



# NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



## Headteacher's Comment:

This week, the children have continued to be busy and engaged in their learning across the school. It has been lovely to see them so settled, focused and enthusiastic as they build on what they already know and challenge themselves further in their learning.

A gentle reminder that Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. We really look forward to meeting with you and working together to talk about your child's progress, strengths and next steps. These conversations are so important in ensuring we continue to support every child to feel confident, happy and successful at school.

This week, Year 4 shared their Class Assembly, and it was a real pleasure to watch. The children spoke clearly and confidently, and it was wonderful to see just how much their confidence has grown. They should be incredibly proud of themselves; they represented their class and our school beautifully.

Looking ahead to next Friday, we will be holding the PTA Art Sale alongside the Book Look. Please do make time to come along and see the children's hard work on display. The artwork they have produced is something to be celebrated, and the children are always so proud to share their learning with you. We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating their achievements together.

This week, our Infant classes were lucky enough to take part in an imagination and drama workshop, 'Midnight at the Toy Shop'. These experiences are so valuable for our younger children, as they support confidence, creativity and communication, while also giving children the opportunity to express themselves in a safe, supportive and fun way. The children were completely immersed in the sessions and showed fantastic enthusiasm, imagination and confidence as they took part. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and it was lovely to see so many children joining in, building their confidence and having fun together.

Children's Mental Health Week is a national event that helps us focus on the importance of emotional wellbeing for both children and families. It begins on Monday 9 February, and this year's theme is 'This is My Place', which explores the idea of belonging, how children feel a sense of belonging themselves and how we can support others to feel included and valued. Throughout the week, children will take part in a range of age-appropriate activities and discussions that support them in talking about their feelings, developing resilience and understanding where they can seek help and support if they need it.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe weekend.



## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 10 & Wednesday 11 February** – Parent's Evening  
**Friday 13 February** – PTA Art Exhibition & parent book look  
**Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February** – HALF TERM  
**Wednesday 25 February** – Year 6 Harry Potter trip  
**Tuesday 3 March** – 100% attendance party

**Wednesday 4 March** – Year 2 class assembly

**Thursday 5 March** – World Book Day

**Tuesday 10 March** – One Plan Meetings

**Wednesday 11 March** – Year 1 class assembly

**Friday 13 March** – Year 1 start Forest School

**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	100%	92.5%	99.1%	93%	85.4%	94.7%	98.3%	94.2%

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
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	98.2%	96.2%	98.2%	94.7%	89.2%	93%	95.5%	94.6%

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Reception & Year 2	Year 1	Year 6



## Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lily-Mae	Teddy	Mia	Abdul	Wanipa	Mia	Tommy



## Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

This week's Headteacher's Award goes to Inaaya in Year 6 for showing great maturity and honesty.

Well done!



## Important reminders

We no longer use Studybugs to report pupil absence. 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](mailto:office@kelvedonhatch.essex.sch.uk) Please leave a reason as to why they are absent.

If you move house, or update your email address or phone number, please ensure you inform the school office so we have the correct contact details for you and you receive all communication from us.



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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 (10%)			5 (50%)	1 (10%)	3 (30%)	4 (40%)
Year 1		2 (13%)	2 (13%)	2 (13%)	1 (6%)	6 (40%)	7 (46%)
Year 2		1 (5%)		2 (9%)	5 (22%)	15 (65%)	20 (87%)
Year 3	5 (22%)	2 (8%)			5 (22%)	11 (48%)	16 (70%)
Year 4		1 (4%)	1 (4%)	3 (12%)	4 (16%)	16 (64%)	20 (80%)
Year 5	1 (5%)			1 (5%)	1 (5%)	16 (85%)	17 (90%)
Year 6					18 (60%)	12 (40%)	30 (100%)

Well done to Year 6, where 100% of their pupils read four times or more this week.



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# GOOD TIMEKEEPING



## What to do the night before:

Get everything you need for school ready



Set your alarm allowing plenty of time

Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school



Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime

Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!



**Five minutes late per day soon adds up to three days of lost school time**

For mental health support for young people  
visit: [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)



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