



Friday 17 October 2025

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

This week has been another busy one at KHCPs, and it was lovely to see so many of you join us for Parents Evening. It was also a pleasure to show prospective parents around our school. They were able to see first-hand how hard our staff work to provide engaging lessons and excellent pastoral care.

Some of our children 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. We look forward to some photos after half term.

We were delighted to have ProStrike in school this week. The children had a fantastic time taking part in the activities, and we are thrilled to share that our families have raised a huge amount through the event. A big thank you to everyone who supported and contributed, your generosity and enthusiasm made it a wonderful event for our children.

We are pleased to announce that Gabriella in Year 5 has been nominated to participate in the county finals of the cross-country event among Essex Primary Schools, well done! A Fantastic achievement Gabriella! Well done and we look forward to hearing about your participation in March.

I am excited to share that I will soon be travelling to China to learn more about their education system. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore how schools in another part of the world approach teaching and learning, and to see first-hand the methods they use to support their pupils. The aim of this visit is not only to deepen my own understanding of international education but also to bring back fresh ideas, perspectives, and best practices that may benefit our school community. Education is always evolving, and by learning from others, we can continue to strengthen what we do for our children here. As part of this visit, that our hosts are funding, we will also be forging a partnership with a school in China. This connection will give our pupils and staff the chance to learn from one another, exchange ideas, and broaden their understanding of different cultures and approaches to learning. This partnership will not only enrich the curriculum but also help children in both countries develop greater curiosity, and respect for diversity; skills and values that are increasingly important in today's world. I look forward to sharing my experiences with you when I return, and to reflecting together on what we can learn from this exciting journey. During my absence, Mr Duff will be leading the school. Please don't hesitate to approach him if you need anything or have any questions, he will be happy to help.

Can I please ask for your co-operation in ensuring that children do not hurt themselves before or after school by not allowing them to play on the equipment, and make sure they are not left unattended.

Having made the decision to move on to new opportunities, Mr Webb will be leaving Kelvedon Hatch, he has been a valued member of our school community for 11 years, and he will be greatly missed by children, staff, and families alike. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him sincerely for all he has contributed during his time with us and to wish him every success in the future.

Wishing you all a lovely half-term break. If you have any concerns during the holiday, please contact the Children and Families Hub on 0345 603 7627. I look forward to seeing you all on my return. Happy Half Term from all of us at KHCPs!



Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 11 November – One Plan meetings

Thursday 13 November – Year 4 trip to Colchester Zoo

Friday 14 November – Don Rae dance workshop

Friday 21 November – Year 5 trip to Southend Planetarium

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	96.9%	88.7%	99.1%	93.9%	90.4%	93%	96%	94.1%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 2	Reception	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	98.3%	96.7%	99.2%	94.9%	92.4%	94.7%	95%	95.6%

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
Lottie	Whole class	Evie	Minnie	Sadie	Ghaniyyah	Harriet



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

This week's Headteacher's Award goes to Olivia in Year 4 for consistently showing kindness and consideration towards others. You are a fantastic role model—well done!



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](http://www.kelvedonhatch.essex.sch.uk). Shoes should be black and have low heel. No trainers are allowed. Please remember we also do not allow jewellery in school. 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	2 (13%)		1 (7%)	2 (13%)	4 (27%)	6 (40%)	10 (67%)
Year 1						14 (100%)	14 (100%)
Year 2		1 (4%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	3 (13%)	17 (75%)	20 (88%)
Year 3	3 (13%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	2 (8%)	5 (23%)	11 (48%)	16 (71%)
Year 4	0	1(3%)	2(7%)	3(11%)	5(19%)	16(60%)	21(79%)
Year 5	1 (5%)				4 (20%)	15 (75%)	19 (95%)
Year 6					13 (44%)	16 (56%)	29 (100%)

Well done to Years 1 and 6 as all of their pupils read 4 times or more, with Year 5 having 95% of the class, well done! We are seeing a great improvement across the school. Thank you!



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