



Friday 5 December 2025

NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

The build-up to Christmas is fast approaching, and we are certainly feeling more festive around the school. The children are buzzing with excitement, and we are all very much looking forward to the Nativity performances next week, which are always such a special highlight. We cannot wait to enjoy the beautiful KS2 singing and, of course, our Winter Fair next Friday.

We are incredibly grateful to our wonderful PTA, who came in to decorate the Christmas trees and help bring some festive magic into the building. The children have also enjoyed a brilliant pantomime today, which was an enjoyable treat. It was lovely to see them laughing, joining in and experiencing the joy of live performance, these moments truly help build memories they will keep for years to come.

Last week, a group of our Year 6 children took part in a basketball tournament at St. Martin's. They represented our school brilliantly and were wonderful ambassadors throughout the event. A big thank you to Mrs Whannell for organising and supporting the team, and a heartfelt thank you to the parents who took the children to the tournament and made it possible for them to participate. We are truly grateful for your time, commitment and encouragement. Events like these are incredibly valuable for our children. They help children build confidence, develop teamwork and resilience, and experience the pride of representing their school. Taking part in sporting competitions also encourages healthy lifestyles and gives children the chance to celebrate their achievements both on and off the court.

I often write about the visits our governors make to the school, but I would like to give a little more context about the team supporting us behind the scenes. The Governing Body of Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School is a dedicated group bringing together expertise from across education, leadership, health, business and community support.

Our Chair, Lee Raftery, is a successful and experienced secondary Headteacher with advanced leadership qualifications, while Vice Chair, Stephen Crooks, brings 25 years of primary teaching experience and a specialism in reading and SEND. Staff Governors Clare Connor and Mollie Fairchild contribute deep knowledge of curriculum, teaching and learning, EYFS and early literacy. Our Parent Governor, Rhiannon Hill, offers valuable perspectives from her professional background in HR, diversity and wellbeing, alongside a strong personal understanding of the impact that education has on children's lives. Our Co-opted Governors further strengthen the team: Madeline Lyons-Applebee brings two decades of financial services experience and also works professionally in mental health and coaching, and Anne Springate adds extensive expertise in speech and language therapy and SEND provision.

The children enjoy seeing the governors around the school and often engage with them during their visits, meaning they have become familiar and trusted faces within our school community. These visits help governors gain a real understanding of daily school life and allow them to see first-hand the wonderful learning taking place.

We look forward to seeing you next week, have a lovely weekend.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 10 December – EYFS & KS1 nativity

Wednesday 10 December – Parent meeting with Mr Duff

Friday 12 December – Year 6 start Forest School

Friday 12 December – PTA Winter Fair

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	98.8%	94.7%	100%	96.1%	88.6%	95%	99%	95.9%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 2	Year 6	Reception



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 1 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	97.9%	96.5%	98.6%	95%	91.3%	93.1%	94.8%	95%

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
Bridie	Jake	Harry	Xander	Evie	Grayson	Arron



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

This week's Headteacher Award goes to Penelope in Year 6 for demonstrating kindness and showing a wonderful sense of empathy towards others.



Important reminders

Please make sure the children are wearing the correct uniform, the website outlines what the children should be wearing: [Uniform - Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School](#). Please remember we do not allow jewellery in school. Long hair (below shoulder-length) **must** be tied back at all times; mid-length hair should be held back from the face so as not to obscure children's vision while working at desks. Thank you



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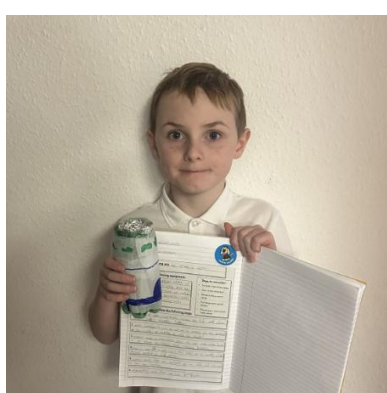


Reading at Home

Class	This table shows the number of children and percentages of children that have read this week.						Percentage reading 4 times or more
	Number of times children have read this week						
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	
Reception		1 (7%)	5 (31%)		3 (19%)	7 (44%)	10 (63%)
Year 1				1 (6%)	1 (6%)	13 (87%)	14 (93%)
Year 2				3 (14%)	5 (21%)	15 (65%)	20 (86%)
Year 3	3 (13%)		2 (8%)	3 (13%)	6 (25%)	9 (38%)	15 (63%)
Year 4	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	3 (15%)	4 (20%)	2 (10%)	14 (70%)	16 (80%)
Year 5			1 (5%)	3 (15%)	4 (20%)	12 (60%)	16 (80%)
Year 6		1 (3%)		1 (3%)	17 (57%)	11 (37%)	28 (94%)
Well done to Years 2 & 6, where over 90% of their pupils read four times or more this week.							



Year 3 children used hand drills to make a tree decoration and also enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate at Forest School.



Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their interactive 'darkness to light' workshop today. They learnt all about the Christmas story!



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