



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

27th September 2024

Newsletter 4 Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Celebration/Food Bank

The school is holding its Harvest celebrations at St Stephen's Church on Tuesday 15th October at 10am. Parents/carers are very welcome to attend. We are again supporting the Foodbank this year and below you will find their shopping list. If you feel able to donate an item or two, we would be very grateful.

The supplies can be brought to school from Tuesday 1st October and will be displayed in the hall by our worship table. Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to their ability to give everyone referred to them a balanced and nutritious supply of food.

Their shopping list includes:

Small bags of rice, long-life milk, long-life juice, shampoo, carrier bags or reusable bags, squash, tinned fruit, deodorant, tinned potatoes, tinned puddings, tins or packet custard, jam, toothbrush and tooth paste, shower gel, small jars of coffee, small washing powder or liquid, small multipacks of snacks (Penguin/Club/Twix) and tinned tomatoes.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Speech and Language support for children under 5 Years old

Please see below information for any parents and carers who would like to develop their child's speech and language development and would like more information on how to support them in the home from 'Speech and Language UK':

It is not easy learning to understand and manage your child's speech and language challenges. Getting the right information and support can be hard work. We have created two workshops just for parents and carers. These sessions will help you to think about how you can best understand and support your child and how you can share this knowledge with others who are involved with your child. Here is your opportunity to hear other parents' experiences, learn new strategies and share as much or as little of your story as you wish.

Introduction to speech and language challenges – Wednesday 23rd October 10-12pm – supporting your child via Zoom

Learn about how and why children learn to communicate, strategies that you can put into place at home to help your child if they have any type of speech and language challenge, resources to help you and your child, and working with others to support your child.

and

Supporting your child with social communication challenges – Wednesday 30th October 10-12pm – via Zoom

This workshop is for you if your child has a social communication challenge (with or without a diagnosis). Learn more about social communication skills in young children and how they develop, how to help your child if they are at very early (or preverbal) stage of development, strategies that work well to support social communication skills at home and resources you can access.

If you are interested in joining one or both of these sessions, please email tlc@essex.gov.uk Please include the name of the session you would like to join. TLC will then send you the Zoom link nearer to the time. You are welcome to attend just one or both workshops, start with the one that sounds right for you and your child. These courses are written and delivered by very experienced speech and language therapists and advisors for the children's communication charity, Speech & Language UK. If your child is older than 5 years much of the content of this workshop will not be relevant and you may find it more useful to contact Speech and Language UK's advice line or visit their website: [Home – Speech and Language UK: Changing young lives](#)

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns regarding your child's speech and language needs within the school setting.

Census Day Menu

Thursday 3rd October 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

Pupil Contact Records

Next week, your child/ren will be bringing home a Pupil Contact Record sheet. To ensure we have all the correct information, which is legally required in case of an emergency, could you please check all the details, amend if necessary, sign and date (anywhere on the sheet) and return to the class teacher by Friday 18th October.

ACL Free Adult Courses and Activities

ACL have FREE sessions available to families at their Centres and libraries including Halloween Slime, LEGO, science, crafting, introduction to coding to name a few. They are also offering FREE adult courses such as Understanding ASD and autism, SEND support, Positive parenting and more which take place online or in their centres. [Visit our website and find out more.](#)

Secondary School Applications for Current Year 6 Pupils

The new secondary school admission round opened on Thursday, 12 September 2024, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2025. The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2024. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. All of the application information is available on this website.

Forest School Diary 27th September 2024

The children in EYFS took part in a colour hunt, searching the woodland high and low for natural items that matched the colour cards. As a group we discussed why things are starting to change colour at the moment and the various changes we will see take place over the coming weeks. Some of the children took a few moments to sit and enjoy a spot of reading in the great outdoors.



Year 1 created woodland skeletons this week. These were crafted using natural resources such as pine cones and sticks.



Year 2 enjoyed a spot of gardening during their session. The children kept busy clearing out their vegetable patch and planting bulbs such as daffodils and tulips which we will look forward to watching grow come next spring. With acorns still plentiful in the woodland we put some to good use and crafted wiggly worms.



Year 3 took to the high ropes again this week. Many of the children managed to climb that little bit higher up the cargo net, with many others climbing right to the very top. Great job Year 3!



