



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

12th July 2024

Newsletter 38 Summer Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

EYFS Visit to Walton

On Wednesday EYFS travelled by train to Walton beach as a Fabulous Finish to our Q4 learning. We looked for features of the coast from a lookout point, then thought about what may have been there in the past, took part in a beach litter pick, went paddling in the sea (it was rather cold), made sand angels, sandcastles and played seaside games. We all had an amazing time, and the children were a credit to Kendall.



Kendall KS2 Music Festival – Friday 19th July

We are excited for our upcoming KS2 Music Festival which will take place in the school hall next Friday. All pupils in KS2 have been working hard in their music lessons this year with Mr Bosch and are looking forward to showcasing their musical talents to their parents and carers. Please see the performance times for each music group below. We look forward to seeing you there.

Performing at 9.40am	Performing at 10.55am
Year 3 Group 1	Year 3 Group 2
Year 4 Group 2	Year 4 Group 1
Year 5 Group 1	Year 5 Group 2
Year 6 Group 2	Year 6 Group 1



Raffle Tickets Available

Reminder! We have lots of spare raffle tickets at the office if anyone would like some extra ones. We will also be selling them at all the KS2 'Oliver' performances next week – so bring along your spare change!

After School Clubs – Autumn 2024

The new Autumn Term After School Clubs are now available to apply for online. The form will close at the end of the school day on **Monday 22nd July**. All clubs will start during the week beginning **16th September 2024** and finish week ending **13th December 2024**. Please complete 1 form per child – do not include multiple children on 1 form. Allocation of clubs will be confirmed the week beginning **2nd September 2024**. Please click on the link below (or copy and paste into your browser) to see all clubs available and submit your applications:

<https://forms.gle/6CEuqwbQDDWQdK34A>

Library Summer Reading Challenge

On Thursday Mary from Colchester Libraries Service came to school to tell the children all about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. This year's theme is 'Marvellous Makers'. The children have all received a bookmark with the challenge details and further information can be found at the end of the newsletter. The challenge is free, and a fantastic way to develop a love of reading. If any children complete the challenge, we would like them to bring in their certificates to share with us in our celebration workshops.



THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Marvellous Makers

Arriving in your local library this summer!

Children across Essex are being challenged to read six books to help a group of characters solve the mystery of where the items in their creative toolbox have disappeared to – can they be found in time for their big festival! If they complete the challenge, they receive a certificate and medal

Saturday 20 July to Saturday 7 September

Find out more about how to take part in this free activity on our website:
libraries.essex.gov.uk

Essex County Council

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Essex County Council Libraries

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

CRAZY COLIN

MAGIC SHOWS

Crazy Colin Magic Show

Colchester Library

Friday 23 August, 10am and 11am

Come along to Colchester Library and be amazed by the marvellous magic of Crazy Colin, bringing the magic to reading this summer!

Booking is needed, tickets cost £6 plus booking fee



End of School Year – Reading Books Return

As we are approaching the end of the school year, no books will be loaned out from today, Friday 12th July. We would be grateful if all reading and library books were returned by **Wednesday 17th July**. Any missing books will be charged for, so we encourage you to have a good look for any outstanding ones.

We will not be drawing the 5 Reads Raffle for the last full week of term; Monday's raffle will be the last of the year.

While your child will not have their reading book from school, we greatly encourage you to keep up the reading over the summer holidays. This could be through your own books at home, any mini-books for KS1 or visiting local libraries and taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge (see information in this week's newsletter).

We would love to see any photos of the children reading over the summer holidays, which Mrs Reeves-Rowe will share at the start of the autumn term. Please send these to: admin@kendall.essex.sch.uk

Essex Activate



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Free activity clubs across Essex and Thurrock for eligible primary and secondary school children that also offer:

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Physical, enrichment and food activities
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Run by qualified, locally trusted organisations
- ✓ Family support
- ✓ Resources and guidance

WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?

Essex ActivAte is the name for the funded holiday programmes run by Active Essex. During school half terms and holidays, we work with locally trusted organisations to deliver free, holiday clubs to support the wellbeing of children who are eligible for benefit based free school meals or from 'income-related' benefits households.

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HOW CAN ESSEX ACTIVATE SUPPORT ME?

Not only do we offer fun-filled activity clubs, but Essex ActivAte want to further support families and young people by offering free resources and guidance to help make term times a little easier. Our family support hub offers activities, videos, tips and inspiration for affordable family days out!

HOW DO I BOOK ONTO AN ESSEX ACTIVATE CLUB?

