



# NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



## Headteacher's Comment:

It was lovely to welcome so many of you back after the Easter break, ready for the Summer Term. We're really looking forward to working together over the coming weeks to support the children's learning and development.

As we start the new term, please ensure you are familiar with our uniform expectations [Uniform - Kelvedon Hatch Community Primary School](#). Please make sure children are wearing black shoes (no trainers), school jumpers and do not wear jewellery or nail polish. This is especially important as we have our class photos on 7 May.

We'd like to share the Doorway Online link for typing practice - [Doorway Online - a free and highly accessible typing educational game](#). - it can also be found in the class pages in the website. This is a fantastic resource that helps children develop their keyboard skills, which are becoming increasingly important for learning and future assessments.

Congratulations to all the children who have achieved their Bronze, Silver, and Gold Owl awards for reading this week! Please continue to support reading at home and record it in the reading diary each day.

Swimming lessons will resume shortly, as mentioned in the letter sent home on Thursday. We're fortunate to have a school pool—swimming is a vital life skill. However, maintaining the pool comes at a significant cost, and unfortunately, the contributions received don't cover the full expense. Despite our efforts to secure sponsorship to help with maintenance and improvements, we have not been successful so far. Without more consistent financial support, we may be forced to consider closing the pool.

Attendance is extremely important. Please remember that holidays during term time will not be authorised. Being on time is just as vital—arriving late not only disrupts your child's day but also impacts their overall attendance. The school gates open at 08:25 and classroom doors open at 08:30. The doors close at 08:40.

Even being a few minutes late each day can add up significantly:

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days' worth of learning lost in a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

Being punctual helps children start the day calm, prepared, and ready to learn—this sets a positive tone for the rest of their day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!



## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 7 May** – Class photographs

**Wednesday 7 May** – Swimming lessons start

**Friday 9 May** – Don Rae dance workshop

**Monday 12 May – Friday 16 May** – Year 6 SATS week

**Friday 16 May** – Reception class assembly

**Wednesday 21 May** – Year 5 class assembly

**Wednesday 21 May** – Year 4 trip to Colchester Zoo

**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	95%	84.9%	86.9%	91.2%	86.9%	97.8%	78.7%	89%

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



## Yearly Attendance

### Yearly Attendance – from 3 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	94.7%	94.2%	94.1%	91.6%	91.6%	95.1%	93.2%	93.5%

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Year 5	Reception	Year 1



## Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jake	Ghaysan	Frankie	Lily	Grayson	Sidney	James



## Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

We would like to recognise Minnie in Year 2 for being honest and always being considerate to others.  
Well done Minnie!



## Reminders

If your child is absent, please ensure you leave a reason as to why they are absent. If you are unsure if your child should be at school please check the guidance from the [NHS](#).

Please make sure the children are wearing the correct uniform, the website outlines what the children should be wearing. Please remember we do not allow jewellery in school. Thank you



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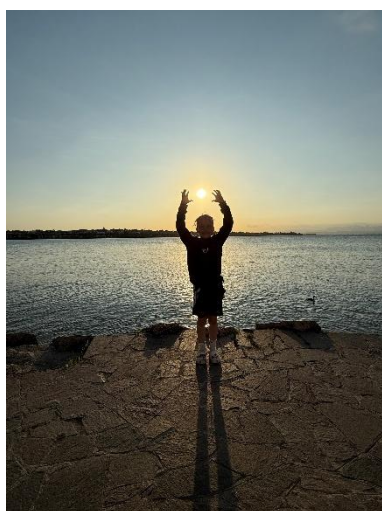


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## Reading at Home

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		1 (8%)	3 (23%)	1 (8%)	1 (8%)	7 (53%)	8 (61%)
Year 1			2 (8%)	1 (4%)		14 (60%)	14 (60%)
Year 2	4 (17%)	5 (22%)	3 (13%)	0	0	11 (48%)	11 (48%)
Year 3	9 (38%)	4 (17%)	2 (8%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	7 (29%)	8 (33%)
Year 4	0	5(26.3%)	2(10.5%)	2(10.5%)	1(5.3%)	9(47.3%)	10 (52.6%)
Year 5	5 (17%)	1 (3%)	5 (18%)	4 (14%)	4 (14%)	10 (34%)	14 (48%)
Year 6						16 (100%)	16 (100%)



Gabriella in Year 4 went to Italy to play football for her team Ballers Elite. Gabriella explored the local towns and played a number of games against Italian teams as well as visiting the San Siro stadium.



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