



Friday 11 September 2026

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

It has been a really positive start to the new academic year, and I have been so pleased with how well the children have settled back into school. There is always lots to get used to in September – new classrooms, new teachers, new routines and, for some children, a completely new school, but our children have embraced these changes brilliantly.

One of the best parts of my role is being able to go in and out of classrooms throughout the week, talking to the children and seeing their learning first-hand. It has been great to see so much fantastic learning already taking place across the school. I have seen children listening carefully, contributing confidently, working together, persevering when things are challenging and, most importantly, enjoying their learning. I have also really enjoyed talking to the children about how they are finding their new classes and hearing about what they have been learning. There is a lovely sense of enthusiasm around the school, and it has been particularly pleasing to see how quickly the children have settled into their routines and expectations.

A special mention must also go to our Reception children, who are at the very beginning of their journey with us. Starting school is a huge milestone, and we are incredibly proud of how well they are settling into school life, getting to know the adults and children around them and becoming increasingly confident with their new routines. Thank you, as always, to our families for supporting such a positive start to the year. The partnership between home and school is incredibly important.

Our parent meetings will be taking place next week, and I would really encourage parents and carers to attend. These early meetings are particularly important because they give you the opportunity to meet your child's teacher, hear about how they have settled into their new class and share any information that may help us to support them. We know that children do best when school and home work together. Building that relationship with your child's teacher early in the year means that we can celebrate successes together, identify any worries or difficulties early and make sure that there is open communication throughout the year. Please remember that you do not have to wait until a parent meeting if you have a concern. We would always rather you speak to us so that we can work together to resolve things as quickly as possible.

As we settle into the new school year, I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of a few of our expectations. These help us to keep the school running safely and smoothly and, most importantly, ensure that our children are Safe, Happy and Learning. Attendance and punctuality continue to be a key priority. Please ensure children arrive at school on time and attend every day that they are well enough to do so. Every school day matters, and regular attendance gives children the best opportunity to learn, make progress, build friendships and feel fully part of school life.

If your child is absent, please contact the school and provide a reason for their absence. Please also ensure that we have three up-to-date emergency contacts for your child and let the office know promptly if telephone numbers, addresses or other important information change. It is essential that we can contact someone quickly should we need to. Please ensure children come to school in the correct school uniform and that clothing, coats, water bottles and other belongings are clearly named. As the weather becomes more changeable, children should also bring an appropriate coat to school each day. Please ensure that the school office is informed of any changes to your child's usual collection arrangements, including if somebody different will be collecting them, either at 15.15 or after clubs. Our first priority is always to keep your children safe, and we can only release a child when we are confident that the appropriate arrangements have been made. If someone arrives to collect a child and we have not been informed of the change, the child will be taken to the school office while we make contact with a parent/carer or authorised contact to confirm the arrangements. We appreciate that this may sometimes cause a short delay, but we hope you understand that this is an important part of our safeguarding procedures and we always put the safety of our children first.

I would also like to remind everyone about the importance of respectful communication. Our school values of Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance and Safety are at the heart of everything we do and apply to everyone within our school community. We understand that there may be occasions when parents have questions or concerns, and we will always listen and work with you. We ask that conversations remain respectful so that together we can focus on achieving the best outcome for your child.

Finally, I would like you to join me in wishing Miss Bulley all the very best as she leaves us to spend this precious time bringing up her little boy. Miss Bulley has been a valued member of our school community, and we are very grateful for everything she has given to the children and the school during her time with us. Although we are sad to see her leave, we know that she is beginning a very special new chapter, having this time with her little boy and watching him grow will bring many wonderful moments, and I am sure you will join all of us at KH in wishing Miss Bulley and her family lots of happiness and many special memories together.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe weekend.



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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	94.8%	98.4%	100%	95.6%	92.1%	85.4%	94.7%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 3	Year 1/2	Year 4



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2 September

Class	Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	96.7%	98.7%	98.2%	95.7%	89.3%	90.1%	94.8%

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



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Olivia	Jake	Leo	Oliver	Finn	Nelly



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

This week's Headteacher's Award goes to Adam in Year 3 for making positive choices and helping others.
Well done!



Important reminders

After-school clubs are open to pupils of all ages, genders, and abilities. Taking part in sports is a fantastic way for children to build teamwork, confidence, and resilience. We hope that as many pupils as possible will take the opportunity to participate. Clubs only go ahead with a minimum number of participants so please book as soon as you are able to.

Monday – Basketball | Tuesday – Tennis | Thursday – Football | Friday – Cricket.

Please contact the office for booking links for just one session or the whole half term.



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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 (26%)	2 (13%)	1 (6.7%)	4 (26%)	1 (6.7%)	3 (20%)	4 (26%)
Year 1/2	1 (4%)	3 (12%)	2 (8%)	3 (12%)	6 (23%)	11 (41%)	17 (65%)
Year 3	6 (25%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	2 (8%)	3 (12%)	11 (45%)	14 (57%)
Year 4	9 (36%)	2 (8%)	1 (4%)	4 (16%)	2 (8%)	5 (20%)	7 (28%)
Year 5	7 (26%)	2 (7%)		3 (11%)	4 (15%)	11 (41%)	15 (50%)
Year 6		2 (12.5%)	1 (6.5%)		2 (12.5%)	11 (68.5%)	13 (81%)
Well done to Year 6, where over 80% of their pupils read four times or more this week.							



Diary Dates

Tuesday 15 September – Therapy dog sessions restart

Tuesday 15 September – Reception and Year 1/2 parent welcome meeting (15.20)

Wednesday 16 September – Years 3 & 4 parent welcome meeting (15.20)

Thursday 17 September – Years 5 & 6 parent welcome meeting (15.20)

Friday 18 September – Forest School starts for Year 4

Tuesday 22 September – Coffee afternoon for SEND parents (14.45)

Wednesday 30 September – Year 3 trip to Chelmsford Museum

Thursday 1 October – Individual and sibling photographs

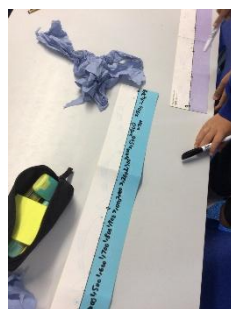
Monday 12 October – Year 5 Ancient Egyptian workshop

Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 October – Parent's Evening

Thursday 15 October – Reception trip to Thorndon Park

Friday 16 October – Last day of half term

Please note that some dates unavoidably may change. We apologise if this does happen.



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Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

Primary Age Drop In

The School Age team at Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Services will now be providing drops ins for parents/carers at your child's primary school. The drops ins are available for all parents/carers of primary aged children.

The Team can offer support around.

- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Improving sleep
- Nutrition support
- Physical health
- Personal hygiene
- Managing health conditions
- Signposting, advice and support

No need to book just come along.

For more information

Tel-0300 247 0013- (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

**Primary School Age drop ins, at
your child's school.**

9am-10am

Thursday 19 November

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