A few weeks ahead of each half term and holiday programme, we will post on our social media pages when clubs are available to view and book.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES (HAF)

- If your child is eligible for benefit based free school meals, you will be emailed or text a Holiday Activities voucher code from your school to book onto a local club
- If you are still waiting for your voucher code, please contact your school
- Limited spaces are available for young people who are not eligible for benefits based free school meals, but are from 'low-income' working families, may be vulnerable and/or experience inactivity and social isolation
- To book on, you will not receive a Holiday Activities voucher code, and you will need to contact the club directly from the Essex ActivAte website

HALF TERM BREAKS

- To book onto a half term club, you will not receive a Holiday Activities voucher
- You will need to book on through the Essex ActivAte website
- Simply select your area, find what clubs are available and book your child on through the link provided - depending on the club, you may need to book through our website, or contact them directly

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Firstsite Holiday Fun – 2024

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

PTA Information/Events – Summer Disco Tonight!

We are looking forward to seeing your children at our PTA Summer Discos! If you are on our list of parents who are helping, please enter via the kitchen door – this will be locked so please knock to let us know you have arrived. **We do not need any more parent helpers this evening, and if you have not registered to help already, please do not turn up as you will not be able to come in due to fire regulations.** All children whose parents are dropping off their children, please come in via the main school entrance. At the end of each disco, all children will leave via the exit door beneath the fire escape steps that lead onto the KS2 playground (where Year 2 are dismissed at the end of the day). Please meet your child/ren there when their session has finished (EYFS/KS1 collection time 6.15pm and KS2 at 8.00pm). If you are happy for your KS2 child to walk home on their own, please inform the school office via email (admin@kendall.essex.sch.uk) no later than 3.00pm today.



Local Events/Support



School Age Team

The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Services have a dedicated school age team service for all children and their families from the age of 5 years up until they turn 19 years (or 25yrs for those with SEN).

The School Age Team consists of Specialist Community Public Health Nurses, School Nurses, Children and Young Person's Practitioners, and Healthy Family Support Practitioners who specialise in delivering care and support to school-aged children, young people, and their families within Schools, family homes, our Family Hubs and Delivery Sites and other community settings.

Support offered

- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Improving sleep
- Nutritional support
- Physical health complaints
- Sexual health
- Health needs assessment
- Managing health conditions
- Personal hygiene
- And much more- signposting, advice, and support

Contact the school nurse team on
Tel: 0300 247 0015
(Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

Services commissioned by:



**St Stephen's
SLOW COOKER
CLUB**

6 weekly ingredient collection

Equipment & recipes provided

Starting Thursday 12th September at 11am

St Stephens Church, Canterbury Road, CO2 7RY

To register please contact us on the information below

email: communitywork@ststephens-colchester.org.uk

Call 07596251180 or 01206 845091

**St Stephen's
CHURCH**

Forest School Diary 12th July 2024

The children in EYFS have begun making their very own Rainbow Fish. So far, they have used the bow saw to cut wood for scales, and next time will use the hammer to attach them. Please check back here for updates on the progression over the next couple of weeks. Using different shells, the children were able to create some lovely art work on the woodland floor.



Year 1 have been making potions and perfumes this week. Using natural herbs found here in the woodland such as lemon balm, mint and rosemary. The children then put on blindfolds and tried to guess the ingredients using only their sense of smell.



Year 2 set off on a mini-beast hunt in the woodland. Finding an array of bugs such as wood lice, spiders and more. Due to the rain the children were also lucky enough to find many snails which are often hard to find in our woodland. This meant only one thing - a snail race! A spot of whittling was also enjoyed by some of the group in order to make a bow and arrow.



Year 3 have started to craft looms which will be used to create some natural weaving pieces. This has involved putting their lashing skills to the test. Once finished we are sure they will look amazing.



This week Year 4 have been learning a new knot called a 'timber hitch' knot. This knot is used to drag heavy logs around the woodland without breaking a sweat. Once the children had mastered this knot, they were then timed in a log race. Super work, Year 4!



Year 5 Forest School was cancelled this week due to rehearsals taking place for Oliver!

This week Year 6 took on the Leap of Faith and Cargo Net challenges. The children have come such a long way with regards to confidence and resilience. Once upon a time, a small climb was the best a lot of them could manage. Now, just check out these photos!



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	£99.10
Yr 3	Friday 28 th June 2024	£105.80
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:		£497.60

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!

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 current attendance policy on

our [website](#). The new attendance Policy will be uploaded to the website next week and will come into effect on the 19th August.

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.

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	94.35%	
Year 1	96.65%	
Year 2	98%	
Year 3	99.05%	
Year 4	91.65%	
Year 5	99.1%	★
Year 6	94%	
Overall Attendance	96.15%	

(Week ending 05/07/2024)

Happy Birthday!

