



Friday 28 November 2025

# NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



## Headteacher's Comment:

This week has been a busy one for our children. We have again welcomed visitors into school this week, some of whom were our governors, who were focusing on attendance and SEND. School governors play a vital role in ensuring our school continues to grow, improve, and provide the very best education for every child. They work closely with school leaders to monitor key areas such as teaching, safeguarding and pupil outcomes, offering challenge and support where needed. Their work helps shape the long-term vision of the school and ensures that important decisions are always made with the children's best interests at heart. We are incredibly grateful for the time and commitment they give to our school community. Although the governors' focus areas varied, it was wonderful to see the children engage so positively and demonstrate the values that make our school what it is.

The children can clearly articulate why attendance is important and what good attendance looks like. They understand how being in school every day supports their future, helping them work towards the jobs they may want when they are older. With strong parental support, we are also teaching them that attending school regularly is an important responsibility, and that we should always think carefully before missing a day. This mindset will serve them well throughout their lives.

This week, our Reception children made Christmas cards for members of our community. We know how much people will enjoy receiving these cards, and it is wonderful to be able to give something back.

As the colder weather settles in, the children have been arriving at school wrapped up in cosy coats, hats, and scarves, bringing with them all the excitement that this time of year brings. There is a real sense of anticipation around the school as we move closer to Christmas, classrooms are beginning to sparkle, rehearsals for seasonal performances are well underway, and the children are eagerly talking about the celebrations ahead. We are also very much looking forward to celebrating Christmas together at the Winter Fair, organised by our wonderful PTA, on 12 December at 3.30pm. It's a wonderful time to come together as a community, embracing both the winter chill and the joy of the season.

We also welcomed Mrs Carr to our team this week. The children already know her as a familiar face, and she will be an asset to our school. I am sure you will join me in giving her a warm welcome.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Stonebond, who have kindly donated some footballs to our school. You may remember that our children helped design the hoarding you might have seen around the development, and it's lovely to continue this positive partnership. We are very grateful for their generosity, and we look forward to welcoming some new residents to our community soon.

Wishing everyone a happy, safe weekend and enjoy putting up your Christmas trees if you're doing so, as many of the children have excitedly told us they are, and let the festivities begin!



## Diary Dates

**Friday 5 December** – The Wizard of Oz pantomime

**Wednesday 10 December** – EYFS & KS1 nativity

**Wednesday 10 December** – Parent meeting with Mr Duff

**Friday 12 December** – Year 6 start Forest School

**Wednesday 17 December** – KS2 Christmas sing-a-long

**Thursday 18 December** – Christmas lunch & jumper day

**Monday 5 January** – INSET DAY

**Tuesday 6 January** – Children return to school

**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	89.4%	94%	98.3%	95.2%	90%	89%	97.3%	93.6%

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 2	Year 6	Year 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	97.8%	96.7%	98.4%	94.9%	91.5%	93%	94.4%	94.9%

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 2	Reception	Year 1



## Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Stanley	Sophie	Bobby	Harvey	Savannah	Poppy	Elsie



## Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

This week's Headteacher Award goes to Madeline in Year 5 who consistently demonstrates our KHCPs values in all she does and is a wonderful role model to others, well done.



## Important reminders

### Gifts or Hospitality from Pupils or Parents/Carers

As we approach the festive period, shops and supermarkets are likely to use this promote the giving of token gifts to teachers to wish them a Merry Christmas etc. I must stress that this has never been and never will be expected by any member of Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School staff. However, if you or your child(ren) would like to pass on wishes for the festive season in this way, please ensure that you refer to Section 10 of the Trust's Gifts and Hospitality Policy, available [HERE](#), which details the monetary values that members of staff are allowed to accept from pupils and/or parents/carers.



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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			5 (36%)	1 (7%)	5 (36%)	3 (21%)	8 (57%)
Year 1			1 (7%)		5 (33%)	8 (57%)	13 (91%)
Year 2				2 (9%)	5 (21%)	16 (70%)	21 (91%)
Year 3		5 (21%)	4 (17%)	2 (8%)	1 (4%)	9 (38%)	10 (42%)
Year 4	1 (3.5%)	1 (3.5%)	1 (3.5%)	1 (3.5%)	4 (16%)	18 (70%)	22 (86%)
Year 5	3 (15%)			2 (10%)	4 (20%)	11 (55%)	15 (75%)
Year 6					17 (57%)	13 (43%)	30 (100%)

Well done to Year 6, 100% of their pupils read four times or more this week. Year 1 and Year 2 also had over 90% of their pupils reading four or more times.



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