



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

10th May 2024

Newsletter 30 Summer Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Hamper Extravaganza Raffle Tickets

Our Summer Hamper Raffle tickets are now on sale. You should have received a booklet of 5 tickets and a letter, sent home yesterday with your child. If you would like more tickets, please contact the school office. Tickets are just £1.00 each. If you are unable to sell any of the tickets we send home with your child, please do not worry, just return the tickets still attached to the blank stumps to the school office and we will redistribute them to other families who are able to sell more than the first 5 they are allocated. Please remember any tickets sold must be returned to school in an envelope with your child's name and year group in case we have any queries and to give you the chance of winning the staff or governor hampers. Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets so far. Good luck!



The Staff Hamper and the Governor Hamper will be won by the two families who sell the most tickets!

Year 4 Siege of Colchester Walk

On Tuesday 7th May 2024, Year 4 set off to see several of the local sights that were affected by the 11-week Siege in Colchester during 1648. It was great to see the children recognise the different places we had learnt about in class and then start to think about both the physical and emotional damage this siege had caused too!



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Headteacher: Mrs. Clare French

Census Day Menu Thursday 16th May 2024

Next Thursday is our school Census Day when the government collect data about our school. This information impacts our next year's funding and so we would like to ensure Kendall Primary School is in receipt of the maximum amount possible to future proof the success of the school and give our children the best possible resources and staffing.

In order to achieve this, we are holding a special lunch for children to enjoy. The menu is below. All children in KS1 and children eligible for free school meals will have a school dinner prepared for them and the expectation is for your child to try it. We would discourage packed lunches for KS1 pupils on this day. Our KS2 children are most welcome to enjoy the school dinner too!

Cheese and tomato pizza
Sausage rolls
Vegan sausage rolls
Veg sticks
Tortilla chips
Chocolate chip cake

PTA Up and Coming Events



KENDALL PTA

PJ Day!

FRIDAY 24TH MAY IS PJ DAY AT KENDALL!

COME IN YOUR COMFY PJS FOR THE DAY AT SCHOOL.

PLEASE PAY £1 DONATION ON THE SCHOOL GATEWAY APP.

ALL FUNDS RAISED TO GO TOWARDS THE SCHOOL'S VERY OWN 3D PRINTER!



KENDALL PTA

QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT

Friday 28th June
Doors open at 6.30pm
Curry to be served from 7pm
Bring your own drinks!

Teams of 4-6 people
£10 a ticket.

Please purchase tickets via the school gateway app and email the school with the details requested at the payment stage.

Raffle on the night also!

Firstsite Holiday Fun May 2024

Firstsite Holiday Fun activities are for families facing economic challenges or who require additional support during the school holidays, including those that qualify for benefit-based free school meals. Please see further details including booking information at the end of the newsletter.

Forest School Diary 10th May 2024

The children in EYFS made the most of their session despite the rainy weather. Linking in with their class topic of farm animals, the children put together a farm scene in a tray, and enjoyed some role play as they took part selling vegetables in the pop-up farm shop. Lots of fun was also had jumping in the muddy puddles which is standard procedure when it rains during our Forest School sessions! Don't forget – it is essential that children bring their uniform in a bag on Forest School days so that they can get changed into these dry clothes if they get wet during the sessions. No one wants the children to be cold and soggy after a session.



This week, Year 1 made use of the leftover dye from last week and experimented with painting on fabric to see if the colours would stain. Some children tied a knot in their piece of fabric and have left it soaking in the dye to see if this process is as effective as boiling it. Some children chose to make their own natural dye using grass and flowers mixed with water in a jar while others were happy to sit peacefully in the shade and read a book.



It was a wet one for Year 2 this week, but that did not stop the fun! Tarp sledging, plant investigations and tool skill sessions were just a few of the enjoyable activities on offer. Some of the children chose to sit and read a book under the canopy while listening to the rain – such a lovely session!