The children in Year 4 have been using their culinary skills this week in the woodlands. They chopped ingredients such as carrots, leeks, mushrooms, parsnips and onions to make an Anglo Saxon stew that was cooked over the open fire. Herbs such as rosemary and bay leaves were also picked from our wildlife garden here at Kendall and added for extra flavour.



In Year 5's session this week we put together our studies of skeletons and the work we have been doing on the artist Henry Moore to create some amazing woodland sculptors.



It is that time of year again where Year 6 are starting to construct shelters in the woodland. There was a lot to consider before starting the big build: which design to choose, where to erect it, how big should it be. But once the children had given it some thought it wasn't long before they were hard at work. Watch this space for progress over the coming weeks.



Supporting local events, health and adult education in the community



Craft Fair

28th September 2024



Bourne Mill
Colchester
CO2 8RT

10.00-3.30

Unusual and unique
gifts created by local
artists and crafters.

Refreshments
Free admission

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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/>

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 4** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	96.7%	
Year 1	92%	
Year 2	96.1%	
Year 3	97.8%	
Year 4	98%	★
Year 5	97.55%	
Year 6	96.6%	
Overall Attendance	96.4%	

(Week ending 20/09/2024)

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: Neel P, Honor S, Makaanaka M, Elliott H, Luke G, Alex D, Michael O and Damien S.

Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week: Matthew L, Imogen W and Wesam F.

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who received Golden Awards this week: Jemimah H, Cole K, Elliott H, Victoria IE, Harley H, Dylan S, Year 3 Whole Class, Matilda G, Ella W, Neve B, Bea H, Grace J and Charlie R.

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the following winners:
KS1 winner: Kasandra G KS2 winner: Esme E
See the new Challenge attached.

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Jude** in **Year 4** who received our Writer of the Week award and took home a new stationery set and journal – keep up that good writing!

We hope you have a restful weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Clare French
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

September 2024	
October 2024	
Tuesday 1 st	Maths Parent Information Event 9:15am
Wednesday 2 nd	EYFS & Year 1 Phonics Parent Information Event 9:15am
Wednesday 2 nd	Year 4 Visit to West Stow
Thursday 3 rd	PTA Meeting
Monday 7 th	Individual Photos
Tuesday 15 th	Harvest Festival at St Stephen's Church 10am
Friday 18 th	Kendall Conker Competition
Monday 28 th – Friday 1st November	Autumn Half Term Holiday
November 2024	
Monday 4 th	Non- Pupil Day
Tuesday 5 th	First day of 2 nd half of autumn term
Tuesday 5 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 6 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 7 th	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 8 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday 8 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 12 th	Year 6 Visit to Houses of Parliament & SEALIFE London Aquarium
Friday 15 th	Non- Pupil Day
Monday 18 th	Non- Pupil Day
Tuesday 26 th	Parent Consultations 3:30pm-6pm
Wednesday 27 th	Year 1 Arctic Explorer
Wednesday 27 th	Parent Consultations 5:30pm-8pm
December 2024	
Tuesday 3 rd	Year 5 Greek Day
Monday 9 th	EYFS/KS1 Nativity 2:20pm
Tuesday 10 th	EYFS/KS1 Nativity 9:30am & 2:20pm
Friday 20 th	Christmas Service at St Stephen's Church 10am
Friday 20 th	PTA Discos KS1 5pm-6:15pm KS2 6:30pm-8pm
Friday 20 th	Last Day of Autumn Term 2024

