



Kendall Church of England Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

23rd July 2024

Newsletter 40 Summer Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe it is time to write the last newsletter of the academic year. What another successful year we have had at Kendall. As we come to the end of the term, we can think back to the many highlights of the year which include: The Nativity, many trips and visits including the PGL residential trip, PTA fundraising, our SIAMS inspection, sports day, the music festival, the KS2 production and our Year 6 SATS results of which we are very proud...

KS2 (Year 6) Data 2024 (ARE - Age-Related Expectations, GDS - Greater Depth within the Standard)

Reading - Kendall **83%** ARE **27%** GDS - National **74%** ARE **28%** GDS

Writing - Kendall **80%** ARE **20%** GDS - National **72%** ARE **13%** GDS

Maths - Kendall **87%** ARE **30%** GDS - National **73%** ARE **24%** GDS

Reading, Writing, Maths Combined - Kendall **77%** ARE **10%** GDS - National **61%** ARE **8%** GDS

Our Year 6 children have worked particularly hard this year in all that they have done and they have achieved so much. Looking back at the children's EYFS photos, from when they first came skipping into Kendall, it is clear to see how much they have flourished and grown into confident young people, and how far they have come in their learning journey, ready to go onto secondary school. To the Year 6 Leavers: I wish you lots of happiness for the future and I hope all your dreams come true. Good luck Year 6, your secondary journey is about to begin. Go smash your new adventure, stay safe, be you always... You've got this!

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

The children of Year 6 were presented with dictionaries from the Rotary Club president and shared their memories of Kendall with their families and the school, and said their final goodbyes...



Goodbye Year 6!

PTA Hamper

Congratulations to our prize draw winners. Seven hampers were won by the friends and families of our Kendall children; the winners have now all been contacted and the prizes collected. Congratulations also goes to Mrs Dean Hannah, winner of our Governors Hamper for selling a massive 145 tickets, and to our runner up, Mrs Bennett, who sold 115 tickets for our draw. But everyone should feel very proud of their efforts as the Hamper raffle raised an incredible £1299.00! See below for a summary of all of our fundraising efforts this year. The PTA would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all those who have supported the school.



Pop up Cake Stalls

Thank you to all the parents who contributed and helped out on the cake stalls this year. The money we raised is as follows:

Year Group	Date of stall	Money raised so far...
EYFS	Friday 19 th July 2024	£72.10
Yr 1	Thursday 12 th July 2024	£80.95
Yr 2	Friday 5 th July 2024	£99.10
Yr 3	Friday 28 th June 2024	£106.84
Yr 4	Friday 21 st June 2024	£91.50
Yr 5	Friday 14 th June 2024	£114.30
Yr 6	Friday 7 th June 2024	£85.85
GRAND TOTAL SO FAR:		£650.64

Last year we raised **£612.45!** We beat last year's total, so, as promised, the whole school had an extra 30 minutes playtime today!

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** or having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	94%	
Year 1	97.65%	
Year 2	92.65%	
Year 3	98%	★
Year 4	96.65%	
Year 5	96.9%	
Year 6	93%	
Overall Attendance	95.55%	

(Week ending 19/07/2024)

Golden Awards

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

EYFS Whole Class, Rosie EB, Winifred G, Georgie B, Theo K, Matthew L, Eleanor T, Ben D, Victor S, Summer-Lily D, Tyler L, Violet F and Jenson OM.

And finally...

I would like to share with you just some of the comments that have been shared with me about the children and our community over the past few weeks. It is seeing correspondence like this that makes us proud to be in the position we are, of educating your children here at Kendall...

Of the KS2 Production of Oliver!:

'Just a quick email to congratulate everyone on their performances last night.

They were magnificent!

Thank you for all your hard work and giving the children something they will remember for ever.'

'Thank you so much for inviting me to see your production of Oliver. It was absolutely fantastic. The children performed with such confidence and really got into character so well. It struck me how much they were all really enjoying themselves and having so much fun.

