



NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

As this half term draws to a close and we reach the halfway point in our school year, it's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the positive developments happening at our school. I am so proud of all our children, who continue to work hard and show responsibility as learners. It's heart-warming to watch their personalities grow and evolve over time.

This week, we had the pleasure of hosting our parent meetings. It was lovely to see so many of you in attendance, continuing to strengthen the partnership between home and school. This connection is incredibly valuable, and I would like to extend it further into our local community.

Today, we were thrilled to welcome MP Alex Burghart, who officially opened our new computer suite. This marks a significant investment in the future of our pupils, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to learn, explore, and develop vital digital skills in our ever-evolving technological world. This project would not have been possible without the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), who worked tirelessly to raise over £10,000 through their fundraising efforts. I'd also like to extend my thanks to The Discovery Educational Trust (DET), led by CEO Ryan Duff, for their unwavering support of this initiative. Additionally, we are incredibly grateful to Darren at Clearspacegroup.com for generously donating equipment, which played a crucial role in bringing this project to life swiftly.

The PTA have sourced a wonderful new plaque with our school logo on to enhance the computer suite. Thank you to B2B Exhibitions for providing this. It generates a sense of pride amongst the community. This has truly been a community effort, with parents, teachers, DET, and local residents all coming together to support this important project. It's a perfect example of the strength and dedication of our Kelvedon Hatch school community, and I want to personally thank everyone for their continued support.

This week Year 6 visited Warner Bros Studios and took part in an educational session based on creative writing. They toured the Harry Potter set and had a fantastic time. Year 6 then had the opportunity to visit St. Martin's School and watch a student performance of Hairspray. This gave the children the opportunity to witness a creative performance which opened their eyes to what they can expect when they go to secondary school.

I would like to remind you that the school office will be closed over the half-term break. If you have any safeguarding concerns during this time, please contact the Essex Families Safeguarding Hub. Their team is available to provide support and assistance when needed.

Thank you for your understanding, and I wish you all a safe and restful break. As we approach the half-term break, I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday, 24 February.



Diary Dates

Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February – Half Term

Wednesday 26 February – Year 2 Class Assembly

Monday 3 March – School Council trip to the Houses of Parliament

Wednesday 5 March – Year 3 Class Assembly

Thursday 6 March – Year 1 & 2 starting Forest School

Thursday 6 March – World Book Day

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	93.7%	94.5%	98.2%	91.4%	83.6%	97.6%	98%	93.9%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 2	Year 6	Year 5



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	94.8%	95.4%	94.5%	92.3%	91.5%	95.5%	93.1%	93.9%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 5	Year 1	Reception



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Willow	Dawud	Freddie	Freddie	Lois	Tommy	Ben



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Mia in Reception has been awarded the Headteacher's Award for always showing kindness to others. Well done, Mia! Keep spreading kindness!

Today, we also celebrate Tommy (Y4) and Freddie (Y3) for their achievements.



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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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%	1 7%	1 7%	12 80%	13 (87%)
Year 1			4 (17%)		5 (22%)	11 (47 %)	16 (69 %)
Year 2	0	0	4 (17.5%)	1 (4%)	4 (17.5%)	14 (61%)	18 (78.5%)
Year 3	5 (18%)	1 (4%)	3 (11%)	3 (11%)	1 (4%)	14 (52%)	15 (56%)
Year 4	0	1(5%)	3(15%)	1(5%)	3(15%)	12(60%)	15(75%)
Year 5	2 (7%)	2 (7%)	3 (1%)	4 (14%)	5 (17%)	15 (52%)	20 (69%)
Year 6			1(5%)		8(40%)	11(55%)	19(95%)
Total							72%

**Well done Year 6 for gaining this weeks
KHCS Reading at Home Award**



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