



NEWS & VIEWS

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

Headteacher's Comment:

A very warm welcome back to everyone after the summer holidays! I hope you all had a lovely break and were able to enjoy some time together as a family. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week. They have returned looking incredibly smart, ready to learn and full of enthusiasm for the year ahead. A particularly big welcome goes to our new Reception children and their families, as well as the other new children and families who have joined the Kelvedon Hatch community this term. Our Reception children have settled in incredibly well already, and we are very proud of how confidently they have started their school journey. We hope all of our new families will quickly feel part of our school community.

We have lots to look forward to this year, and I am excited about continuing to work closely with our families. The relationships between school and home are incredibly important to us, and we want to continue building and strengthening these throughout the year. As always, our focus remains on ensuring that our children are Safe, Happy and Learning, while giving them opportunities to grow in confidence, develop their independence and enjoy being part of our school. Please continue to talk to us, ask questions and share things with us, working together makes such a difference to our children.

As we settle into the new school year, I would like to share a few friendly reminders to help us all get off to a positive start: The school gate opens at 8:25am. Parents and carers should wait with their children on the playground until 8:30am, when children will enter their classrooms ready to begin the school day. Please help us to ensure children arrive on time each day. Being in school and ready to learn from the very beginning of the day makes a real difference.

Good attendance continues to be a key priority for us this year. Every school day matters, and regular attendance gives children the best opportunity to learn, make progress and feel fully part of school life. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please contact the school to let us know, giving the reason for their absence. Please continue to keep us updated if your child remains absent for more than one day. If we have not heard from you, the school will make contact as part of our safeguarding and attendance procedures. We understand that children do become genuinely unwell, and we will always work with and support our families. Our aim is to work together to ensure that children are in school whenever they are well enough to attend. Please also ensure that we have three up-to-date emergency contacts for your child. If any telephone numbers, addresses or other contact details have changed, please let the school office know as soon as possible. It is really important that we are able to contact you, or another nominated adult, quickly should your child become unwell or if there is an emergency during the school day.

Thank you to everyone for ensuring the children have returned looking so smart. We have high expectations for school uniform throughout the year, as it helps children feel proud to belong to our school community. Please remember that children should wear the correct school uniform, including black school shoes rather than trainers. Long hair below shoulder length should be tied back, and jewellery and make-up should not be worn, with the exception of a watch from Year 3 onwards. Full details of our uniform and PE kit expectations can be found on the Uniform page of our school website.

Last year, we were very proud to receive our Healthy School Award, and we would like to continue to build on this and maintain the healthy habits that helped us achieve it. As a reminder, we ask that children bring water in their water bottle each day and, if bringing a snack from home, that this is a healthy snack. Thank you for helping us to encourage healthy choices and positive habits for all of our children.

There are still a small number of parents and carers who need to sign up to MCAS (MyChildAtSchool). MCAS is an important way for us to communicate with families, so if you are not receiving communication from school, or you are unsure whether you are registered or how to access your account, please come and speak to the school office. The team will be very happy to help you get set up.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and for working alongside us. I am really looking forward to continuing to strengthen the relationships between our children, families, staff and wider community and making 2026–27 another positive and successful year for Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School. I hope you all have a very happy and safe weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone again next week.

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Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Whole class	Lily-Mae	Joe	Willow	George	Clover



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

This week's Headteacher's Award goes to our wonderful Reception Class for settling into school so brilliantly this week. We are very proud of you all, well done!



Important reminders

Please make sure the children are wearing the correct uniform, the website outlines what the children should be wearing:

[Uniform - Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School](#). Children should all be wearing black shoes, **NO TRAINERS OR BOOTS**. Please remember we do not allow jewellery in school except a watch from Year 3 onwards.

Long hair (below shoulder-length) must be tied back at all times; mid-length hair should be held back from the face so as not to obscure children's vision while working at desks. Thank you

Village Hall Parking: We are very fortunate to be able to use the Village Hall car park, and we are grateful that this facility is available to our families. Please park considerately and respectfully so that we can continue to maintain this positive relationship with our local community. A reminder that the Village Hall car park is closed at 4:00pm, alongside the school site, so please ensure that vehicles have been removed before this time.



Diary Dates

Monday 7 September – After school sports club restart – please contact the office for booking details

Tuesday 8 September – Rocksteady sessions restart

Wednesday 9 September – Reception phonics workshop (14.30)

Tuesday 15 September – Therapy dog sessions restart

Tuesday 15 September – Reception and Year 1/2 parent welcome meeting (15.20)

Wednesday 16 September – Years 3 & 4 parent welcome meeting (15.20)

Thursday 17 September – Years 5 & 6 parent welcome meeting (15.20)

Friday 18 September – Forest School starts for Year 4

Tuesday 22 September – Coffee afternoon for SEND parents (14.45)

Wednesday 30 September – Year 3 trip to Chelmsford Museum

Thursday 1 October – Individual and sibling photographs

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

Monday 2 November – Return to school



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