



Friday 23 January 2026

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

This week, I have spent lots of time in classrooms, and it has been a pleasure to see the children so settled and engaged in their learning. It has been lovely to see how hard they are working and the quality of work they are producing. What has stood out most is how well the children are working together and the pride they are taking in what they do. I even found myself joining in with Mrs Whannell and the Year 4 country dancing lesson during PE this week! It was such a lovely experience and a wonderful reminder of how learning can be fun, active and inclusive. The children were enthusiastic, supportive of one another and fully involved, which made it a real highlight for me.

Despite the very wet weather, school has been busy and full of positive energy. Our clubs have continued to run this week, and it has been lovely to see so many children taking part and trying something new. This term we are currently offering football, musical theatre, gymnastics, and basketball clubs. If your child is interested in joining one of these, please contact the school office for more information.

Being part of a club is a fantastic opportunity for children to build confidence, develop new skills, make friendships across year groups and enjoy being part of something they are interested in. Clubs play an important role in supporting children's wellbeing and helping them to develop socially as well as academically.

I often talk to the children about the importance of respect and why it matters so much, not just in school, but for their future lives. Respect underpins how they build relationships, approach challenges and contribute positively to the world around them. This week, particularly during Attendance Club and the many wet playtimes, I had the opportunity to pause and really observe the children's interactions. Watching them play and work together, speak politely, take responsibility and show genuine consideration for others made me feel incredibly proud. The respect, responsibility and thoughtfulness they demonstrated was wonderful to see and highlighted just how far Kelvedon Hatch has come in such a short time. We are here to develop children not only academically, but as confident, resilient, respectful and responsible individuals who are well prepared for the future, and it is clear that this is becoming a strong part of our school culture. On this note, Mrs Connor and I were incredibly proud of the children who met our local MP, Alex Burghart, today. They represented the school so well, showing excellent manners and respect. They asked thoughtful questions and were clearly excited to learn more about 'the life of an MP', they were a real credit to our school.

Our School Council also met this week with myself and Miss Allen, and continue to show great enthusiasm for ensuring we are a healthy school. They have been monitoring snacks and discussing the benefits of making healthy choices. We kindly ask that you consider providing healthy snacks at break time, as this helps children to maintain their energy, focus and overall wellbeing throughout the school day. Please follow the [link](#) for some mouth-watering ideas!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you all a dry and relaxing weekend.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 28 January – Year 5 class assembly
Friday 30 January – Year 2 start Forest School
Wednesday 4 February – Year 4 class assembly
Tuesday 10 & Wednesday 11 February – Parent's Evening

Friday 13 February – PTA Art Exhibition & parent book look
Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February – HALF TERM
Wednesday 25 February – Year 6 Harry Potter trip
Wednesday 25 February – Year 3 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	100%	97.5%	98.2%	94.3%	82.9%	94.2%	96%	93.8%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Reception	Year 2	Year 1



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	98.1%	96.6%	98.2%	94.6%	89.5%	92.8%	95.4%	94.7%

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
Albie	Sadie	Eleanor	Stanley	Elizabeth	Emma	Sahej



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

This week's Headteacher's Award goes to Blake in Year 1. Blake showed great bravery and honesty, and spoke with confidence, which was wonderful to see. He should be very proud of himself – these are important qualities that we value highly at Kelvedon Hatch. Well done Blake!



Important reminders

We encourage children to bring in healthy snacks for breaktime and in their packed lunch if they have one. Please remember we are a nut-free school due to allergies.

Please remember to order your child's meal via ParentPay by midnight on the day before the meal is required. All meals should be paid for in advance at all times.



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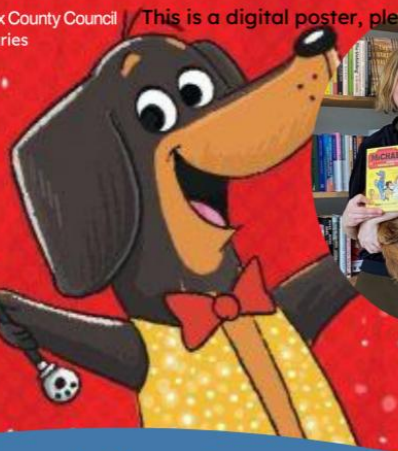


Reading at Home

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 (20%)	2 (20%)	4 (40%)		2 (20%)	2 (20%)
Year 1				3 (20%)	4 (26%)	8 (53%)	12 (80%)
Year 2					3 (14%)	19 (86%)	22 (100%)
Year 3	4 (18%)	1 (5%)	3 (14%)	1 (5%)	4 (18%)	9 (40%)	13 (58%)
Year 4		2 (9%)	2 (9%)		4 (17%)	15 (65%)	19 (82%)
Year 5				2 (11%)	2 (11%)	15 (78%)	17 (89%)
Year 6		1 (4%)			16 (55%)	12 (41%)	28 (96%)
Well done to Year 2, where 100% of their pupils read four times or more this week.							

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