encourage children to come into class as soon as the doors open so that they have plenty of time to get themselves settled, organise their belongings and enjoy a calm and positive start to their day. Those first few minutes are an important part of the morning and help children to feel ready for the learning ahead. While waiting for the classroom doors to open, please keep your children with you as mornings can be very busy, with lots of children and adults arriving at the same time, so this is really important from a safety perspective. Children remain in the care of their parent or carer until they enter their classroom.

You may remember that last year our School Council were really keen to make our school a healthier one, and I am very pleased to share that we have now received our Healthy Schools Award. A huge well done to the children for championing healthy choices and encouraging healthy eating across our school. A healthy and varied diet is important for growing children and can help with their energy, concentration and readiness to learn throughout the school day. When sending snacks into school, please continue to choose healthy options and encourage children to try a variety of different foods. Please ensure you cut grapes, cherry tomatoes and other round snacks in half. Alongside this, a reminder that we have children and adults within our school community with allergies, some of which can cause a serious reaction. Nuts and nut products must not be brought into school, including peanut butter and other foods containing nuts. Please check ingredients carefully when preparing packed lunches and snacks. By working together, we can continue to encourage healthy choices while making sure that school remains a safe environment for everyone.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



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Weekly Attendance

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Class	Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	99.3%	92%	99.1%	96.2%	93.4%	82.3%	93.7%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception	Year 3	Year 4



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2 September

Class	Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	98.2%	96.7%	98.9%	96.7%	93.1%	87.2%	95.2%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 3	Reception	Years 1/2 and 4



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Flora	Stanley	Ghaysan	Terry	Evie	Sonny



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

This week's Headteacher's Award goes to Grayson in Year 6 for being polite and considerate.

Well done!



Important reminders

Good attendance is incredibly important. Every day in school counts and helps children make the most of their learning and end the year positively.

If your child has a medical or other unavoidable appointment during the school day, please provide the school office with the appointment confirmation in advance. This helps us ensure that our attendance records remain accurate. If your child misses registration either in the morning or afternoon, this counts as an absence for their yearly percentage, even if it is authorised.



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Reading at Home

Class	This table shows the number of children and percentages of children that have read this week. Number of times children have read this week						Percentage reading 4 times or more
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	
Reception	5 (33.3%)			3 (20%)	4 (26.67%)	3 (20%)	7 (46.67%)
Year 1/2	10 (34%)		2 (7%)	4 (14%)	4 (14%)	9 (31%)	13 (45%)
Year 3	2 (9%)	2 (9%)	2 (9%)	2 (9%)	3 (12%)	12 (52%)	15 (64%)
Year 4	7 (28%)	2 (8%)	2 (8%)	2 (8%)	3 (12%)	9 (36%)	12 (48%)
Year 5	2 (7.4%)	1 (3.7%)	2 (7.4%)	2 (7.4%)	5 (18.5%)	15 (55.6%)	20 (74%)
Year 6	2 (11%)				3 (16%)	14 (73%)	17 (89%)
Well done to Year 6, where nearly 90% of their pupils read four times or more this week.							



Diary Dates

Friday 9 October – Hello Yellow – wear yellow accessories to school

Monday 12 October – Year 5 Ancient Egyptian workshop

Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 October – Parent's Evening

Thursday 15 October – Reception trip to Thorndon Park

Friday 16 October – Last day of half term & non-uniform day

Monday 2 November – Back to school

Friday 6 November – Year 3 start Forest School

Tuesday 10 November – 100% attendance party

Thursday 12 November – Prostrike fundraising event

Wednesday 18 November – Flu vaccinations

Thursday 19 November – Essex Child and Family Wellbeing service drop in (09.00)

Tuesday 8 December – EYFS & KS1 nativity

Wednesday 9 December – Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch & PTA Winter Fair

Wednesday 16 December – KS2 Christmas sing-a-long (14.30)

Please note that some dates unavoidably may change. We apologise if this does happen.



