



Friday 3 October 2025

# NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



## Headteacher's Comment:

A polite reminder about end of day arrangements. If you need to let the school office know about changes to pick up, please ensure you telephone no later than 14:00. This allows staff enough time to pass messages onto the relevant teachers and children.

When I was at primary school, my parents always listened to me and my brother read. They encouraged us and took time to read to us. My brother loved reading and it was him that helped me realise how enjoyable reading was. My primary school expected me to read and taught me, but it was my parents who worked with the school and shared a book with us every day. That is why it is so important that you listen to your child read every day and write it in the reading record. We don't set much homework at KHCPS, but reading is one of our expectations. Reading is that important. Put bluntly, if you aren't sharing a book with your child at least the minimum 4 times a week, you are not doing your job as a parent. On Wednesday I went and checked who had read at home. There were nine children didn't have a tick on the charts. This is still nine too many. Every time you listen to your child read, you are giving them a better chance in life.

Trying new things can be challenging at times and cause us worry. As adults it is easy for us to avoid new things and stick with what we know. For children, they get to try new things all the time and in a safe environment at home or at school they can revel in it. I am always amazed by how resilient and courageous children are when faced with new experiences. Our Reception children are a great example – in just the past month they have started school, this is such a significant milestone in their lives, yet they have settled in so well that it already feels as though they've always been part of our school community. A little reminder: children are welcome to share their achievements from outside of school during our Friday Celebration Assembly.

Our Reception children went on their very first school trip this week. They were excellent role models throughout the day and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of going off site. We are extremely proud of them!

The Scholastic Book Fair took place this week, and it was wonderful to see so many children excited about reading for pleasure, as well as families spending time together browsing the books.

This week, Reverend Julie led an assembly all about Harvest. She reminded us how important it is to be thankful for the food we eat and to think about how it is grown, harvested, and shared. The children enjoyed learning about the ways we can show kindness by helping others who may not have as much. Thank you for all the donations to the St Nicholas' Church food bank that have already come in. If you wish to make a donation, we will be collecting until Tuesday next week.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.



## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 14 October** – ProStrike Football Challenge

**Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 October** – Parents' evening

**Friday 17 October** – Non-uniform day & last day of term

**Monday 3 November** – Return to school

**Wednesday 5 November** – EYFS & Year 1 phonics workshop

**Friday 7 November** – Year 3 start Forest 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 | 98.8%     | 96.7%  | 100%   | 95%    | 95.7%  | 98%    | 95.3%  | 96.9%        |

| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Year 2          | Reception       | Year 5          |



## Yearly Attendance

### Yearly Attendance – from 1 September

| Class      | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | Whole School |
|------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|
| Attendance | 98.5%     | 98.1%  | 99.7%  | 94.4%  | 93.4%  | 94.9%  | 94.7%  | 95.9%        |

| 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      |
|-----------|--------|--------|---------|--------|----------|-------------|
| Aidan     | Mia    | Amelia | Charlie | Teddy  | Madeline | Whole class |



## Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

This week's Headteacher Award goes to Owen in Year 5 for showing great resilience and always demonstrating kindness towards others.



## 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.<br>Number of times children have read this week |           |         |          |           |           | Percentage reading 4 times or more |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------|
|                                                                     | 0                                                                                                                                             | 1         | 2       | 3        | 4         | 5 or more |                                    |
| Reception                                                           |                                                                                                                                               | 2 (12.5%) |         | 1 (6%)   | 2 (12.5%) | 11 (69%)  | 13 (81.5%)                         |
| Year 1                                                              |                                                                                                                                               | 1 (7%)    |         | 3 (21%)  | 4 (28%)   | 6 (42%)   | 10 (70%)                           |
| Year 2                                                              |                                                                                                                                               | 2 (9%)    |         | 3 (13%)  | 2 (9%)    | 16 (70%)  | 18 (79%)                           |
| Year 3                                                              | 5 (21%)                                                                                                                                       |           | 4 (17%) | 5 (21%)  | 1 (4%)    | 9 (38%)   | 10 (42%)                           |
| Year 4                                                              |                                                                                                                                               |           | 3 (11%) | 3 (11%)  | 5 (19%)   | 16 (59%)  | 21 (78%)                           |
| Year 5                                                              |                                                                                                                                               |           |         | 3 (15%)  | 3 (15%)   | 14 (70%)  | 17 (85%)                           |
| Year 6                                                              |                                                                                                                                               | 1 (3.5%)  |         | 1 (3.5%) | 7 (23%)   | 21 (70%)  | 28 (93%)                           |
| Well done to Year 6 with over 90% of pupils reading 4 times or more |                                                                                                                                               |           |         |          |           |           |                                    |



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