



Friday 10 October 2025

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

The first Local Schools Committee meeting of the year took place on Thursday. It was a productive discussion where we considered the school's priorities for the year ahead. I am grateful to our governors for the commitment and experience in supporting our school.

We worked with our local Kinder Essex coach, Amy, on a fun Autumn initiative named "Conquering Kindness". The children decorated conkers and gave them new identities...as hedgehogs! Amy will be working with volunteers who will group the hedgehogs into families and make them some living quarters, the hedgehogs will then be delivered to local care homes who will give them a warm home for the Winter! This was a great opportunity to be involved in a fun community project bringing the younger and older generations together.

During our celebration assemblies, it is always wonderful to see the children bringing in their achievements from home and sharing them with everyone, it really helps us celebrate their successes both in and out of school. It is also lovely to watch the children perform in assembly, showing their confidence and talents in so many different ways. I now have a growing list of children who would like to perform, and this is fantastic to see, as it really shows that there is something here for every child to take part in and enjoy.

This week, we want to say a huge thank you to all our teachers for their incredible effort, dedication, and care, they truly make a difference every single day. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the PTA for helping to make the teachers at KHCPs feel so valued and appreciated through their generosity and thoughtful support. It has been so lovely to see everyone come together to recognise and celebrate our wonderful staff. A big thank you as well to all our parents for their continued support, these special moments simply wouldn't be possible without you.

On the note of thanking parents for their support, we would also like to recognise how important your help is in enabling us to attend local sporting events. The events we have participated in this week, and others throughout the year, are only possible because parents take the time to transport and support their children. While we can't attend every sporting event on the calendar, we do make every effort to take part in a variety of activities so that as many children as possible can experience and enjoy representing the school. We were really proud of the children who represented KHCPs this week at Cross Country and Basketball events, they showed fantastic teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout. Taking part in these events gives the children a wonderful opportunity to develop their confidence, resilience, and sense of pride in belonging to our school community. A big thank you also goes to Mrs Whannell and the staff who accompany and support these events for their hard work, organisation, and dedication.

An email has been sent to parents regarding an admission arrangements consultation for 2027/2028. The information is also on our website and we are interested to hear the views of parents/carers so please contact us by Friday 5 December with any queries or feedback you may have.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, we wish you all a lovely and restful weekend.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 14 October – ProStrike Football Challenge

Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 October – Parents' evening

Friday 17 October – Non-uniform day & last day of term

Monday 3 November – Return to school

Wednesday 5 November – EYFS & Year 1 phonics workshop

Friday 7 November – Year 3 start Forest School

Monday 10 November – Reception Road Safety workshop

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	98.75%	97.33%	97%	98.3%	89.6%	95.5%	95%	95.5%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception	Year 3	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	98.5%	98%	99.2%	95%	92.8%	95%	94.7%	95.8%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 2	Reception	Year 1



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Oscar	Freddy	Oscar	Nellie	Evie	Louie	Penelope



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

This week's Headteacher Award goes to Charlie in Year 3 for his perseverance and being kind and considerate to both children and staff, he always puts a smile on our faces with his cheerful attitude.



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 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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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 (6%)		1 (6%)	1 (6%)	2 (13%)	11 (69%)	13 (82%)
Year 1				2 (13%)	2 (13%)	11 (73%)	13 (86%)
Year 2				1 (4%)	4 (18%)	18 (78%)	22 (96%)
Year 3	2 (9%)	1 (4%)		2 (9%)	4 (17%)	14 (61%)	18 (78%)
Year 4			4 (15%)	3 (11%)	2 (7%)	18 (67%)	20 (74%)
Year 5	1 (5%)		1 (5%)		1 (5%)	17 (85%)	18 (90%)
Year 6					15 (50%)	15 (50%)	30 (100%)

Well done to Year 6 with 100% of their pupils reading four times or more this week. Year 2 were a close second!



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