



# NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



## Headteacher's Comment:

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new children and families, especially our new Reception class. It is always wonderful to see how quickly our youngest learners adapt to school life, which is made possible by the hard work and preparation of both our staff and families working together. We are so pleased to see all of our children return, and it has been wonderful to watch how quickly they have settled into their routines. Already, they have shown the values of Kelvedon Hatch Primary School in their learning and behaviour, and we know they will continue to do so throughout the year.

Our teachers have been busy planning imaginative and inspiring learning opportunities to ensure that every day at KHCPs is both enjoyable and memorable. It has been lovely to see how excited the children are to be back. While academic progress is of course important, we also want school to be a place of happiness and enjoyment.

We are delighted to announce that we, Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. A special thanks to Mrs Whannell for organising and leading these events and to our families for enabling these events to happen and well done to the children that have participated in these events. We look forward to applying once again in 2026!

Further to the email sent to parents on 8 July regarding the school's Published Admission Number, we can now confirm that the Department for Education Regional Director for the East of England approved the proposal in correspondence dated 8 August. The Published Admission Number for the September 2026 cohort at Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School will, therefore, be 15.

A reminder regarding school lunches, particularly for families in Year 3. Universal Free School Meals continue for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. For children in Year 3 and above, families who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals must register through the School Office. If you are unsure about eligibility, please speak to the office team, it is a simple quick check using your NI number. Even if you think you may not qualify, we strongly encourage you to check, as both your family and the school may benefit from additional funding. Families not eligible will need to pay for school meals.

Finally, we would like to remind families about the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Learning begins at 8.30am and arriving on time ensures every child gets the most from their school day. Every day in school really does count, regular attendance supports children's progress, helps them build friendships, and ensures they don't miss out on valuable learning experiences. Please note that we track attendance closely and will always work with families where support is needed. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to raise them with us. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you to support your child's education. Please refer to our Attendance Policy on the school website for further information, or speak to a member of staff if you have any questions.

We look forward to your support in this academic year. Wishing you all a lovely weekend from everyone at KHCPs.



## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 16 September** – Reception Parent Welcome meeting

**Wednesday 17 September** – Year 2, 3, & 4 Parent Welcome meeting

**Thursday 18 September** - Year 1, 5 & 6 Parent Welcome meeting

**Thursday 2 October** – Individual & sibling photographs

**Thursday 9 October** – Year 3 & 4 start Forest School

**Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 October** – Parents Evening

**Monday 20 October** – Half term for two weeks



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Attendance	100%	100%	99.5%	95.8%	89.3%	92.5%	95.4%	94.4%

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Reception & Year 1	Year 2	Year 3



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## Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rafi	Josie	Ghaysan	Abdul	Charlotte	Sonny	Luca



## Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

We would like to recognise Sadie in Year 4 for demonstrating the school values and being an exemplary pupil. Well done Sadie.



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## Reading at Home

This year we will continue to share our daily reading figures with you, as reading is a life skill that helps to improve our future. The teachers track the number of children reading at home each week, and we are pleased to say that this is gradually starting to increase week on week, which is very positive. The children have been made aware of the importance that reading has and how it helps access all areas within the curriculum, and ultimately their life chances. It is essential that all children read daily for 10 minutes. Going forward, if we find that your child has not read once throughout the week, and that their Reading Record hasn't been signed by an adult at home, the children will read with a member of staff during their break or lunch time. Please help your children develop this life skill by listening to them read daily. Thank you for your support.

We want to highlight the importance of reading and encourage children to read more. Our expectation is that children will read five times a week. To encourage this each child has a bookmark in school and each time they read (either at home or at school) they get a sticker. If they achieve the following number of stickers they receive Owl badges as below:

65 reads = Bronze Owl

125 reads = Silver Owl

180 reads = Gold Owl

Children can receive a **maximum of seven stickers per week**. The number of reads per week will be recorded in this section of the News & Views starting from next week. Reads are recorded from Thursday to Wednesday.

The children were very excited to receive their badges in our Celebration Assembly on Fridays last year and we look forward to many more of them achieving Owl badges again this year.



## Important reminders

At KHCPs, keeping children safe, happy and learning, remains at the heart of everything we do. Safeguarding takes many forms and is always our highest priority. Please take some time to look at the Safeguarding section of our website, which provides more detail on how we work to keep children safe. If you have any concerns or questions, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team or contact the School Office to arrange an appointment with me.

We also encourage children to bring in healthy snacks. Infant children are provided with a piece of fruit each day, so please encourage them to enjoy this. For ideas on healthy snacks and the reasons why these are important, please see the guidance on our website. Snacks should be finger food and not require cutlery to be brought in from home. Should children need cutlery to eat their packed lunch they can get this from the school hall at lunchtime. A reminder too that we are a nut-free school due to allergies. Children should also bring a water bottle filled with water every day. On this note, we are delighted to be working with Keith Ashton Estate Agents, who are kindly providing every child with a refillable water bottle as part of our Climate Action Plan to reduce single-use plastics; these will be given out next week, and we ask parents to please ensure they are clearly labelled with your child's name.

A gentle reminder that children should be wearing the correct school uniform each day. Wearing our uniform helps build a sense of belonging and pride in our school community. You can read our uniform requirements here: [Uniform - Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School](#)

PE kits should be left in school all week as sometimes the day of lessons need to change or the children may have additional workshops booked in for which they require their kit. These will be sent home at the end of each half term.



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