Year 3 were lucky enough to not only spot the tracks of some of our woodland critters, but they also saw one – a muntjac deer – as it scarpered past them during the session. Unfortunately, it was just too quick for Kelly Caterpillar to capture its photo. The children laid down some vegetables for the badgers to eat and we plan to set up our wildlife camera in the hope of

gathering footage of them having a nice feast. As a group, we also put our knot tying skills to good use and made a "ring of trust" by each tying ropes together to form a circle.



Year 4 enjoyed some pond dipping during their session this week. The children found many interesting creatures such as pond skaters, blood worms and water boatman, although the most interesting find by far was a young newt!



The children in Year 5 were extremely helpful this week and mucked in to help with some much-needed woodland maintenance of digging out the compost area. While digging, we came across a stag beetle grub which we rehomed to a place of safety. We also spotted a cool looking moth which we believe to be a puss moth.



Year 6 did not have Forest School this week due to it being a Bank Holiday.

Alan McKenzie's Parents Online Safety Videos Week 2

Please see below the second in the series on Alan McKenzie's Online Safety Video Workshop for parents. You will be able to access these today, or come back to the link in the newsletter at your own convenience. We hope that this will be a good way for you to access information about keeping children safe and thriving online, as we know that not all parents can come to Parent Information Events.

What is Risk?

Welcome to video second 10 minute of this online safety series. I mentioned in the previous email that you can't know everything. It's impossible to know all the risks and issues that our children might face online, much as it is impossible to know all the risks and issues they may face in the real world.

In this second video I discuss what is commonly called the 4C's which refers to: Content, Contact, Conduct and Commerce. The 4C's is the easiest way of understanding risk regardless of whether you think you are tech savvy or not.

Click on the link or copy and paste the link into your browser.

<https://vimeo.com/847060513/8276e0770e?share=copy>

There is a huge range of risks and concerns online. Below you will find links to some common concerns.

One of the main concerns from parents is related to adult content. Here is a link that will help you to learn a little more, tips to protect your child and how you can deal with it.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/online-pornography/>

Another concern is related to youth produced sexual images (sometimes called sexting). Here you will find some very useful information. In particular I would recommend reading the document 'Look at Me'. It is quite long but it gives many useful facts, particularly in relation to vulnerable children. <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/sexting/>

Speech and Language Pre-school Drop-in Clinic



Essex Child and Family
Wellbeing Service



Speech and Language Pre-school Drop-in Clinic

A session for you to attend if you are concerned about your child's speech and language development (and your child is not yet under Speech and Language Therapy).

Please access Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service Universal Services, such as Talk Together prior to attending this drop-in.

This service is for pre-school children registered with a North Essex GP.

The sessions are run on a first-come, first-served basis and a Speech and Language Therapist will briefly assess your child through play, observation, and discussion with you.

Every Tuesday
9.00am-12.00pm
Berechurch Family Hub, Monkwick, Colchester CO2 8NN

Every Wednesday
12:30pm-3.00pm
Greenstead Community Centre, Colchester CO4 3QE

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month
9.00am-12.00pm
Sydney House Family Hub, Clacton CO16 7PA

1st Friday of the month
10.00am – 1.00pm
Harwich Library Delivery Site, Harwich CO12 3JT



t:0300 247 0015 (opt 2)

Services commissioned by:



Academic Year 2024-2025 Calendar Non-Pupil Days

Our five non-pupil days have now been confirmed for the Academic Year 2024-2025. Please see the calendar at the end of the newsletter for these dates.

Reminder! Holidays Taken During term Time

We would like to remind parents/carers that we do not authorise term time holidays and the local authority may issue a penalty to both parents. Please find our attendance policy on our [website](#).

Please note: If you have previously received a Penalty Notice for an offence of failing to ensure regular school attendance or been the subject of a prosecution for any child in relation to irregular school

attendance, you may not be given the opportunity to pay a further Penalty Notice; your case may proceed directly to court.

Amazing Attendance? Free Tuck Friday!

