



Friday 18 July 2025

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

This week has been very busy as always! Our Year 6 children have visited Mersea for their residential, where they took part in a wide range of exciting activities. I am incredibly proud of them all as they have shown resilience, teamwork and courage, overcoming challenges and embracing new experiences. Trips like these are invaluable; they help build independence, strengthen friendships and provide children with memories that will last a lifetime.

Earlier this week, our budding artists had a special moment as they saw their artwork unveiled. Following a successful art workshop earlier this year, with Stonebond who kindly organised for the children to visit the Myleswood development for the official unveiling of the site sign, which now proudly features their artwork. It was wonderful to see the children beam with pride. While there, they also enjoyed planting flowers on site, it was a lovely way to leave a lasting mark on the community.

We also celebrated Bastille Day in style! Our Reception Class organised a French Café for the whole school. With great confidence and charm, they served croissants to staff and children alike. It was a fantastic event and one that brought the whole school together, thank you Reception! The children thoroughly enjoyed their croissants, and it was lovely to see them immersed in French culture.

As the end of term draws near, the pace doesn't slow. It's a time of reflection, celebration and tying up loose ends. I want to take a moment to say how proud I am of all of our children. They are wonderful ambassadors for our school, demonstrating good manners, kindness, and a real sense of community. Their enthusiasm and energy continue to inspire us all.

Well done to all of the children who have achieved Reading Owls this year! I would like to particularly congratulate our 10 Wise Owls—they have successfully read 300 times or more this year. What an incredible achievement! Well done again, and I look forward to seeing even more children earn their Reading Owls next year.

I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to the fantastic team at KHCPs. Their dedication, hard work and care for the children is unwavering, and I'm sure you will join me in recognising their valiant efforts over this past year. This week, I had the pleasure of showing some of our Trustees around the school, as well as holding our final Governors' meeting of the year. Both were very positive and supportive interactions, and I'd like to thank the Governors and the Trust for their ongoing commitment to our school community.

We would like to notify you that we are proposing to reduce our Reception intake (Published Admission Number - PAN) from 30 to 15 pupils, starting in September 2026. This means that the maximum number of places available for the 2026/27 Reception cohort will be 15. This proposal is underpinned by the current pupil place planning projections provided by the Essex Local Authority. For more information, please follow this link: [Admissions Information](#).

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt farewell to Miss Thompson, Mrs Carter, Mrs Thompson, Mrs English and Mrs Miller. We thank them all for their hard work and commitment to the school. We wish you every success in your future.

On a final note of this year, we wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best as they embark on the exciting next chapter of their journey at secondary school, a positive and important transition that builds on the strong foundations, values, and lifelong learning skills developed during their time in primary school. You'll be greatly missed, good luck to the KHCPs Class of 2025!

We wish all our families a happy and safe summer break—if you have any concerns during this time, please contact the Children and Families Hub for support, especially in urgent situations. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on 1st September at 8:30am.



Diary Dates

Monday 21 July – Summer Concert

Wednesday 23 July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Monday 1 September – Autumn Term 2025/2026 commences



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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	95.4%	95.2%	93.8%	91.9%	93.1%	95.5%	93.1%	93%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 5	Reception	Year 1



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	95.5%	94.6%	93.7%	91.5%	91.9%	95.4%	93.1%	93.6%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception	Year 5	Year 1



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jake	Oscar	Oliver	Ryder	Owen	Maddie	Year 6



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

We would like to recognise Santino for persevering through challenges with determination and consistently being an exemplary role model to his peers. Well done Santino!



Reminders

If your child is absent, please ensure you leave a reason as to why they are absent. If you are unsure if your child should be at school, please check the guidance from the [NHS](#).

Please make sure the children are wearing the correct uniform, the website outlines what the children should be wearing. Please remember we 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	3 (20%)	1 (7%)	3 (20%)	3 (20%)	2 (13%)	3 (20%)	5 (33%)
Year 1		5 (22%)	2 (13%)		1 (4%)	14 (60%)	15 (64%)
Year 2	0 (0%)	3 (13%)	4 (17.5%)	5 (22%)	7 (30%)	4 (17.5%)	11 (47.5%)
Year 3	3 (12%)	5 (20%)	2 (8%)	4 (16%)	3 (12%)	8 (32%)	11 (44%)
Year 4			2 (10.5%)	1 (5.3%)	2 (10.5%)	14 (74%)	16 (84.5%)
Year 5	18 (62%)	3 (10%)	0	1 (3%)	3 (10%)	4 (15%)	7 (25%)

KHCPS Class of 2025

Failing' to Flourishing: Kelvedon Hatch Primary School Makes Remarkable Ofsted U-Turn in Under 12 Months



Xander has written and published his own books – well done Xander!



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