Schedule of Trips and Visits 2023/2024

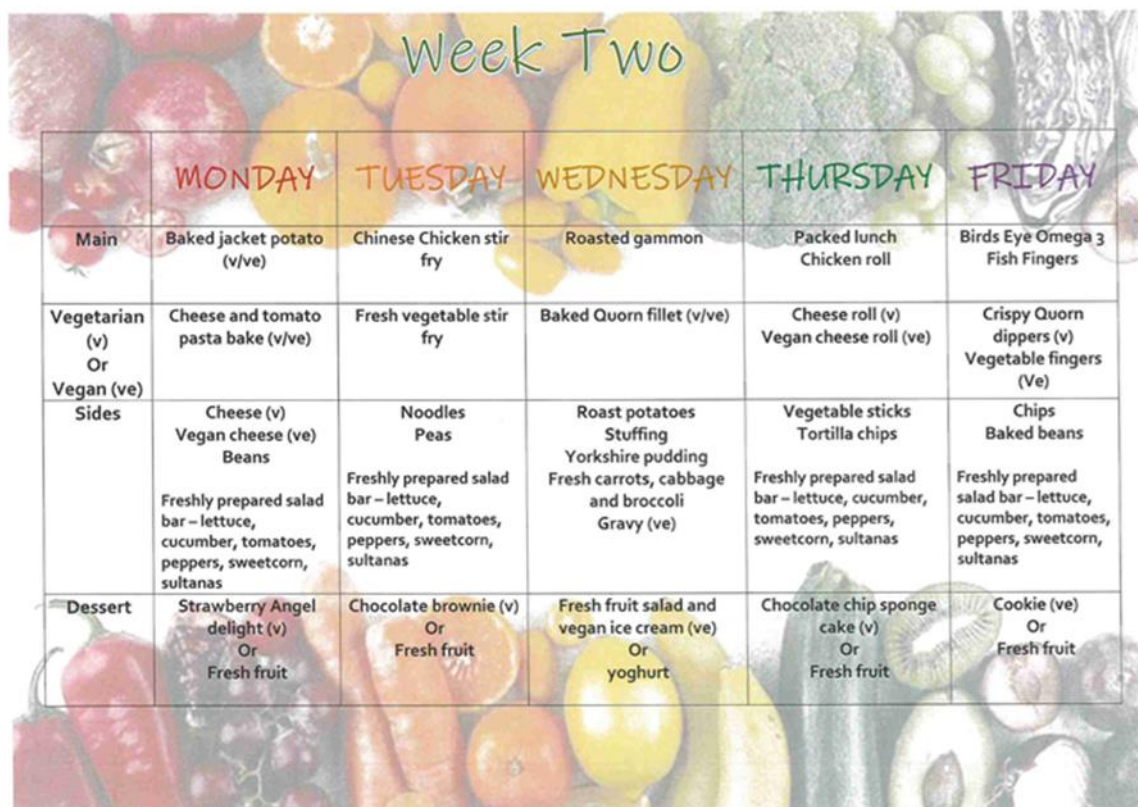
Budgeting £20 a quarter (£80 a year – or approximately £2 a term-time week) should cover the cost of trips. Where a trip is more expensive, for example £40, we will always try to make sure that over the academic year, the cost for all 4 Quarters comes to no more than £80 for the trips and visits we organise. 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 next 2 quarters below:

Quarter 1

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	No trips/visits this quarter	n/a
Year 1	No trips/visits this quarter	n/a
Year 2	Local walks	n/a
Year 3	Stone Age Day	£15.60
Year 4	West Stow	£24.20
Year 5	Henry Moore Sculpture Garden	£15.50
Year 6	PGL	Already paid

Quarter 2

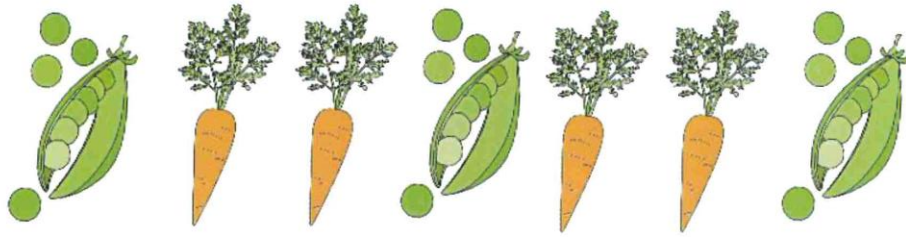
Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	No trips/visits this quarter	n/a
Year 1	Arctic Explorer	£7.50
Year 2	Roman Circus	£4 (tbc)
Year 3	Colchester Castle	£5.50
Year 4	French Day	n/a
Year 5	Ancient Greek Day	£20
Year 6	London Seaquarium & Houses of Parliament	£36



	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

Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

The farmer puts her carrots and peas into this pattern.



Draw the next three vegetables that will appear in this pattern.

