



NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety**Headteacher: Miss V Townsend**

Headteacher's Comment:

This week has been another busy one as we approach the Easter break. We hope everyone who celebrated Eid had a wonderful time, and for those celebrating Easter over the half-term, we wish you a joyful celebration.

This week, our visit to St Nicholas Church was a memorable experience. The Year 5 children beautifully re-enacted the Easter Story, and Reverend Julie shared the true meaning of Easter with us.

Our Celebration Assembly is always a highlight, allowing children to showcase their achievements both in and out of school. This week, we celebrated 10 children who achieved 100% attendance and another 15 children who were recognised for significantly improved attendance. Attendance is crucial for learning, and we congratulate all those who were acknowledged in assembly. As the weather warms up, we hope to see fewer illnesses, which will support even better attendance. On that note, please remember to complete a leave of absence form in advance if your child needs time off. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Each year, we provide children with a full and enriching curriculum, enhanced by school trips and visits from external speakers. These experiences are invaluable as they bring learning to life, inspire curiosity, and offer real-world connections to the subjects taught in school. However, these opportunities depend on support from our families. Similarly, while swimming lessons are a statutory requirement for only one year group, at Kelvedon Hatch, we believe all children should benefit from this vital life skill. Unfortunately, the funding we receive does not cover the full costs, and we rely on contributions to make these activities possible. Without continued support from families, we may no longer be able to offer these valuable experiences. Your contributions help pay for the essential maintenance and repairs to the structure of the pool, as well as the heating, chemicals and the qualified swimming teacher. We are also strengthening our community links, and this week, we extend our thanks to M&S for their generous donation of seven Easter eggs. These were awarded to one pupil in each class for their outstanding effort this term. We are grateful for their support and for all those involved in making this possible. Thank you for your ongoing support—we truly appreciate it.

After half-term, the DET Annual Sunflower Competition will begin! We will be distributing sunflower seeds during the first week back, giving all children the chance to take part. I look forward to seeing the trophy awarded to one of our pupils in July—so get your green fingers ready! 🌻

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the fantastic efforts of our PTA in organising the Easter Fair. A huge thank you to everyone involved in making it such a success, as well as to all the visitors who came along to support us. Events like these truly highlight the wonderful community spirit we have at Kelvedon Hatch, bringing families together and creating special memories for our children. Your support makes all the difference, and we are incredibly grateful! 💖🐰🌸



Diary Dates

Tuesday 22 April – Return to school

Wednesday 7 May – Class photographs

Friday 9 May – Don Rae dance workshop

Monday 12 May – Friday 16 May – Year 6 SATS week

Wednesday 14 May – Reception class assembly

Wednesday 21 May – Year 5 class assembly

Wednesday 21 May – Year 4 trip to Colchester Zoo

Please note that some dates unavoidably may change.

Apologies if this does happen.



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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	94.3%	83.7%	93.04%	89.6%	90.4%	100%	94%	92.2%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 5	Reception	Year 6



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	94.7%	94.5%	94.3%	91.6%	91.8%	94.04%	93.6%	93.6%

1 st	2 nd	2 nd
Reception	Year 1	Year 5



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Wren	Kiera	Harvey	Savannah	Gracie	Ethan	Sienna



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

We would like to recognise Naomi in Rec, Ghayson in Year 1, Xander in Year 2, Year 3, Sonny in Year 4, Winnie in Year 5 and Hollie in Year 6.



Reminders

If your child is absent, please ensure you leave a reason as to why they are absent. If you are unsure if your child should be at school please check the guidance from the [NHS](#).

Please make sure the children are wearing the correct uniform, the website outlines what the children should be wearing. Please remember we do not allow jewellery in school. Thank you



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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	2 (13%)	1 (6%)	2 (13%)	3 (18%)	1 (6%)	7 (44%)	8 (50%)
Year 1	2 (8%)	1 (4%)	4 (17%)	2 (8%)	3 (13%)	11 (47%)	14 (60%)
Year 2	2 (9%)	3 (13%)	9 (2%)	3 (13%)	3 (13%)	10 (43%)	13 (56%)
Year 3	3 (12%)	4 (15%)	1 (4%)	6 (23%)	1 (4%)	11 (42%)	12 (46%)
Year 4	0	4(19%)	0	3 (14.3%)	2 (9.5%)	14 (66.7%)	16(76.2%)
Year 5	11 (38%)	3 (10%)	2 (7%)	4 (14%)	2 (7%)	7 (24%)	9 (31%)
Year 6	0	0	0	0	5 (26%)	14 (74%)	19 (100%)



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