Free Tuck Friday – All classes who have achieved the required attendance of at least 96% are highlighted in green. Well done **Year 3** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	97%	
Year 1	95%	
Year 2	98.35%	★
Year 3	96.75%	
Year 4	95%	
Year 5	96.1%	
Year 6	95%	
Overall Attendance	96.15%	

(Week ending 03/05/2024)

Online E-Safety Magazine for parents

#DITTO is a free online safety newsletter in PDF format for parents to keep you up to date with online safety risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online, with a view to enjoying and learning about technology. You can sign up for this newsletter at <https://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>

Food Bank Vouchers

Please don't forget that the school is an agent for food bank vouchers. Please speak in confidence to a member of the school office or Mrs French if you need to use this service.

Happy Birthday!

Please join us in saying happy birthday to:
Jaygo D, Makeda D and Imogen W.



Maths Awards Winners!

Don't forget to enter!

Kendall Team Points

Congratulations to the Weekly Team Winners: **Birch!**

Elm	Ash	Birch	Yew
2nd	3rd	1st	4th

Yours sincerely,

Clare French
Headteacher

Diary Dates		
May 2024	June 2024	July 2024
Monday 13 th to Thursday 16 th – KS2 SATs Wednesday 22 nd – Yr 2, Yr 4 & Yr 6 RSE Parent Information Event 4:30pm–5:30pm Friday 24 th – PTA Pyjama Day Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st – Half Term Holiday	Friday 7 th – Pride/Rainbow Day Friday 7 th – Year 6 Bake Sale Friday 14 th – Year 5 Bake Sale Friday 21 st – Year 4 Bake Sale Thursday 27 th – Year 3 Visit to Harwich Friday 28 th – Year 3 Bake Sale Friday 28 th – PTA Curry & Quiz Night	Monday 1 st – Sports Day & Family Picnic Tuesday 2 nd – Year 5 St Helena Taster Day Friday 5 th – Year 2 Bake Sale Friday 12 th – Year 1 Bake Sale Friday 12 th – PTA Summer Disco Wednesday 17 th – Year 3 Visit to Pizza Express Thursday 18 th – KS2 Production 7pm Friday 19 th – Kendall Music Festival 9:40am to 10:45am Friday 19 th – KS2 Production 1:30pm Friday 19 th – EYFS Bake Sale Friday 19 th – KS2 Production 7pm Monday 22 nd – Year 6 Treat Trip Tuesday 23 rd – Leavers' Assembly 9:30am Tuesday 23 rd – Last Day of Summer Term

Schedule of Trips and Visits 2023/2024

Budgeting £20 a quarter (£80 a year – or approximately £2 a term–time week) should cover the cost of trips. Where a trip is more expensive, for example £40, we will always try to make sure that over the academic year, the cost for all 4 Quarters comes to no more than £80 for the trips and visits we organise. Sadly, with school funding being at an all-time low in real terms, the school is financially unable to subsidise trips and visits to the extent it has done in the past. If we do not receive enough contributions to cover the cost, we will reluctantly have to cancel trips or visitors to the school. As promised, to help you with budgeting, please see Mrs Nicholson's schedule and the associated charge for each trip for the summer term below:

Quarter 3

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	Boydells Farm	£22 (already taken place)
Year 1	Hyde Hall	£18.50 (already taken place)
Year 2	Colchester Synagogue (cancelled due to closure)	n/a
Year 3	Born Free Foundation Workshop	£2 (already taken place)
Year 4	Siege of Colchester Walk	n/a
Year 5	Ancient Egyptian Day	£19.30 (already taken place)
Year 6	No paid trips this quarter	n/a

Quarter 4

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	Walton trip	TBC (approx. £6)
Year 1	Colne Valley Railway	£22.50
Year 2	St Stephen's	n/a
Year 3	Harwich Boat Trip	£38
	Pizza Express	No charge
Year 4	River Walk	n/a
Year 5	Plants & Nature Workshop in our Woodland	n/a
Year 6	Treat Trip	n/a