If you think you have the answer, 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

For their Harvest Festival a school collected 66.8kg of canned food.
Each can contains 400g of food.



How many cans of food did the school collect?

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!

Academic Year 2024-2025

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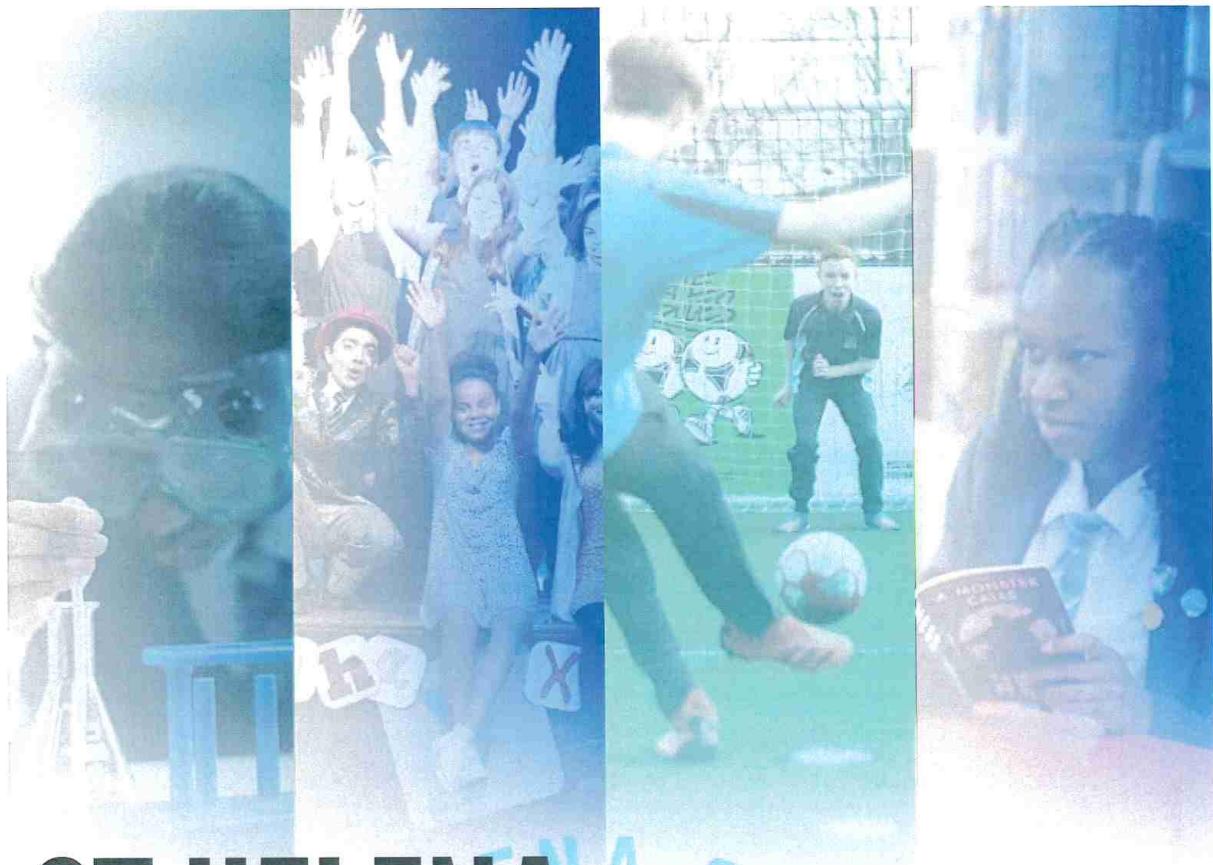
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DRAFT School Term and Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2025-2026

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



ST HELENA SCHOOL OPEN WEEK

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 3rd October
5:00pm – 7:00pm

- See our facilities and learning environment
- Speak to staff and students
- Have a tour of the school with our prefects

Head of School Address:
5:15pm & 6:15pm

OPEN MORNINGS

- Wednesday 2nd October
- Friday 4th October
- Thursday 10th October

9:30am – 10:30am



**BOOK ON
OUR WEBSITE**

**Parking available at the Colchester
Institute for Open Evening*

**No booking required for Open
Evening*