



Friday 3 July 2026

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

Our Year 6 children had a fantastic time at Stubbers this week, taking part in a wide range of adventurous activities. From challenging themselves on the climbing walls to working together during team-building tasks, they demonstrated resilience, confidence and excellent teamwork throughout. It was wonderful to see the children stepping outside their comfort zones, encouraging one another and representing Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School so positively. A huge thank you to all of the staff who gave up their time to make this memorable experience possible.

This week we also had the pleasure of welcoming our new Reception children and their families for their Stay and Play session. It was lovely to see the children beginning to explore their new classroom, meet the staff and make new friends. We hope they all enjoyed their visit, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming them back as members of the Kelvedon Hatch family in September.

A huge congratulations to Maddie in Year 6, who became the first child this academic year to achieve the Wise Owl Reading Award, having read an incredible 300 times. This is a fantastic achievement and one that reflects her dedication and love of reading.

Well done also to all of the children who continue to read regularly at home. Reading is one of the most important skills children develop, helping to build vocabulary, improve writing, increase confidence and unlock learning across every subject. Every time a child reads, they are opening the door to new knowledge, developing their imagination and building skills that will support them throughout their education and beyond. Thank you to all of our families for your continued support in encouraging reading at home.

As we approach the end of term, traffic around the school continues to be particularly busy. Please can I remind everyone to park safely and considerately at both drop-off and collection times. Please do not park on the zig-zag lines, across residents' driveways or in a way that blocks visibility for pedestrians and other road users. If you are able to, parking a little further away and walking the final few minutes really does help to ease congestion and, most importantly, keeps our children safe. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

With the warmer weather continuing, please ensure your child comes to school each day wearing sun cream, brings a named sun hat and has a named water bottle filled with water. These simple measures help us to keep the children comfortable, hydrated and ready to learn throughout the school day.

Earlier this term, our Year 2 children wrote thoughtful letters to Sir David Attenborough as part of their learning. We were delighted to receive a reply from his daughter on his behalf. Whilst Sir David is understandably unable to respond personally to every letter he receives, it was wonderful for the children to receive an acknowledgement of their writing. They were incredibly excited to know that their letters had been received, making it a memorable and inspiring experience which they will remember for years to come.

Finally, thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated by all of us at Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School. Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all next week.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 7 July – One Plan Meetings

Thursday 9 July – Reception's last Forest School session

Friday 10 July – Sports Day, picnic & PTA summer fair

Monday 13 July – Summer concert

Tuesday 14 July – 100% attendance party

Wednesday 15 July – Sunflower competition end date

Friday 17 July – Year 6 leavers assembly

Monday 20 July - Monday 31 August – Summer holidays

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	95.4%	96.5%	93%	87.1%	87.5%	85.7%	94%	90.9%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 1	Reception	Year 6



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	97.5%	95.5%	97.2%	94.1%	88.9%	91.5%	95%	93.9%

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
Aidan	Freddy	Cj	Alicia	Ryder	Isabelle	Luca



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

This week's Headteacher's Award goes to Eleanor in Year 2 for always being polite and kind to adults and children. Well done!



Important reminders

Gifts or Hospitality from Pupils or Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of term, you may have seen that shops and supermarkets are using the end of the academic year to promote the giving of token gifts to teachers to say thank you. I must stress that this has never been and never will be expected by any member of Kelvedon Hatch staff. However, if you or your child/ren would like to say thank you in this way, please ensure that you refer to Section 10 of the Trust's Gifts and Hospitality Policy, available [HERE](#), which details the monetary values that members of staff are allowed to accept from pupils and/or parents/carers.



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Reading at Home

Class	This table shows the number of children and percentages of children that have read this week.						Percentage reading 4 times or more
	Number of times children have read this week						
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	
Reception	5 (42%)		1 (8%)		5 (42%)	1 (8%)	6 (50%)
Year 1	3 (19%)	1 (6%)	1 (6%)	5 (32%)	1 (6%)	4 (25%)	5 (32%)
Year 2	3 (12%)	2 (9%)	2 (9%)	3 (12%)	1 (6%)	11 (52%)	12 (61%)
Year 3	2 (9%)			3 (12%)	5 (21%)	7 (29%)	12 (50%)
Year 4	4 (15%)	2 (8%)		1 (4%)	4 (15%)	15 (58%)	19 (73%)
Year 5	4 (21%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)		4 (21%)	9 (47%)	13 (68%)
Well done to Year 4, where over 70% of their pupils read four times or more this week.							



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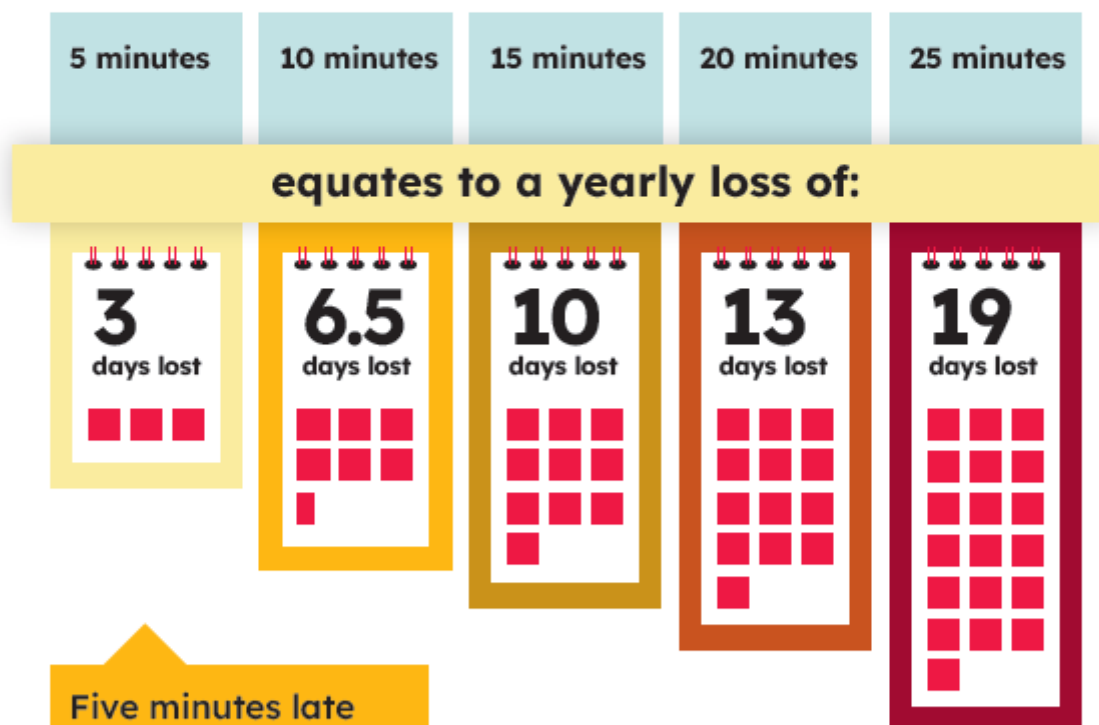


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Here, every day, ready and on time

Minutes lost per day



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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