



Kendall Church of England
Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

28th June 2024

Newsletter 36 Summer Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy week at Kendall as you will see from the exciting visits below.

Year 1 Visit to Colne Valley Railway

All Aboard!

Year 1 had a fabulous time at Colne Valley Railway. We sorted post on the mail trail, learnt signals in the signal box and explored the past in the museum. But best of all we went on a fantastic bouncy train ride! It was a wonderful day and the children all listened well and asked complicated questions to keep the staff on their toes!



Year 6 Crucial Crew

On Tuesday, Year 6 walked to the Old Library situated in the Town Hall to attend this year's Crucial Crew performance and interactive workshop. The performance explored important topics such as knife crime and helped them to understand how they can keep themselves safe in different situations that they may experience as they grow up. Our pupils were excellent representatives of Kendall and showed maturity throughout the visit. Their fantastic behaviour was even commented on by one of the members of staff at the venue. Well done Year 6.

Gardens in Bloom Award Ceremony

This week, some of our children who take part in our lunchtime gardening club attended an awards ceremony at the Town Hall. Schools from across Colchester came together to find out whether they would be given an award. Kendall won two awards, the Highly Commended Award and the award for Interaction with the Outdoors. The children were very pleased and were given a collection of gardening paraphernalia to keep them busy during the autumn and spring terms.



Year 3 Visit to Harwich

Year 3 took a trip to Harwich Docks to see the cargo ships and the seals. We began our day sat on the beach sketching some of the large ships unloading their cargo while Mr Barrett-Rodger told the children everything he knew about Harwich, his childhood town. We then took a boat out on to the North Sea and were lucky enough to see seals and their pups. The whole day was fantastic and the children overcame sea sickness in order to have a very enjoyable day!



EYFS Pirate Day

EYFS held a Pirate Day as an amazing Fabulous Finish to our learning on The Night Pirates. We learnt that in the past, pirates believed that wearing gold gave them better eye sight, that girls were unlucky to have on board (although we dispelled this and learnt about some girl pirates) and that they wore eyepatches to make the other eye stronger to see better in the dark.

We learnt and sang sea shanties, performed pirate themed dances, made up pirate names, solved Mrs RR's pirate riddle with seashells, walked the plank, made treasure chests and ships, took part in a treasure hunt and role-played pirates! We had a very tired crew by the end of the day!



Covid-19 Vaccinations

Covid-19 Vaccinations: Book Yours Before Sunday 30 June 2024, for All Schools.

Covid vaccinations can protect you from serious illness. If you or your child have a weakened immune system, you are eligible for a vaccine now. Book yours before Sunday 30 June 2024.

Check details on the NHS website: NHS website or call 119 to book an appointment.

PTA



SPORTS DAY

ICE POLES

ICE POLES AVAILABLE FROM THE KEY
STAGE 2 PLAY GROUND DURING PICNIC
LUNCH TIME (CASH ONLY)



**50p
each**



We need you...

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CLASS REP?



What does it mean?

EACH CLASS WILL HAVE A PTA COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE

What's involved?

SHARE PTA COMMUNICATIONS WITH PARENTS AND CARERS IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASS, HELP
PROMOTE PTA EVENTS AND FEED BACK ANY THOUGHTS OR IDEAS.
BEING LINKED WITH THOSE ON THE PTA COMMITTEE AND HELPING TO BE A SUPPORT
NETWORK THROUGH THE SCHOOL.

Will it take much time?

NO NOT AT ALL!

If you would like any more information or are interested then we
would love to hear from you!

Supporting Local Events



Free Family Art Play Workshop - Firstsite

Firstsite, in partnership with Colchester City Council, is running a free family art play workshop every Sunday in July. Please see links below for more information and booking instruction:

<https://firstsite.uk/event/action-art-play> (For All the Family)

<https://firstsite.uk/event/action-art-play-relaxed/> (Perfect for neurodivergent children/other guests with sensory needs.)



New Young Carers Club at Community Foundation

The Young Carers Club is a new free provision for young carers that is being hosted by Colchester United Community Foundation. Please click on the link below (or copy and paste to your browser) for further information.

