



Friday 10 July 2026

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt farewell to Mrs Stander, who will be leaving us at the end of this term after a year and a half at Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School. During her time with us, she has shown great dedication and commitment to our children and school community, and we are grateful for all of her hard work. We wish her every success as she begins her new Senior Leadership role and know she will be a fantastic asset to her new school. Good luck, Mrs Stander! We are also saying farewell to Mrs Kemp who has been teaching Reception for the last term. We thank her for all of her work as she returns to Hogarth Primary School.

A quick reminder that next week marks the end of our Sunflower Competition! If your sunflowers are blooming, please remember to take a photograph and send it to the school office by Wednesday 15 July next to tape measure so we can see their height. We can't wait to see how they've grown and to announce both our school winners and the overall winners across the Trust. Come on, KHCPs, let's see if we can bring home the top spot! 🌻

We are delighted to share that we have once again achieved the Gold School Games Mark in recognition of our commitment to PE, school sport and physical activity. This is a fantastic achievement for our school community and reflects the enthusiasm and participation of our children throughout the year. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to this success. Next year, we will be looking for children to take on leadership roles, helping to promote sport and encourage healthy, active lifestyles across the school.

It was wonderful to see so many families at our Sports Day and Family Picnic. The children demonstrated fantastic determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day, and it was lovely to see everyone enjoying the picnic together afterwards. Community events like these are incredibly important as they bring our school family together, strengthen relationships and create lasting memories for our children. A huge thank you to our PTA for providing refreshments and for their continued support of the school.

We are looking forward to welcoming many of you to the PTA Summer BBQ this afternoon. Our PTA have worked incredibly hard to organise what promises to be a fantastic event for everyone to enjoy, and we are very grateful for the time and effort they continue to give in supporting our school community.

A huge well done must also go to our Year 6 pupils, whose Mini Fayre was a great success. The children demonstrated excellent creativity, teamwork and entrepreneurial skills, and it was wonderful to see how much everyone enjoyed visiting the stalls. We certainly have some budding entrepreneurs amongst us, and we are incredibly proud of what they achieved.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful weekend. We look forward to sharing the final week of the summer term with you as we celebrate the many achievements of our children before they enjoy a well-deserved summer break. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Diary Dates

Monday 13 July – Summer concert (14.30)

Wednesday 15 July – 100% attendance party

Wednesday 15 July – Sunflower competition end date

Friday 17 July – Year 6 leavers assembly (13.45)

Monday 20 July - Monday 31 August – Summer holidays

Tuesday 1 September – Inset day

Wednesday 2 September – Children return to school

Please note that some dates unavoidably may change.

We apologise 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	97.2%	95.1%	100%	91.8%	86.1%	86%	95%	92.5%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 2	Reception	Year 1



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	97.5%	95.4%	97.3%	94.1%	88.9%	91.6%	95%	93.9%

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
Lilly	Josie	Sonny	Chloe	Cayo	Gabriella	Ethan



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

This week's Headteacher's Award goes to Ben in Year 6 for the maturity he has shown this year. His positive attitude, responsibility and growing confidence have been wonderful to see. Congratulations Ben!



Important reminders

As we approach the end of the school year, we would like to remind all families that good attendance remains incredibly important. Every day in school counts and helps children make the most of their learning and end the year positively. If your child has a medical or other unavoidable appointment during the school day, please provide the school office with the appointment confirmation in advance. This helps us ensure that our attendance records remain accurate.

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	4 (33%)	2 (17%)		1 (8%)	2 (17%)	3 (25%)	5 (42%)
Year 1	3 (19%)		2 (12%)	3 (19%)	2 (12%)	3 (19%)	5 (33%)
Year 2	3 (12%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	6 (25%)		11 (53%)	11 (53%)
Year 3	7 (35%)	1 (5%)		1 (5%)	5 (25%)	5 (25%)	10 (50%)
Year 4	5 (19%)	1 (4%)	3 (12%)	2 (8%)	4 (15%)	11 (42%)	15 (57%)
Year 5	5 (26%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	4 (21%)	7 (37%)	11 (58%)
Year 6	2 (7%)				18 (60%)	10 (33%)	28 (93%)
Well done to Year XXX, where over XXX% of their pupils read four times or more this week.							



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