



Friday 9 October 2026

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

It has been another busy and positive week at Kelvedon Hatch, with lots of opportunities for our children to think about themselves, others and the wider community.

Today, we celebrated Young Minds Hello Yellow event, with children and staff wearing yellow accessories to show their support for young people's mental health. I led an assembly with the children about feelings, kindness and belonging. We talked about how everyone experiences different emotions, that our feelings can change throughout the day and that people may show their feelings in different ways. We also explored the difference between equality and equity understanding that being fair does not always mean everyone receiving exactly the same thing, but making sure people have the support they need to participate and succeed. We also spoke about the importance of having trusted adults in our lives and making sure children know who they can talk to, both at school and at home, if they are worried, upset or simply need someone to listen. Most importantly, the children reflected on how we can look after our own mental health and support one another. We talked about recognising and naming our feelings, knowing who we can speak to when we need help, and remembering that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Our message was simple: everyone has feelings, everyone needs help sometimes, everyone deserves kindness and everyone belongs. This links with our school values and our commitment to ensuring that every child feels safe, happy and ready to learn. We also spoke about respect and listening to others and what this looks like in practice. We all want to feel listened to and respected, so it is important that we show that same respect in return, listening when others are speaking, following instructions, thinking about how we speak to one another and responding appropriately when we are asked to change our behaviour.

This week, Miss Andrews and Miss Allen also led an assembly to mark Black History Month. The children learnt about why Black History Month is celebrated and why it is important that we learn about and recognise the achievements, experiences and contributions of Black people throughout history and today. Learning about Black history helps our children to understand and appreciate the diverse world in which they live. It encourages them to be curious, respectful and open-minded, while reinforcing the importance of equality, inclusion and celebrating what makes each of us unique.

Thank you to our PTA who helped us to celebrate World Teacher Day on Monday and provided our class teachers with items to enhance their classrooms, including a new chair, books shelves and lights for the reading area in Year 1/2.

We are looking forward to welcoming families into school for our upcoming Parents' Evening. This is an important opportunity for teachers and families to come together to discuss how children have settled into the school year, celebrate their successes and talk about their learning, progress and next steps. The partnership between home and school makes such a difference, and these conversations help us to work together to ensure every child is supported to achieve their best. When you attend Parents' Evening, we will also be asking you to complete our parent survey. Your voice really matters to us, and we ask that you answer the questions based on your experience of the school. We want to hear what you feel we do well, as well as where you think we could continue to improve. We use the feedback from our families to reflect on what we are doing and to help inform our priorities moving forward. We look forward to welcoming you all and having the opportunity to speak with you about the most important people at KHCPs, our children. Booking is via MCAS and closes at the end of the school day on Monday.

A reminder too about school uniform and ensuring that children come to school wearing the correct uniform each day. For Forest School, it is particularly important that children have the correct clothing and footwear with them. Unfortunately, children will not be able to participate without the appropriate Forest School clothing, as this is necessary for their safety. Please keep an eye out for reminders on MCAS for your child's class throughout the year so that you know when their Forest School sessions are taking place.

I think we are finally having to succumb to the idea that it is getting a little chillier! The weather is rather unpredictable at the moment, so please try to send your child into school with something suitable so that, at the drop of a hat, they are covered if the weather changes during the day.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone, and I hope the weather brightens up for us!



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Weekly Attendance

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Class	Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	91.9%	96.9%	100%	90.7%	89.8%	83.8%	92.6%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 3	Year 1/2	Reception



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2 September

Class	Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	97.1%	96.8%	99.1%	95.6%	92.7%	86.8%	94.8%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 3	Reception	Year 1/2



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Evie	Wren	Mia	Xander	Jimmy	Louie



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

This week's Headteacher's Award goes to Wanipa in Year 5 for showing kindness to another pupil.

Well done!



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, using MCAS 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. Thank you for your continued support in helping us give every child the best possible opportunity to learn.



