



Friday 9 January 2026

# NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



## Headteacher's Comment:

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and, to anyone I have not yet managed to say it to, a very Happy New Year. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back this week. The children have returned looking rested, very smart and full of enthusiasm, which has been a pleasure to see. This week I have heard lots of exciting news about the Christmas holidays and have already seen some brilliant work being produced in classrooms. It has also been lovely to see the children reconnecting with one another, chatting, playing and socialising so happily together. They are continuing to enjoy the lunchtime equipment, as you will see below, and it has been great to watch them using it cooperatively and responsibly.

The week was made even more exciting when the snow began to fall! The children were very excited by this, and it certainly added to the winter atmosphere around school. With the colder weather now well and truly here, please can I remind you to ensure that children are coming to school wrapped up warmly and prepared for the cold conditions. It has also been lovely to see some of our children already wearing the new school fleece, which is now available to purchase as part of our school uniform.

On Monday, the teachers returned to school for a training day. These days are extremely valuable, allowing staff time to develop their practice. Our teachers work incredibly hard to ensure that the children in their care are not only learning well, but are also happy, safe and supported.

Our school attendance to date stands at 94%. The national target for schools is 96%, and we are keen to continue encouraging children to be in school every day and to arrive on time. Even small amounts of missed time can have a big impact: being just 10 minutes late each day adds up to almost an hour of lost learning each week. Good attendance helps children build routines, maintain friendships and make the most of every learning opportunity. Please also remember to communicate with us in the event of an absence so that we can offer support where needed.

This week I have also seen many children for Reading Club. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you about our Reading Owl and the expectations around reading at home. We encourage each child to read at home at least four times a week. Regular reading has a huge impact on children's confidence, fluency, comprehension and enjoyment of books, and it supports their learning across the whole curriculum. Thank you for your continued support with this at home.

If you ever feel that you need more clarity about anything, please do speak directly to your child's class teacher or to myself. We are always happy to talk things through and welcome open communication to ensure everyone feels informed and reassured.

Wishing you all a happy and safe weekend.



## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 13 January** – 100% attendance party

**Thursday 15 January** – Favourites Day lunch

**Wednesday 28 January** – Year 5 class assembly

**Friday 30 January** – Year 2 start Forest School

**Wednesday 4 February** – Year 4 class assembly

**Tuesday 10 & Wednesday 11 February** – Parent's Evening

**Friday 13 February** – PTA Art Exhibition

**Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February** – HALF TERM

**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%	100%	98.9%	96.6%	90.6%	87.5%	98.3%	95.5%

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Reception & Year 1	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%	96.6%	98.5%	94.6%	90.4%	92.8%	95.5%	94.9%

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Year 2	Reception	Year 1



## Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Brooke	Josie	Jake	Chloe	Daisy	Lois	Winnie



## Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

This week's Headteacher Award goes to Xander in Year 3, for always demonstrating the KHCPs values and being a positive role model to others. Well done Xander!



## 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 via the Studybugs app, 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 are unsure if your child should be at school, please check the guidance from the [NHS](#).



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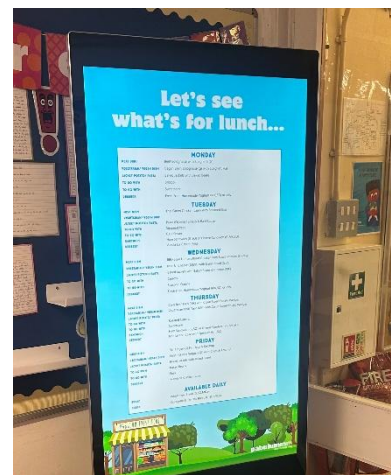
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## Reading at Home

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		1 (10%)	1 (10%)	2 (20%)	1 (10%)	5 (50%)	6 (60%)
Year 1		2 (13%)	2 (13%)	2 (13%)	1 (6%)	6 (40%)	7 (46%)
Year 2	2 (9%)		1 (4%)	2 (9%)	1 (4%)	17 (74%)	18 (75%)
Year 3	5 (23%)	3 (13%)	1 (5%)	2 (9%)	1 (5%)	10 (45%)	11 (50%)
Year 4	2 (8%)	3 (12%)	5 (19%)	1 (3%)		15 (58%)	15 (58%)
Year 5	3 (15%)		2 (10%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	13 (65%)	14 (70%)
Year 6	2 (7%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)		1 (3%)	25 (84%)	26 (87%)
Well done to Year 6, where 87% of their pupils read four times or more this week.							



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