



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

14th November 2024

Newsletter 10 Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the greatest achievements of this school has been the success in our efforts to prevent traffic accidents and injuries to children along our road. There was once a time when parents would drive up to the school to drop their children off outside the gates, use Scarlett's or ECL land to park or turn around in, then drive back along the narrow road. As a single carriage road for the most part, when cars passed, they had to mount pavements where children were walking in order to manouvere around the cars coming in the opposite direction.

This situation created an entirely preventable risk to everyone in our school community. Despite clear safety signage and the availability of free parking at the Recreation Ground car park, some parents would still drive along the road and use Scarlett's and ECL parking areas, reserved for their staff and disabled patrons.

Unfortunately, over the past few weeks, a small number of parents have resumed this behaviour by driving down the road, navigating around students who walk and cycle to school. They park or turn in private areas owned by Scarlett's and ECL without consent. This also exposes these parents to the risk of receiving penalty notices from the parking company that monitors the road with enforcement cameras.

We understand that some may justify this behaviour by saying, 'others do it'. However, if we allow these actions to continue and grow, we risk reverting to the unsafe conditions we experienced in 2015, before the current traffic management practices were implemented.

To illustrate the seriousness of this issue, below is a photograph taken in 2015 before these safety measures were in place.



A photograph taken by a parent in 2015, prior to the current arrangements being put in place.

None of us want to return to a situation that endangers our children. Kendall School has received consistent praise from parents and cycling groups for maintaining a safe environment along the school road, and we are committed to upholding these standards.

We ask for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe. Please be considerate and prioritise the well-being of all children. Use the designated parking at the Recreation Ground Port Lane carpark (which is only a 100 metre walk to the school gate) and adhere to the road safety and traffic management signs

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. **We do not want to see a return to the entitled, selfish and inconsiderate behaviour of some parents that disregards the safety of other people's children out of pure laziness.**

Rainbows and Brownies Remembrance

I had a lovely email this week to tell me about the children from Kendall who went to the morning Remembrance Service at St Stephen's. They led the congregation from the worship space into the hall for part of the service, and then back into the workshop area after. All of the children were on their best behaviour; some of the Brownies held flags, lit candles and read out loud in the hall. Some of the Rainbows led the congregation at the front and gave a wreath to be displayed. Well done to Georgia, Elsie, Polly, Sylvie, Eleanor, Matilda, Winnie, Izzie, Isabelle, Ivy and Isaac (who did a reading as part of the service in his Cubs uniform). You all represented the school brilliantly - thank you!

10 Reads by Friday 22nd November 2024

Your child will need to have completed **10 reads by Friday 22nd November** instead of 5 reads for this Friday due to it being a non-pupil day.

School Reception Admissions for 2025-2026

School (Reception/EYFS) admission round opened on **Monday 4 November 2024**, for parents of children to apply for a reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2025. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2025**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Year 6 Visit to The Houses of Parliament and SEALife London Aquarium

On Tuesday Year 6 enjoyed a special day out in London. After a very early 6am start, the children began their adventure at The Houses of Parliament where they learned all about the history of parliament and what it means to live in a democracy. They had a tour of the Palace of Westminster and even managed to spot a few MPs and Peers. After lunch, the children took a walk over Westminster Bridge towards London SEALife Aquarium where they spent the rest of the afternoon examining a wide-variety of sea creatures. What a fabulous finish to the children's 'Awesome Oceans' topic.



Leave of Absence Requests

Despite sharing with you our Attendance Policy in previous newsletters, not all absences are being requested beforehand. If you have planned for your child to be absent, please remember the following points:

- All leave of absence requests should be requested in **advance** by completing an **Application for Leave of Absence from School During Term Time** form, which can be obtained from the school office.
- Forms must be returned to the office at least **a week** before the leave of absence.
- Remember term time holidays will **not** be authorised.
- Other requests for leave of absence which are exceptional circumstances must be accompanied with evidence to support these.

Green Flag Award with Distinction!