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Baked jacket potato (v/ve)	Chinese Chicken stir fry	Roasted gammon	Packed lunch Chicken roll	Birds Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Vegetarian (v) Or Vegan (ve)	Cheese and tomato pasta bake (v/ve)	Fresh vegetable stir fry	Baked Quorn fillet (v/ve)	Cheese roll (v) Vegan cheese roll (ve)	Crispy Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (Ve)
Sides	Cheese (v) Vegan cheese (ve) Beans Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas	Noodles Peas Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas	Roast potatoes Stuffing Yorkshire pudding Fresh carrots, cabbage and broccoli Gravy (ve)	Vegetable sticks Tortilla chips Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas	Chips Baked beans Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas
Dessert	Strawberry Angel delight (v) Or Fresh fruit	Chocolate brownie (v) Or Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit salad and vegan ice cream (ve) Or yoghurt	Chocolate chip sponge cake (v) Or Fresh fruit	Cookie (ve) Or Fresh fruit

Academic Year 2023-2024

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DRAFT School Term and Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2025-2026

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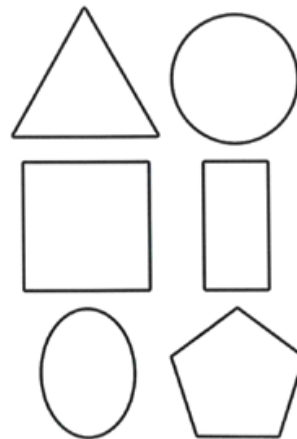
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days. These are to be confirmed.

Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

Using the clues below find out what colour each of these shapes are.

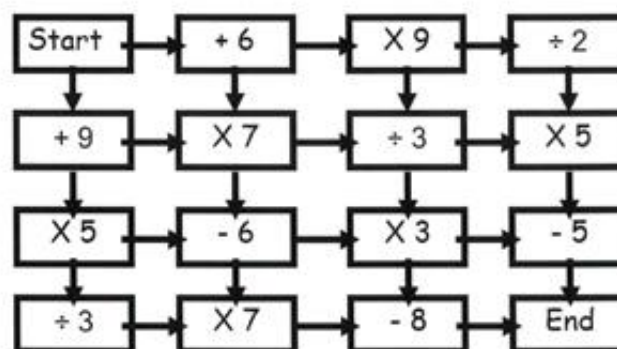
Blue is not next to pink.
Green is between grey and pink.
Red is not a square.
Green is on the right of white.



If you think you know, write your name and answer on a slip of paper and post it into the correct box on the table. The winner will be announced in two weeks. Good luck!

Kendall KS2 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

Start with 0. Find the path to the end that totals 100.



If you think you know, write your name and answer on a slip of paper and post it into the correct box on the table. The winner will be announced in two weeks. Good luck!

Firstsite Holiday Fun

May 2024

Tue 28 May - Sat 1 Jun

Colchester

Activities take place at:
Firstsite
Lewis Gardens, High St
Colchester, Essex
CO1 1JH

FREE

MAKE

Free creative
art activities

10:00am -
2:30pm

MOVE

Free fun sports
activities

10:45am -11:45am
& 12:00pm
-1:00pm

CANTEEN

Free freshly made
hot meals for all
the family
11:45am &
1:00pm

Our Holiday Fun activities are for families facing economic challenges or who require additional support during the school holidays, including those that qualify for benefit-based free school meals.

- Advanced booking is essential
- Activities most suitable for 4-11 years, but all ages welcome
- Caregivers are required to stay on site throughout the activities.
- Menus and lists of activities available at www.firstsite.uk

Delivered in partnership with:



How to book

Early bird tickets released
from 9am on Tue 21 May

More tickets will be
released three days in
advance of each
session.

Limited spaces available,
offered on a first come first
served basis.

If you can no longer attend
your booking, please let us
know as soon as possible
by calling 01206 713700. If you
contact us 24 hours before the
event your space can be made
available for another family.

Thank you!

Book online at
firstsite.uk
or call
01206 713700

Scan the QR
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