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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 (13.33%)		3 (20%)	3 (20%)	1 (6.67%)	6 (40%)	7 (46.67%)
Year 1/2	3 (10%)	1 (3.5%)	2 (7%)	1 (3.5%)	4 (14%)	18 (62%)	22 (76%)
Year 3	4 (13%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	2 (8%)	15 (64%)	17 (72%)
Year 4	7 (28%)			5 (20%)	2 (8%)	11 (44%)	13 (52%)
Year 5	8 (30%)		1 (3.5%)	1 (3.5%)	4 (15%)	13 (48%)	17 (63%)
Year 6	3 (16%)				5 (27%)	11 (57%)	16 (84%)
Well done to Year 6, where 84% of their pupils read four times or more this week.							



Diary Dates

- Monday 12 October** – Year 5 Ancient Egyptian workshop
 - Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 October** – Parent's Evening
 - Wednesday 14 October** – Prospective Reception children tour for parents (09.15)
 - Thursday 15 October** – Reception trip to Thorndon Park
 - Friday 16 October** – Last day of half term & non-uniform day
 - Monday 2 November** – Back to school
 - Wednesday 4 November** - Prospective Reception children tour for parents (09.15)
 - Thursday 5 & Friday 6 November** – Book Fair
 - Tuesday 10 November** – 100% attendance party
 - Thursday 12 November** – Prostrike fundraising event
 - Friday 13 November** – Year 3 start Forest School (this has been postponed a week)
 - Wednesday 18 November** – Flu vaccinations
 - Thursday 19 November** – Essex Child and Family Wellbeing service drop in (09.00)
 - Tuesday 8 December** – EYFS & KS1 nativity
- Please note that some dates unavoidably may change. We apologise if this does happen.**



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What to do

Advice on childhood illnesses



Go to school; if needed, get treatment as required



Some restrictions for school attendance



Don't go to school and see the GP

What it's called?	What it's like	Going to school	Getting treatment	More advice
Asthma flare up	Worsening of usual symptoms	➡	Follow your care plan	Stay off school if feeling too unwell
Chicken pox	Rash begins as small, red, flat spots that develop into itchy fluid-filled blisters	➡	Pharmacy	Back to school five days after on-set of the rash, or when all lesions are crusted over
Common cold	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat	➡	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Conjunctivitis	Teary, red, itchy, painful eye(s)	➡	Pharmacy	Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading*
Flu	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache, body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat	➡	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene*
German measles/ Rubella	Fever, tiredness. Raised, red, rash that starts on the face and spreads downwards	●	GP	Back to school four days after the rash has started, if feeling well enough. Please let the school know, as pregnant members of staff may be affected.
Glandular fever	High temperature, swollen glands, sore throat; usually more painful than any before	➡	GP	*
Hand, foot & mouth disease	Fever, sore throat, headache, small painful blisters inside the mouth on tongue and gums (may appear on hands and feet)	➡	GP	Attend school while monitoring symptoms
Head lice	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night)	➡	Pharmacy	
Impetigo	Clusters of red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness	●	GP	Back to school when lesions crust or 48 hours after start of antibiotics
Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, watery inflamed eyes, rash	●	GP	Back to school four days from on-set of rash, and if feeling well enough
Ringworm	Red ring shaped rash, may be itchy, rash may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty	➡	Pharmacy	
Scabies	Itching rash, commonly between fingers, wrists, elbows, arm	➡	GP	Back to school after first treatment
Scarlet fever	Fever, unwell, red tongue, sandpaper rash	●	GP	Exclusion period during first 24 hours of antibiotics*
Shingles	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister-type rash	➡	GP	Only stay off school if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Sickness bug/ diarrhoea	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea	➡	Pharmacy	Contact GP if symptoms persist after 48 hours
Threadworms	Intense itchiness around anus	➡	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Tonsillitis/ Strep throat	Intense sore throat for more than 1 day	➡	Pharmacy	See GP if temperature lasts more than 48 hours or cannot swallow. Only need to stay off school if feeling too unwell
Whooping cough	Violent coughing, with a 'whoop'	●	GP	Exclusion period during first five days of antibiotics
Covid				Visit www.nhs.uk for latest guidance

*Attend school while monitoring symptoms.

This information is a guide and has been checked by health professionals. If you are unsure about your child's wellbeing, we recommend you contact your pharmacy or GP to check.

Should my child go to school/nursery today?

Hertfordshire and West Essex Healthier Together for further information
<https://www.hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk/parentscarers>

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