



Friday 17 July 2026

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

As we come to the end of another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire school community for your continued support throughout the year. Last Friday was a wonderful celebration of our school community. It was lovely to see so many families joining us for our Family Picnic and enjoying time together. A huge well done to our Year 6 children, whose Enterprise Fayre was a fantastic success, raising an amazing £500 for the school. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and thank you to Mrs Connor and Mrs Boost for organising this fantastic event.

A special thank you also goes to our incredible PTA team, who worked so hard to organise another fantastic Summer BBQ. Your time, commitment and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated, and the continued support from our families throughout the year has made such a difference to our school. We are incredibly grateful.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr Hage and one of his contractors for their generous sponsorship of our brand-new school team kit. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity. I am sure you will agree that the kit looks fantastic, and I know our children cannot wait to wear it with pride as they represent Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School at sporting events and competitions throughout the year.

A huge congratulations to the 20 children who achieved 100% attendance this academic year. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects their commitment to coming to school every day, ready to learn. As a reward, they enjoyed a special picnic together followed by a well-deserved ice cream. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and hope they enjoyed celebrating this wonderful milestone.

As our annual Trust Sunflower Competition came to a close this week, I would like to say a huge well done to everyone who took part. It was wonderful to see so many of you taking the time to care for your sunflowers, and we loved receiving all of your fantastic photographs. Thank you to everyone who embraced the challenge and helped make it such a success. Although we didn't take home the overall winning titles this year, we had some incredible achievements. A huge congratulations to Taye in Year 6, whose impressive sunflower reached an amazing 282cm, making it our tallest pupil sunflower. Congratulations also to Mrs Whannell, whose sunflower measured 142cm, making her our staff winner. Well done to everyone who took part, you should all be very proud of your efforts. Congratulations also to Larchwood Primary School for growing the tallest pupil sunflower and to Hogarth Primary School for growing the tallest staff sunflower. We look forward to taking on the challenge again next year!

This week, we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. Although I have only had the privilege of being their Headteacher for the past two and a half years, it has been a pleasure to watch you grow into kind, confident and resilient young people. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you and wish you every success as you begin the next exciting chapter of your journey. We wish you every happiness and success in the future. Good luck Year 6!

We would also like to wish the very best of luck to all members of our school community who are moving on this summer. To the rest of our staff team, thank you for your commitment, care and hard work throughout the year. Their dedication to our children and families is truly appreciated, and I feel fortunate to work alongside such a fantastic team. Whether you are starting a new school, a new class or a new role, remember that every new beginning brings exciting opportunities. Be brave, believe in yourselves and embrace the journey ahead with confidence. Whilst change can sometimes feel daunting, it is often where we grow the most, make new friendships and discover what we are truly capable of.

If, over the summer, you feel that your child or family, or another child or family would benefit from support or advice, please remember that help is always available through the Essex Child and Families Hub Service on 0345 603 7627.

Finally, thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. It has been another fantastic year at Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School, made possible by our amazing children, dedicated staff, supportive families, hardworking PTA and wider community. I would like to wish all of our children, families and staff a happy, safe and restful summer holiday. I hope you enjoy spending quality time together, making wonderful memories and taking the opportunity to rest and recharge ready for another exciting year in September.

Have a wonderful summer, stay safe, and we look forward to welcoming many of you back in September.



Diary Dates

Monday 20 July - Monday 31 August – Summer holidays

Tuesday 1 September – Inset day

Wednesday 2 September – Children return to school

Tuesday 8 September – Rocksteady sessions restart

Wednesday 9 September – Reception phonics workshop (14.30)

Tuesday 15 September – Therapy dog sessions restart

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	96.3%	93.1%	95%	95%	89.1%	84.4%	98.1%	93%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 6	Reception	Years 2 & 3



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%	97.2%	94.1%	88.9%	91.4%	95.1%	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
Nana	Whole class	Ghaysan	Abdul	Sadie	Laicee	Whole class



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

This week's Headteacher's Award goes to the whole of Year 6 for growing into kind, confident and resilient young people. Well done to the class of 2026!



Important reminders

Please make sure the children are wearing the correct uniform, the website outlines what the children should be wearing: [Uniform - Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School](#). Children should all be wearing black shoes, **NO TRAINERS OR BOOTS**. Please remember we do not allow jewellery in school except a watch from Year 3 onwards. Long hair (below shoulder-length) must be tied back at all times; mid-length hair should be held back from the face so as not to obscure children's vision while working at desks. Thank you



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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 (50%)	1 (13%)	1 (13%)			2 (25%)	2 (25%)
Year 1	13 (82%)	1 (6%)			1 (6%)	1 (6%)	2 (12%)
Year 2	6 (25%)	1 (5%)	2 (10%)	1 (5%)	5 (25%)	7 (30%)	12 (55%)
Year 3	12 (52%)	4 (16%)			4 (16%)	4 (16%)	8 (32%)
Year 4	5 (19%)	1 (4%)	2 (8%)	3 (12%)	7 (27%)	9 (35%)	16 (61%)
Year 5	7 (37%)		1 (5%)	1 (5%)	3 (16%)	8 (37%)	10 (53%)
Well done to Year 4, where over 60% of their pupils read four times or more this week.							



SPORT DAY RESULTS

1. Red – 2537 points
2. Blue – 2380 points
3. Green – 2156 points
4. Yellow – 2106 points

Well done to everyone who participated!



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Be a superhero

and come to school every day!

If you miss school, you miss out.

HERO

Here, every day, ready and on time



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