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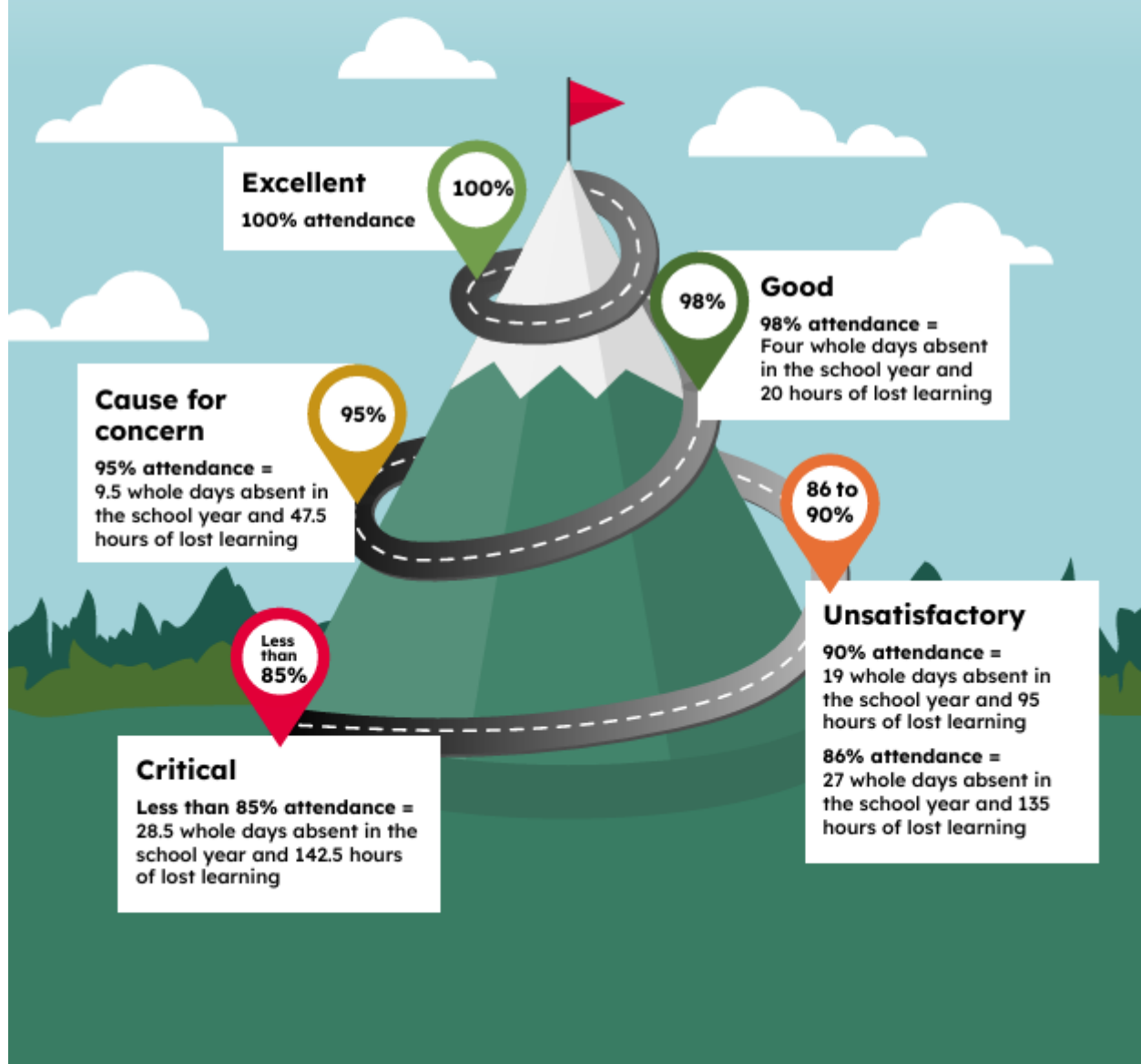


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Where does your child sit on the attendance mountain?



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