The singing was great throughout, from the very youngest to the big Year 6s. I loved the slick changes of scenery and the apparent lack of teacher intervention from the front. It just looked as if the children knew exactly what they were doing without the need for lots of teachers giving instructions, or miming words at them. I realise that this would have taken a lot of work from all concerned and everyone deserves great credit.

Special mention has to go to The Artful Dodger he made me laugh, Fagin clearly has a great future ahead, Oliver really got into the character so well, Bill Sykes was very scary, Mr Bumble had great presence and Nancy, wow she belted out her songs. The two boys on the sound machine were also fantastic.

It was great to see that children in 2024 still enjoy performing. The afternoon took me back to my first Headship in 1988 when in my first, tiny village school I did 'Oliver' with the children. It was really strange, as the children spoke on Friday I could remember all the names of my school children in their parts and I could hear their voices. Such is the power of drama and these types of experiences which become ingrained into our memories.'

'It was brilliant. Every year I watch this and think they won't be able to match it next year and yet you do!!

All the cast were really good and I personally thought Fagin and Nancy were especially so. Sitting there this year I think I watched it as CoG rather than as a parent for the first time. I have to say I had a lump in my throat at the end and felt quite emotional with how proud I felt of all the kids and the adults who put that on. It really is a tremendous achievement and to be associated with the school on days like this is such a pleasure.

Well done to all of the team and of course all of the children for all their hard work to give the audience such joy.'

It was amazing! So brilliant. Well done to all of the cast and the staff - you all worked so hard to put on a really high quality thrilling production ❤️

What an absolutely brilliant show. It was amazing. All the thought, effort and commitment that goes into it shouldn't be underestimated. We thought it was wonderful! Well done to everyone involved

We went to see the show last night and it was brilliant. All of the children did such a great job. The roles were cast perfectly! Well done to everyone involved 🙌🙌

'Good afternoon

We live in Scarletts Road and our garden backs onto the school. Once again we have enjoyed a summer term listening to the school prepare for your summer production. I worked in a primary school for twenty years before moving to Colchester and I also taught the children drama. It has been so lovely hearing your annual preparations for the brilliant productions (Matilda was a real highlight!). In the evening we can often hear children in neighbouring gardens singing the songs they're learning and I think that's this just evidences their enjoyment of their learning. It really is such a credit to your children and staff that the whole school is so engaged with their learning every summer. I know it is a challenge getting things done during the summer term but I hope everyone finds it rewarding to witness the impact your productions have.

Please pass on our congratulations to all the children and staff at Kendall for yet another great production.'

Of the Year 3 trips this year:

'I thought I would drop you a line to say that I have now had the privilege of walking to & from Colchester Castle & Pizza Express with Year 3 and have to say how impressed I was with their attentive attitude during any instructions they were being given & the exemplary behaviour on the way there & back on both occasions. They all got involved with the tasks they were set & answered any questions in an intelligent manner & with respect. This is clearly an ethos that permeates throughout the school as the same behaviour & attitude can be witnessed at the Services at St Stephens Church. Thank you for allowing me to join you & a very well done to Year 3 & the whole school. Enjoy your Summer Holidays & good luck to the Year 6 pupils in their new schools.'

Of the Music Festival:

I was so pleased to come to school on Friday to hear the work Mr Bosch has been doing with years 3 – 6. I was so impressed with his approach and with the results he has achieved with the children. It probably won't surprise you to know that I particularly like the international breadth to his musical choices. It seems to reflect the commitments to social openness and diversity which you have promoted across the school.

Thank you all for your very kind words, these mean a lot to our whole team.

Have a wonderful summer everyone, stay safe!

