



Friday 12 December 2025

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

What a truly special week it has been, thank you to everyone who joined us for the nativity. It's always such a joy to see the children's hard work come to life on stage; their confidence, teamwork and enthusiasm shone through in every moment. A huge thank you as well to our wonderful staff, whose creativity, care and effort made the performance possible. We look forward to welcoming the families of our KS2 children next Wednesday at 14:45 for the sing-along; please remember to wrap up warm!

It has been wonderful to see the fantastic work the children are completing across the school, and truly lovely to see the progress they have already made this year. Our Reception children's writing is coming along brilliantly, and it's a joy to see their confidence growing week by week. I also had the pleasure of reading Year 5's work on life in the Alps, and I was so impressed by their detail, knowledge and enthusiasm. Well done to all our pupils for their continued hard work!

As we come to the end of term, I want to gently remind all our families how important it is to take a moment for yourselves. This time of year can feel especially demanding, and prioritising your own wellbeing helps you to better support your children too.

This week I had the pleasure of meeting the founders of Create Yourself Calm, a Community Interest Company and Creative Health Provider supporting mental health for parents through creative practice. I'm delighted to share that, starting in 2026, we will be offering free monthly community workshops in Kelvedon Hatch, funded by Brentwood Council.

This project has been funded by the UK Government, so they are free for adults. The workshops blend creativity and mindfulness, offering calming, supportive spaces for both beginners and more experienced creatives. The aim is to help individuals develop a toolkit of holistic skills to support mental health, emotional wellbeing, resilience and self-awareness.

If you're interested in getting involved sooner, sessions are running from January, and they offer a lovely opportunity to pause, unwind and enjoy some creative time for yourself. Caring for ourselves is an important part of caring for our families.

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising the pantomime for the children last week, many of them are still talking about it with such excitement! I am very much looking forward to seeing you all later at the PTA Winter Fair, the hall is looking very festive and the children are excited! It is set to be a lovely community event, and we are incredibly grateful for all the hard work the PTA put into making these experiences possible. None of these events would happen without their dedication and support. Thank you!

Wishing you all a very happy and safe weekend.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 17 December – KS2 Christmas sing-a-long

Thursday 18 December – Christmas lunch & jumper day

Monday 5 January – INSET DAY

Tuesday 6 January – Children return to school

Wednesday 7 January - Year 6 height & weight checks

Tuesday 13 January – 100% attendance party

Thursday 15 January – Favourites Day lunch

Wednesday 29 January – Year 1 class assembly

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	98.8%	94.7%	98.3%	90.9%	87.1%	92%	98%	94%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception	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%	96.4%	98.5%	94.7%	91%	93%	95.1%	94.9%

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
Whole class	Santino	Keira	Violet	Jimmy	Gabriella	Taye



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

This week's Headteacher Award goes to Gabriella in Year 5 for demonstrating the KHCPS values and always being a kind friend.



Important reminders

Please be mindful of parking safely at drop off and pick up times and be considerate of our neighbours. We ask that if you can park in the Village Hall and walk to the school where possible to ensure a safe and calm environment outside the school.



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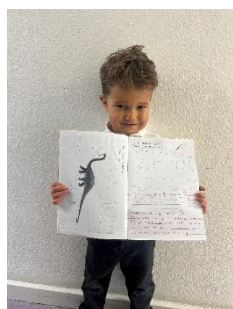


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Reading at Home

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 (7%)		2 (13%)	3 (20%)	2 (13%)	7 (47%)	9 (60%)
Year 1			2 (13%)	1 (7%)	2 (13%)	8 (53%)	10 (66%)
Year 2	2 (9%)	1 (4%)	2 (9%)	2 (9%)	1 (4%)	15 (65%)	16 (69%)
Year 3	6 (25%)	1 (4%)	2 (8%)	1 (4%)		14 (58%)	14 (58%)
Year 4		1 (4%)	2 (8%)	1 (4%)	2 (8%)	19 (76%)	21 (84%)
Year 5	1 (5%)			2 (10%)	1 (5%)	16 (80%)	17 (85%)
Year 6					16 (53%)	14 (47%)	30 (100%)
Well done to Year 6, where 100% of their pupils read four times or more this week.							



Well done to the children to received 100% attendance this week - above are some who were picked to receive mini figures! 60 children attended the 100% attendance pizza party this half term - next half term, it's a cookie and hot chocolate! Mr Duff visited us today as below.



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