Please join us in saying happy birthday to:

Lillie CT, Alfie D, Jacob I, Olivia N, Emilia T and Eleanor VZ.



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week: Ronnie G, Esme E and Victoria EE.

Golden Awards

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

Sylvie R, Oli J, Thomas DJ, Dylan S, Hatice O, Zosia S, Josie J, Scarlett V, Sereen F, Eli S, Aiden A, Grace J, Ela K and Freddie M.

Maths Challenge

Don't forget to enter!

Kendall Team Points

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Clare French

Diary Dates

July 2024	September 2024
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 One

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Deep pan cheese and sweetcorn pizza (v)	Oven baked sausage rolls	Roast Chicken breast	Packed lunch Ham roll	Birds Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Vegetarian (v) Or Vegan (ve)	Roasted vegetable pasta (v/ve)	Oven baked vegan sausage rolls (ve)	Baked Quorn fillet (v/ve)	Cheese roll (v) Vegan cheese roll (ve)	Crispy Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (Ve)
Sides	Peas Vegan Coleslaw Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas	Creamy mashed potato Sweetcorn 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 Peas Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, sweetcorn, sultanas
Dessert	Chocolate crunch (ve) Or Fresh fruit	Iced Flapjack (ve) Or yoghurt	Fresh fruit – honeydew melon and pineapple Or yoghurt	Lemon drizzle cake (v) Or Fresh fruit	Raspberry ice cream sponge roll Or yoghurt

(v) Vegetarian (ve) Vegan

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

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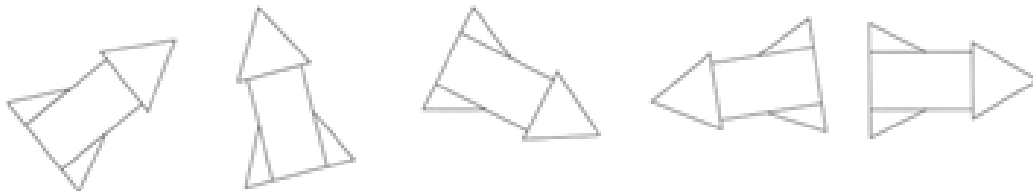
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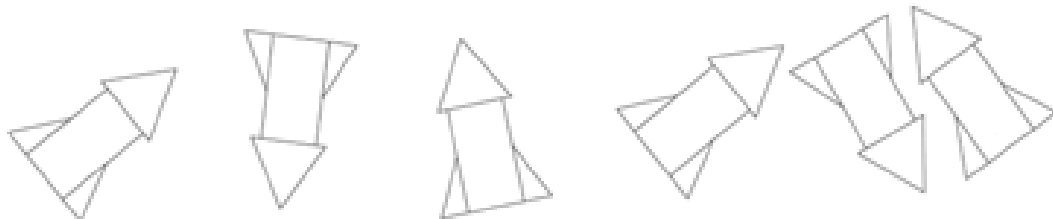
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days. These are to be confirmed.

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!

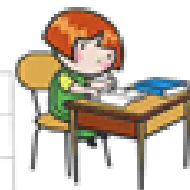
Kendall KS2 Summer Special Maths Challenge

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
1	
2	
3	



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!

Firstsite Holiday Fun Summer Holiday 2024

Tuesdays to Saturdays from
Tue 30 Jul - Sat 31 Aug

Colchester

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



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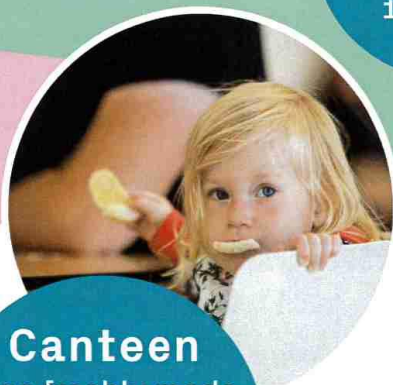
Make
Free creative
art activities

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 will be available from 9am Tue 23 Jul - Sun 28 Jul.

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

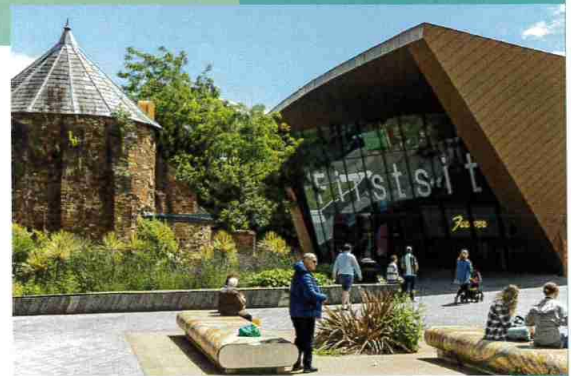
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