Last half term we were proudly awarded the Green Flag Award with Distinction. I can now share some of the extracts from our report with you:

It's great to see that you had such a group of eager, enthusiastic volunteers. Your Action Plan shows that your Eco-Committee have carefully considered how they can involve their entire school in their planned Eco-Schools' activities to achieve maximum impacts and raise awareness amongst their school community. Your Curriculum Link examples are imaginative, practical and fun, making environmental education accessible and engaging, well done! We're really impressed at how you've linked environmental issues to a variety of curriculum areas. We loved seeing the excellent photos of your pupil's work and of them enjoying their activities. This is a great example of layering in sustainability and climate change into your studies. We loved reading about how you had firmly incorporated learning about global issues into the Geography and Science Curriculum in your school. Great work!



Measles in Essex

Anyone who has been unfortunate enough to have visited an Essex hospital recently, will have noticed the posters displayed everywhere about the measles outbreak which is circulating in Essex currently. Most cases of measles have been in school children and preschool children not protected by a full course of the MMR vaccine. Measles is very infectious and spreads easily amongst people who are unvaccinated. It can be a very serious illness and can sometimes lead to hospitalisation – and in rare cases, can cause death. If you or your child have symptoms of measles, seek medical attention. Be sure to phone ahead before you visit your GP surgery or other healthcare setting. This allows arrangements to be made to prevent others from being infected. Do not send a child with these symptoms to school unless they have been medically assessed and told they can go to school.

Measles signs and symptoms:

- cold-like symptoms (runny nose, sneezing or coughing)
- sore, red eyes
- a high temperature (fever)

- A few days later, a red-brown blotchy rash will appear. This usually starts on the head or upper neck, before spreading outwards to the rest of the body.

The best way to protect yourself, family, and friends against measles, is the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination. MMR is a highly effective and safe vaccine and protects against measles, mumps and rubella. Anyone who has missed a dose of MMR should contact their GP surgery to get vaccinated. 2 doses of the MMR vaccine gives long-term protection. If you are not sure if your child has missed an MMR dose (or any other vaccination) you can contact the Essex Children's Immunisation and Vaccination team on 0300 790 0597. You can also ring this number to have your child vaccinated in a community vaccination clinic.

Essex ActivAte Winter Holiday Programme 2024

During the winter holidays, Essex ActivAte will be offering fun and festive holiday clubs, with eligible children and young people being offered free spaces! To further support families, local club providers will also be offering memorable family experiences, quality food hampers and festive dinners! Please look out for your Holiday Activities voucher codes from Monday 25 November 2024, which will be automatically sent out to eligible families by email, to make the most of these amazing opportunities.

PTA Wreath Making Workshop at Kendall

If you would like to make your own Christmas Wreath this year, why not come along to our PTA Wreath Making Workshop run by Mrs French on Monday 2nd December from 10am-12pm. All places must be pre-booked and full payment of £30 must be paid in cash or by cheque (made payable to: Friends of Kendall CE Primary School) at the time of booking and placed in a clearly named envelope. Spaces are limited so early booking is advised!

For Parents – Fortnite Updated Controls

With the Fortnite game as popular as it ever was, it's important that parents of children who play the game are updated on parental controls which will assist. There are quite a few features within Fortnite which may appear overwhelming so Internet Matters have put together a fantastic web page to guide parents through all the controls/settings. You can find the web page [HERE](#).

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.

Forest School Diary 14th November 2024

There was no lesson plan needed for the children in EYFS, just lots of leaves and a little imagination to have the best Forest School session ever! From making leaf angels to burying one another amongst them, everyone had so much fun, even the adults joined in too!



Year 1 were lucky to enjoy some glorious autumnal sunshine during their session this week, so the children took advantage of the beautiful weather and took part in a relaxing sit spot under the trees. As a group we then gathered up lots of leaves and used them to make masks and bouquets.



This week Year 4 have continued to construct their Viking long boats. Using a variety of hand tools such as the mallets to bash in the support stakes and the axe to sharpen them, everyone worked extremely hard and made great progress throughout the session.



