



Friday 16 October 2026

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

This week has been another busy one at Kelvedon Hatch, with trips, visitors and some fantastic opportunities for our children.

This week, we welcomed some prospective parents into school for our Reception Tour. It is always lovely to have the opportunity to show new families around our school, introduce them to our wonderful children and staff, and give them a real feel for what makes Kelvedon Hatch such a special place. Choosing a school is such an important decision for families, so we hope they enjoyed their visit and the opportunity to get to know our school better.

Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic Greek workshop this week, where they were able to bring their learning to life by taking part in a range of different activities. Experiences like this are a brilliant way for children to become immersed in their learning, helping them to develop their knowledge and understanding while having lots of fun along the way.

Our Reception children also ventured out on their visit to Thorndon Country Park, where they took part in some outdoor learning. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring, learning and spending time together outside the classroom. We were very proud to hear how well behaved they were throughout the visit and how much they enjoyed their day.

We also had a visitor in assembly this week who spoke to the children about Bonfire Night and, importantly, how to keep themselves safe around fireworks and bonfires. The children listened really well and were able to think about some of the simple things they can do to stay safe. With half term approaching and lots of exciting events taking place over the coming weeks, including Halloween and Bonfire Night celebrations, please continue to remind children about staying with their trusted adults, following safety rules and enjoying these events safely.

Lastly, I had the fantastic opportunity to take our Children's MPs to the Houses of Parliament, where they took part in the Children's Parliament debate. It was an incredibly special experience for them to sit in such an important setting, listen to the views of other young people and have the opportunity to make their own voices heard. The event was particularly meaningful as it was held in honour of Sir David Amess and his commitment to democracy and public service. Our children loved being part of the event and represented our school wonderfully. Opportunities such as this help children to understand that their opinions matter and that, as the citizens and leaders of the future, they can have a real voice in the world around them.

We have certainly packed a lot into this half term, and I think everyone is ready for a well-earned break! Remember, we have two weeks for half term, so I hope all of our children, families and staff have a wonderful break. Enjoy some time together, have a good rest, make some lovely memories and, most importantly, keep safe.

Have a fantastic half term, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2 November, refreshed and ready for another busy half term ahead!



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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	83.9%	85.3%	94.5%	89.8%	92.3%	76.6%	87.7%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 3	Year 5	Year 1/2



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2 September

Class	Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	95.3%	95.2%	98.5%	94.8%	92.7%	85.6%	93.9%

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
Millie	Albie	Luke	Minnie	Lily	Joseph



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

This week's Headteacher's Award goes to the whole of Year 3 for having the best attendance this half term.

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 get involved and participate.

Monday – Gymnastics | Tuesday – Tag Rugby | Thursday – Football | Friday – Dodgeball.

Please contact the office for booking links for just one session or the whole half term. Clubs run for six weeks starting Monday 2 November and ending on Friday 11 December.



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Reading at Home

Class	This table shows the number of children and percentages of children that have read this week.						Percentage reading 4 times or more
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	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	
Reception	4 (27%)		1 (7%)	2 (13%)	3 (20%)	5 (33%)	8 (53%)
Year 1/2	6 (21%)	3 (10.5%)	1 (3.5%)	7 (24%)	5 (17%)	7 (24%)	12 (41%)
Year 3	3 (13%)		1 (4%)	2 (9%)	4 (17%)	13 (57%)	17 (74%)
Year 4	8 (32%)		1 (4%)	2 (8%)	2 (8%)	12 (48%)	14 (56%)
Year 5	5 (18.5%)	1 (3%)	2 (8%)	2 (8%)	4 (14.5%)	13 (48%)	17 (62.5%)
Year 6	3 (16%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)		1 (5%)	13 (69%)	14 (74%)
Well done to Years 3 and 6, where 74% of their pupils read four times or more this week.							



Diary Dates

Monday 2 November – Back to school

Monday 2 November – After school gymnastics club starts – Book with Moore Coaching

Tuesday 3 November – After school tag rugby club starts – Book with WSA

Wednesday 4 November - Prospective Reception children tour for parents (09.15)

Thursday 5 November – After school football club restarts – Book with Moore Coaching

Thursday 5 & Friday 6 November – Book Fair

Friday 6 November – After school dodgeball club starts – Book with WSA

Tuesday 10 November – 100% attendance party

Thursday 12 November – Prostrike fundraising event

Friday 13 November – Year 3 start Forest School

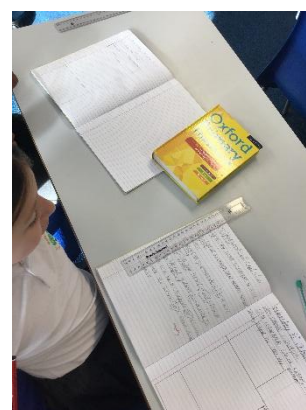
Wednesday 18 November – Flu vaccinations

Thursday 19 November – Essex Child and Family Wellbeing service drop in (09.00)

Tuesday 8 December – EYFS & KS1 nativity (09.15 and 14.00)

Tuesday 8 December – One Plan meetings

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



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Categorising attendance and learning hours lost

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance (days)	Whole days absent	Lost learning hours	Level of concern
Excellent	100%	190	0	0	Green
	99%	188	2	10	
Good	98%	186	4	20	Green
	97%	184	6	30	
	96%	182.5	7.5	37.5	
Cause for concern	95%	180.5	9.5	47.5	Orange
	94%	179	11	55	
	93%	177	13	65	
	92%	175	15	75	
	91%	173	17	85	
Unsatisfactory	90%	171	19	95	Red
	89%	169	21	105	
	88%	167	23	115	
	87%	165	25	125	
	86%	163	27	135	
Critical	85%	161.5	28.5	142.5	Red
	84%	159.5	30.5	152.5	
	83%	158	32	160	
	82%	156	34	170	
	81%	154	36	180	
	80%	152	38	190	



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