



NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

We hope you all had a wonderful half-term break! It's been great to see the children return refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead. This week has been another busy and productive one at KHCPs. We welcomed a safeguarding visit from the Trust, a visit from James Moir, the Senior Attendance Specialist from Essex, and we had our first full Governors' meeting. All of these meetings were positive and purposeful, reaffirming our commitment to providing the best opportunities for our children to learn and thrive.

Attendance Matters: Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring that children arrive at school promptly and attend regularly. We understand that illness may sometimes result in absence, but we want to remind you that attendance remains a high priority for us. To put things into perspective: - If a child is late by 10 minutes every day for a week, they will lose 50 minutes of learning, which adds up significantly over time. - If a child is absent for just one day, they lose 5 hours of learning, which can have a lasting impact on their progress. These lost learning hours can be detrimental to a child's education, as they miss key lessons and interactions that are difficult to catch up on. On this note, we want to remind you of the government's three-strike rule regarding term-time holidays. If a child is taken out of school for a holiday three times within three years, parents risk prosecution, which could lead to obtaining a criminal record. While we have shared this information before, it is important to highlight that term-time holidays can have a serious impact on children's learning and development.

We are excited to share that we recently held our first full Governors' meeting and are pleased to announce our new leadership team. Mr. Raftery has been appointed as our Chair, and Mr. Crooks will serve as Deputy Chair. We also welcome our new Board members: Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Lyons-Applebee, Mrs. Springate, and Mr. Webb, our Staff Governor. We look forward to working together to support our school community and continue striving for excellence in all that we do. Our first meeting was extremely positive, with great discussions on our children's education. The governors were pleased with the progress the school is making and remain committed to supporting our ongoing improvements.

I hope you have seen the recent news reports about our new computer suite. We are so proud of this achievement! A huge thank you to everyone involved in this wonderful project. This week, we also had the pleasure of welcoming Andy Day, the popular children's TV star and patron of the Anti-Bullying Alliance. He led an inspiring and exciting assembly at KHCPs, promoting kindness, respect, and anti-bullying. The children thoroughly enjoyed his visit, and I know many of you will love reading the book he promoted this week.

A big well done to Year 2, who led a fantastic Parent Assembly! It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers attend to celebrate their children's learning. The assembly showcased how engaged and enthusiastic the children are, and we were all incredibly proud of them. Building strong home-school relationships is so important, and we look forward to welcoming more families to future assemblies throughout the year.

This week we also welcome Mrs Bargus who will be a fantastic addition to our reception team. Wishing you all a very happy and restful weekend.



Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 5 March – Year 3 Class Assembly

Thursday 6 March – World Book Day

Friday 7 March – Year 1 & 2 starting Forest School

Tuesday 11 March – Year 3 trip to Saffron Walden Museum

Wednesday 12 March – Year 4 class assembly

Monday 17 March – Don Rae dance workshops

Wednesday 19 March – Voice in a Million

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	93.8%	93.8%	97.8%	90.8%	88.1%	92.4%	94%	92.9%

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



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%	94.7%	92.3%	91.4%	95.4%	93.9%	93.9%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 1 and Year 5	Year 1 and Year 5	Reception



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Josie	Mia	Pollyanna	Oliver	Poppy	Amelia	Lauren



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

Congratulations to our Year 2 children for their fantastic Parent Assembly! Their hard work, confidence, and enthusiasm were truly inspiring. It was wonderful to see them showcase their learning, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements. Well done, Year 2!



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%)	1 (7%)	1 (7%)	10 (65%)	11(73%)
Year 1	2 (8%)	1 (4%)	2 (8%)	1 (4%)	3 (13%)	9 (39 %)	12 (52%)
Year 2	1 (4%)		5 (22%)	1 (4%)	2 (9%)	14 (61%)	16 (70%)
Year 3		5 (19%)	1 (4%)	3 (11%)	8(31%)	9 (35%)	17 (65%)
Year 4	1 (5.3%)	1 (5.3%)	1 (5.3%)	2(10.5%)	2(10.5%)	12 (63.2%)	14 (73.7%)
Year 5	9 (31%)	2 (7%)	1 (3%)	3 (10%)	4 (14%)	10 (35%)	14 (49%)
Year 6					1 (5%)	19(95%)	20 (100%)

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



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