[Exciting New Young Carers Club at Community Foundation! - News - Colchester United \(cu-fc.com\)](https://www.colchesterfc.com/news/exciting-new-young-carers-club-at-community-foundation)

Forest School Diary 28th June 2024

The children in EYFS enjoyed pirate themed activities during their session, using their balancing skills to safely navigate their way across the walk of plank. Many of the children found this a little tricky but with the help of their friends managed to cross in one piece. Many of the group kept busy making and designing pirate flags using sticks and fabric.



Year 1 have been busy this week taking part in various activities in the woodland such as whittling sticks using a peeler, playing on the rope swing, hiding in shelters.



Year 2 have been using the hand tools to craft themselves a wooden medallion. Each child used their imagination to think of a symbol they felt was a symbol of faith unique to them to design their medallion. The children also used natural dye made with beetroot and spinach to create a tie-dye effect on fabric.



Year 3 took advantage of the nice weather this week and enjoyed playing some water-based games to cool off. Others kept busy with working on the giant moss head that is in progress.



This week Year 4 foraged for nettles and mint leaves to make tasty treats. They brewed the mint leaves in hot water to make tea, and fried off the nettles to make crisps, using seasoning such as chilli flakes and paprika to taste.



It was Year 5's turn to face the mighty Josie's tree this week, despite it being quite possibly the hottest day in the woods this year we all did amazingly well with everyone taking part beating their personal bests. Although we didn't all get a turn this session, we have been very busy tidying, weeding and cleaning the nature garden In the little woodland.



Year 6 finished off carving the wooden mallets that they had been working on recently. The end results were great and are a good example of how the children's forest school skills have progressed over the years. The group then ended the session with a good old-fashioned game of tug of war, which was a fun way for them to understand and experience applied force and tension force.



New Attendance Policy – Statutory changes made by the DfE from 19th August 2024

Please find attached to this newsletter the school's new attendance policy. Although we welcome comments from stakeholders, including governors and parents, there can be no changing the content of this policy. It has been written taking full account of Essex County Council's Code of Conduct and uses the DfE's new statutory attendance guidance both of which come into legal effect on 19th August 2024. All other schools in the county will also be adopting this statutory policy. A summary guide for parents can be found in the appendices of the policy, which gives clear summary information of what to expect in the future, should parents consider taking term time holidays. With this in mind, please think carefully about the consequences of booking a holiday during school term times.

Pop up Cake Stalls

The PTA are organising our popular annual pop-up cake stalls to take place on certain Fridays after school on dates listed below. Each class will be responsible for donating homemade cakes and/or biscuits (with a list of ingredients and allergens clearly labelled), or if, like me, you lack the time or skill, you may donate shop bought items if the ingredients and allergens are listed! Each class will be responsible for managing their stall, so if you are a parent who can help sell our cakes, **please turn up on your day to offer a helping hand (so far, we have had no parent volunteers come forward for their class)** Cakes usually sell out in 10–15 minutes, so you won't be hanging around for long! Boxes to put your cakes in will be coming home the week before your class's event along with further information about where to bring the cakes on the day.

Year Group	Date of stall	Money raised so far...
EYFS	Friday 19 th July 2024	£TBC
Yr 1	Thursday 12 th July 2024	£TBC
Yr 2	Friday 5 th July 2024	£TBC
Yr 3	Friday 28 th June 2024	£TBC
Yr 4	Friday 21 st June 2024	£92.55
Yr 5	Friday 14 th June 2024	£114.30
Yr 6	Friday 7 th June 2024	£85.85
GRAND TOTAL SO FAR:		£292.70

Last year we raised **£612.45!** If we beat last year's total, then the whole school will have an extra 30 minutes playtime in the last week of term!

Alan McKenzie's Parents Online Safety Videos Week 8 – Final Video, Useful Links and Resources

Video length: 5 minutes.

We're onto the final online safety video. This one is 4 minutes in length and is just a bit of a wrap-up. Throughout the previous emails I have shared tips and links to other useful information and below the video link I'll share a few more.

