



NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

This week I had the pleasure of meeting with a group of children from across the school to hear their views about what it is like to be a child who attends Kelvedon Hatch. It was lovely to hear just how happy and safe they feel at school. The children spoke positively about their friendships, their learning and the support they receive from staff. As a Headteacher, there is nothing more important to me than knowing that children feel safe, valued and happy in school, so it was incredibly reassuring to hear their views. One prominent topic that was discussed was how to keep ourselves and others safe. At Kelvedon Hatch, we continue to place a strong emphasis on teaching children how to treat others with kindness, respect and understanding. Through our curriculum, assemblies and daily interactions, we help children to develop an understanding of personal boundaries, respectful relationships and appropriate behaviour. We recognise that younger children are naturally curious and are still learning about the world around them. Part of our role is to help children understand social boundaries, personal space and what is and is not appropriate behaviour, ensuring they develop the knowledge and understanding needed to build positive and respectful relationships as they grow. Where concerns arise, we follow our safeguarding and behaviour policies to ensure situations are managed fairly, consistently and in the best interests of all children. The same principles apply online. We are increasingly seeing situations where children are using devices, social media, messaging platforms and online games outside of school, and these interactions can sometimes impact relationships and behaviour within school. I would encourage all parents and carers to regularly check that parental controls, filters and privacy settings on devices are working as intended and remain appropriate for their child(ren)'s age and needs. I would also encourage families to have regular conversations with their child(ren) about their online activity, the apps and games they use, and how to stay safe and respectful when interacting with others online.

This first week back has absolutely flown by and there have already been so many exciting opportunities for our children. This week alone, some children have enjoyed their first Rock Steady sessions, whilst Year 1 and Year 2 have both been out on school trips. I know these experiences were thoroughly enjoyed by all, but they also provided opportunities for our children to shine. It was lovely to receive positive comments from members of the public about their behaviour, manners and enthusiasm. They were a real credit to both you as their families and to us as a school.

We were also fortunate to welcome a beekeeper into school, who shared their knowledge and passion with the children. The children learnt about the vital role bees play in pollinating plants, supporting biodiversity and helping to produce many of the foods we eat every day. It was a fascinating experience and sparked lots of thoughtful questions from the children. Chef Ashley visited Year 6 to lead a hands-on cooking workshop which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved. The children embraced the opportunity to develop their cooking skills, learn about healthy food choices and try something new. I am looking forward to hearing about, and hopefully seeing, some more culinary creations in the future!

Mrs Connor welcomed our Year 5 families into school for their Family Feast on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who attended. Events such as these are incredibly important as they provide opportunities for families to come into school, spend time together and share in their child's school experience. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying lunch together.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Turner, who has recently joined our lunchtime team. We are delighted to have her as part of the Kelvedon Hatch family and I know she will be a wonderful addition to the team and our children are already enjoying getting to know her.

Just as a reminder, if you need to speak with a class teacher, please do so at the classroom door for urgent matters only or speak to the Senior Leadership Team, who are always available at the gate. For all other questions or queries, please contact teachers via the office email.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank families for their continued support with attendance. Good attendance is not only important for children's learning and progress, but it also helps to establish positive habits that will benefit them throughout their lives. By attending school regularly, arriving on time and being ready to learn each day, children develop the sense of responsibility, commitment and resilience that will support them throughout their education and in their future careers. Every day really does count, and we greatly appreciate your support in ensuring children attend regularly and make the most of every opportunity available to them. As we move into another busy week, filled with more learning, events and opportunities, I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and find some time to relax and recharge with your families. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



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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	99.1%	92.5%	95.5%	86.3%	92.4%	93.4%	94.9%	93%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception	Year 2	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	97.7%	96.5%	97.3%	94.6%	89.2%	92.7%	95.3%	94.4%

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
Polly	Naomi	Amelia	Nellie	Evie	Boston	Scarlett



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Zach in Year 6 always demonstrates our values throughout all he does, it does not go un-noticed! So well done on receiving this week's Headteacher award. Well done!



Diary Dates

Wednesday 10 June – 100% attendance party

Thursday 11 June – Year 6 Family Feast

Friday 12 June – Reception start Forest School

Friday 12 June – Children's parliament letters to be submitted

Thursday 25 June – Year 3 Roman workshop

Monday 29 June–Friday 3 July – Year 6 residential activities

Tuesday 7 July – One Plan Meetings

Friday 10 July – Sports Day & PTA summer fair

Please note that some dates unavoidably may change.



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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	1 (8%)	3 (25%)	3 (25%)		1 (8%)	4 (33%)	5 (41%)
Year 1		2 (12%)	1 (6%)	2 (12%)	2 (12%)	9 (56%)	11 (69%)
Year 2	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	16 (75%)	17 (80%)
Year 3	6 (26%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)		6 (26%)	9 (40%)	15 (66%)
Year 4	3 (11%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	3 (11%)	18 (66%)	21 (77%)
Year 5	3 (15%)		1 (5%)	1 (5%)	4 (20%)	11 (55%)	15 (75%)
Year 6				2 (7%)	15 (50%)	13 (43%)	28 (93%)

Well done to Year 6, where 93% of their pupils read four times or more this week.



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Important reminders

If your child is absent, please ensure you inform the school office by 8.30 on the first morning of their absence. You can do this by, calling the office on 01277 372341 or emailing office@kelvedonhatch.essex.sch.uk Please 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](#).

There is no entitlement in law for pupils to take time off during term-time to go on holiday or be otherwise absent for the purpose of leisure or recreation. All applications for a leave of absence must be made in writing in advance.



Categorising attendance and learning hours lost

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance (days)	Whole days absent	Lost learning hours	Level of concern
Excellent	100%	190	0	0	Green
	99%	188	2	10	
Good	98%	186	4	20	Green
	97%	184	6	30	
	96%	182.5	7.5	37.5	
Cause for concern	95%	180.5	9.5	47.5	Orange
	94%	179	11	55	
	93%	177	13	65	
	92%	175	15	75	
	91%	173	17	85	
Unsatisfactory	90%	171	19	95	Red
	89%	169	21	105	
	88%	167	23	115	
	87%	165	25	125	
	86%	163	27	135	
Critical	85%	161.5	28.5	142.5	Red
	84%	159.5	30.5	152.5	
	83%	158	32	160	
	82%	156	34	170	
	81%	154	36	180	
	80%	152	38	190	



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