With winter well on its way, it was time for Year 5 to once again give our amazing wildlife pond a health check. We looked at water quality and the diversity of the creatures who live there. We compared our pond dipping finds to the previous 3 seasons and were able to determine that, as expected, the variety of wildlife had showed the quality of the insects and invertebrates was very good. We also found some time for a little more fire lighting using fat wood which we had planed down ourselves from a fallen pine tree.



Year 6 are now in the final stages of constructing their shelters, adding on anything they can find in the woodland to fill in any gaps in order to make the shelters as water tight as possible.



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** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	97.1%	
Year 1	92.9%	
Year 2	93.95%	
Year 3	98.4%	
Year 4	96.25%	
Year 5	99.2%	★
Year 6	97.3%	
Overall Attendance	96.45%	

(Week ending 11/11/2024)

Happy Birthday!

Please join us in saying happy birthday to: Ivy B



Maths Awards

Congratulations to everyone who received a Mental Maths Award in this week's assembly.

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the following winners:

KS1 winner - Makeda

KS2 winner – Jayden

New challenge attached!

Kendall Team Points

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

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

Don't forget, we are not back in school until Tuesday 19th November. We hope you have a restful long weekend!

Yours sincerely,



Clare French
Headteacher

Schedule of Trips and Visits 2024/2025

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 quarter below

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	£5
Year 3	Colchester Castle	£5.50
Year 4	French Day	n/a
Year 5	Ancient Greeks Day	£20
Year 6	London Seaquarium & Houses of Parliament	£36

(Please note all Q1 trips have now taken place):

Dates for your Diary

November 2024	
Friday 15 th	Non- Pupil Day
Monday 18 th	Non- Pupil Day
Thursday 21 st	Year 3 Visit to Colchester Castle
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
Tuesday 3 rd	PTA Christmas Gift Shop
Wednesday 4 th	PTA Christmas Gift Shop
Thursday 5 th	PTA Christmas Gift Shop
Friday 6 th	PTA Christmas Gift Shop
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
January 2025	
Monday 20 th	Forest School Parent Information Event 9-11am (PIE)

Tuesday 28 th	Kendall SEND Support Group
Wednesday 29 th	Writing Parent Information Event (PIE)
February 2025	
Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st	Half Term
March 2025	
Tuesday 4 th	Parent Consultations 3:30pm-6pm
Wednesday 5 th	Reading Parent Information Event (PIE)
Wednesday 5 th	Parent Consultations 5:30pm-8pm
Wednesday 12 th	Kendall SEND Support Group
April 2025	
Friday 4 th	Easter Service at St Stephen's Church 10am
Monday 7 th to Monday 21 st	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22 nd	First Day of Summer Term

Week 3	MONDAY (meat free)	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Oven baked jacket potato with cheese(v) beans or vegan cheese (ve)	Homemade chicken casserole	Roasted top side of beef	All day brunch Pork sausage bacon	Birdseye Omega 3 fish fingers
Vegetarian (V) Or Vegan (Ve)	Winter vegetable pasta(v) (ve)	Quorn and vegetable casserole	Quorn fillet (v, ve)	All day vegetarian brunch (v,) (ve)	Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (ve)
Sides	Peas Garlic bread Freshly prepared salad – lettuce, tomatoes and cucumber	Creamy mashed potato Sweetcorn	Roast potatoes, stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, fresh carrots, cabbage, broccoli, vegan gravy (ve)	Mushrooms Beans Hash brown Tomatoes Scrambled eggs	Chips Baked beans Peas Freshly prepared salad – lettuce, tomatoes and cucumber
Dessert	Vegan ice cream and sauce or yogurt	Chocolate shortbread or yogurt or fresh fruit	Honeydew melon and pineapple or yogurt	Apple crumble and custard or yogurt	Iced sponge cake or fresh fruit

Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge



Larry sells tickets for a Bonfire Night festival. He sells 13 on Monday, 14 on Tuesday and 6 on Wednesday.

How many tickets does he sell altogether?

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



Susan bought a box of fireworks.
There were 4 packets of 18 Roman Candles
and 5 packets of 22 jumping jacks.

How many fireworks were in the box?

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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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.