<https://vimeo.com/847301242/5e531330fe?share=copy>

Useful Links:

Internet Matters is a fantastic resource built for parents and carers, there is a tremendous amount of online safety information that is useful, such as:

- All the most common risks and issues, along with accompanying advice according to the age of your children.
- **Setting up parental controls on all the devices your children use.**
- **Gaming advice hub.**
- **Social media advice hub.**
- **Advice hub for children with special educational needs.**
- **Screentime.**
- **And much more.**

Internet Matters

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

Common Sense Media – this is a one-stop shop to find further, useful information for parents. Whether it's an app, a game or a book it's a good chance it's here. Just use the search bar at the top of the page.

<https://www.common sense media.org>

Are you worried about the way someone has been communicating with your child online? You can make a report to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre:

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

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.

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/>

Reminder! Holidays Taken During term Time

We would like to remind parents and 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 that the Government are bringing in new statutory attendance guidance on the 19th August 2024 which outlines the new measures that schools and Local Authorities must take to reduce persistent absence and term time holidays amongst its pupils. This includes increasing fines and prosecution for parents who allow their children to have irregular attendance. I will share this guidance and the Essex school attendance policy with parents next week. Please find attached to this newsletter Essex County Council's Guide to Helping Parents to Understand Changes to Fines for Term Time Holidays.***

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 5** or having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	97%	
Year 1	98.35%	
Year 2	95.35%	
Year 3	99.05%	
Year 4	93.3%	
Year 5	99.7%	★
Year 6	99%	
Overall Attendance	97.45%	

(Week ending 21/06/2024)

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:

Victoria B, Reuben H, Elijah E, Elowyn RR and George H.



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week:
Flo W, Hatice O and Elsie-Rose A.

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who received Golden Awards this week:

Elijah R, Esther B, Cooper L, Harley H, Nathan L, Molly S, Matilda G, Mim M, James C, Stanley E, Jensen BD, Faith A, Ronnie B and Mosa V.

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Lotus** in **Year 2** who received our Writer of the Week award and took home a new stationery set and journal – keep up that good writing!

Maths Awards Winners!

KS1 winner: Ivy B

KS2 winner: Isaac B

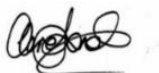
New challenge attached!

Vision Value Leaves

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a leaf for our 'Vision Values' Tree:

Isla W, Millie H, Orlagh-Rose T, and Neve B.

Yours sincerely,



Clare French
Headteacher

Diary Dates

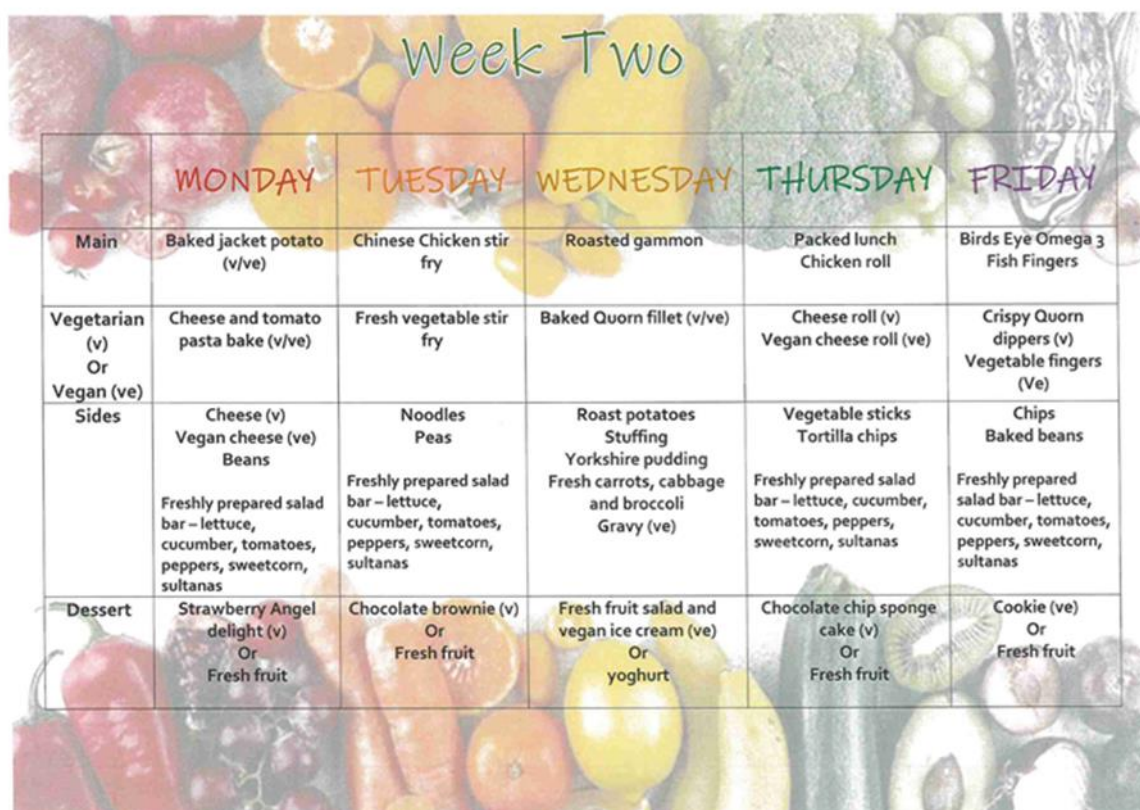
July 2024	September 2024
Monday 1 st – Sports Day & Family Picnic Tuesday 2 nd – Year 5 St Helena Taster Day Friday 5 th – Pride/Rainbow Day Friday 5 th – Year 2 Bake Sale Wednesday 10 th – EYFS Visit to Walton Beach Friday 12 th – Year 1 Bake Sale Friday 12 th – PTA Summer Disco Wednesday 17 th – Year 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	Monday 2 nd – First Day of Autumn Term Monday 2 nd – Year 6 PGL Residential Wednesday 11 th – Year 6 Parent Information Event Thursday 12 th – Tapestry Parent Information Event Friday 20 th – Year 5 Visit to Henry Moore Studio & grounds Thursday 26 th – PTA Meeting