Yours sincerely,

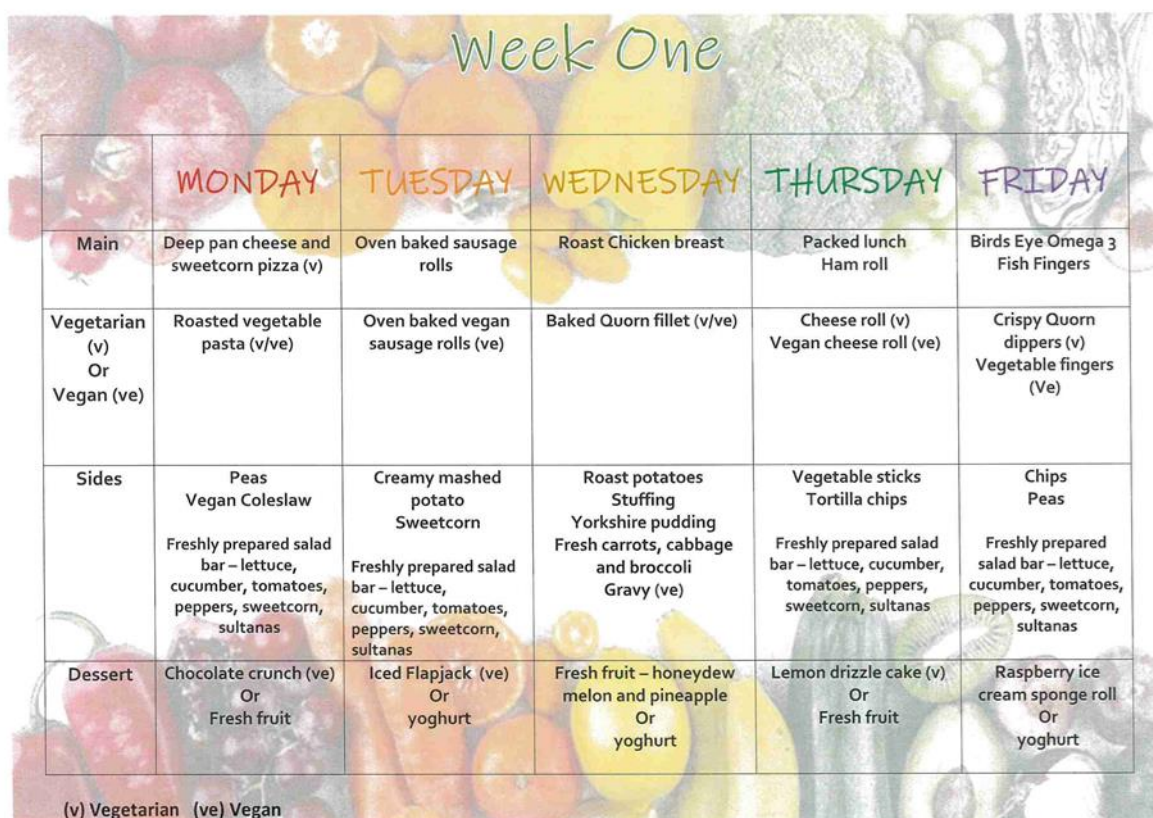


Clare French
Headteacher

Date	Parent Information Events	Time
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Year 1 & Year 2	3:15pm
Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Year 3	3:15pm
Thursday 5 th September 2024	Year 5	3:15pm
Friday 6 th September 2024	Year 4	3:15pm
Wednesday 11 th September 2024	Year 6	3:15pm
Thursday 12 th September	EYFS Tapestry	3:15pm

Diary Dates

July 2024	September 2024
Tuesday 23 rd – Last Day of Summer Term	Monday 2 nd – First Day of Autumn Term Monday 2 nd – Year 6 PGL Residential Tuesday 3 rd – Year 1 & Year 2 Parent Information Event Wednesday 4 th – Year 3 Parent Information Event Thursday 5 th – Year 3 Stone Age Day Thursday 5 th – Year 5 Parent Information Event Friday 6 th – Year 4 Parent Information Event Wednesday 11 th – Year 6 Parent Information Event Thursday 12 th – EYFS Tapestry Parent Information Event Friday 20 th – Year 5 Visit to Henry Moore Studio & grounds Thursday 26 th – PTA Meeting



	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

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Academic Year 2024-2025

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

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