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 4

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	Walton trip	TBC (approx. £6)
Year 1	Colne Valley Railway	£21.00
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



Week Two

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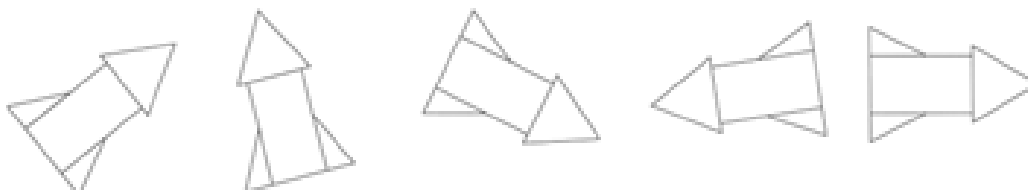
DRAFT School Term and Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2025-2026

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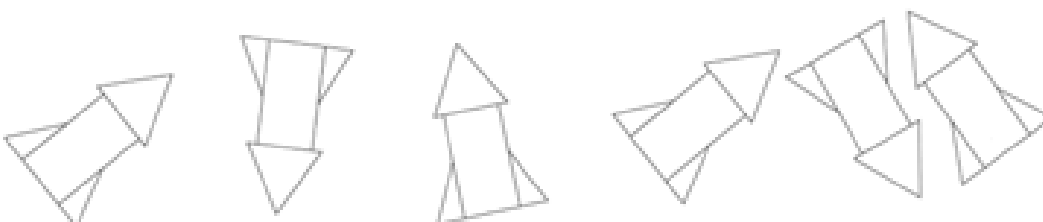
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days. These are to be confirmed.

Kendall KS1 Summer Special Maths Challenge



Using only 3 colours, find 11 different ways to colour these rockets! No two rockets can be the same.



Colour the rockets on this sheet and bring it back after the summer holiday. This is a summer special so there is a special reward for the winners! Good luck!

Kendall KS2 Summer Special Maths Challenge

Using digits 1, 2, 3 and 4, and any of the operations +, -, $\times$ and $\div$, make the numbers 1 to 30. For example: $1+2+3+4=10$. You must use all digits once. You can use as many operations in each number sentence as you like.



Set your work out in a table like this:

Number	Number Sentence
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Write your answers on a piece of paper and bring it back after the summer holiday.
This is a summer special so there is a special reward for the winners! Good luck!