



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

13th December 2024

Newsletter 14 Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have really enjoyed this past week at school with the nativity plays and everyone getting into the festive spirit! Next Friday we look forward to our PTA Christmas Jumper Day, the Christmas Dinner, the PTA Discos and before that, our Christmas service at 10.00am at St Stephen's church. We hope to see you there!

EYFS & KS1 Nativity

This week saw EYFS and KS1 present their Nativity, 'A Midwife Crisis', a tale of midwives on their way to the birth of a new king. All of the children worked so hard to learn their lines, song words and actions and put on a spectacular show. Thank you to the many families and friends who came to watch and who have supported the children with learning their parts, providing costumes and coming to see and enjoy the performances. Thank you to our PTA, who have been busy making the many bauble orders and for providing refreshments at the performances. From all of EYFS and KS1 'Merry Christmas!'



Gazette Nativity Photo

Don't forget to grab your copy of the Daily Gazette on the 17th December 2024 for Kendall's Nativity photo!

PTA Christmas Jumper Day 20th December 2024

Next Friday we will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper Day! If your child would like to wear a Christmas jumper to school we would kindly ask for a voluntary donation of £1 (cash only please) towards our PTA. Your child can give it to the class teacher in the morning.



What are our PTA raising funds for now?

It has been nearly 5 years since the high ropes were installed at Kendall. The children love this exciting part of their outdoor adventurous Forest School education. Over the next couple of years, we will need to replace the harnesses, helmets and climbing ropes. We will do this as they come to the end of their usable life. We will also need to update the computers in our ICT suite. We do get some grant money from the government which will go towards this, however, it only covers half the cost of purchasing and installing enough computers for every child to use. So please, if you can, keep supporting our PTA as these are the next two projects in our pipeline! Thank you!



PTA Disco



Christmas Week Menu

Look out for our fun, festive menu for the last week of term near the end of the newsletter!

Better Housing, Better Health

Essex County Council has appointed Better Housing, Better Health (BHBH) to deliver Energy Advice and Fuel Poverty assistance across Essex, and access funding for home improvements to improve energy efficiency through the ECO4 Flex grant.

BHBH is a free, impartial service offering advice including:

- Financial Support: help to access Warm Home Discount and energy efficiency grants.
- Priority Services Register.
- Fuel debt advice and signposting.
- Fuel Vouchers.
- Small measures grant for immediate assistance to eligible households. Items may include thermal curtains, electric radiators, blankets etc.

ECO4 Flex is a grant for low-income and vulnerable households, designed to improve the energy efficiency of properties rated D-G for energy performance.

There are many eligibility pathways including:

- Household income below £31,000
- Health Routes: if someone living in the household (including a child) has one of the following conditions: Cardiovascular; Respiratory (e.g. child with asthma); Immunosuppression; Limited Mobility. Income does NOT apply for Health Routes
- Qualifying means-tested benefit (BHBH can advise)

There are other eligibility routes that may apply, including FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

The application process is easy and takes 2 mins: this can be a self-referral, or via a referral partner, such as school or GP (please get applicant permission to refer). Simply visit www.bhbh.org.uk and complete the form or call 0800 107 0044.

Applicants will be called by BHBH within 3-5 days to start the application and eligibility checks. All contractors onboarded with BHBH are vetted, verified, and have all relevant certifications for the scheme. All measures installed are guaranteed and there is robust complaints procedure in place through BHBH. No onboarded contractors will cold-call, and all eligible residents will be told of the contractor who will conduct surveys and installations.

Please note: The ECO4 Flex scheme is for Owner-Occupiers, Private Sector Tenants, and landlords. Social Housing tenants should contact their Housing Provider for alternative schemes. However, they can still access support from BHBH, but the landlord may be asked to contribute dependent on the circumstances of the occupant of the property. Not all households will be eligible due to minimum uplift requirements and possible measures will vary for each property.

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter. The advice and support may be of benefit to many (not just those who meet the ECO4 Flex housing criteria). It should also be noted that although the process from application to install of any home improvements may take several months and is not a "quick fix", they do encourage potential households to apply soon, as additional support may be available prior to any installations.

Reminder! No Chocolate Spread in Home Packed Lunches

Once again, we would like to remind all parents/carers that we **do not** permit **chocolate spread** in sandwiches, etc. in children's home packed lunches brought into school. Many chocolate spreads contain hazelnuts, almonds, or other nut products, which pose a serious risk to children in our school with nut allergies as written in our prospectus and the School Dinner information pages of our school website.

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.

CHRISTMAS FOODBANK CENTRE OPENING TIMES & LOCATIONS

Foodbank Centre	Day	Session Times	Location/Address
Brightlingsea	Wednesdays	Open 10:00am to 12:30pm Weds 18 th , Mon 23 rd Mon 30 th Then Weds 8 th	Brightlingsea Parish Hall, Victoria Place Brightlingsea CO7 0BP 01206 3033902 07970480968-
Colchester Main Hub Tollgate	Monday to Saturday	OPEN 10am to 2pm Dec 23 rd and 24 th Closed 25 th and 26 th Open 27 th 12 to 2pm Then normal opening times: closed Jan 1 st and 2 nd Re open Jan 3 rd	Unit 3, Tollgate Retail Park, Stanway CO3 8RG 01206 621998
Colchester Central	Tuesday Wednesday Friday	Open 11pm to 1pm 16 th , 17 th , 20 th Re-open Tues 7 th Jan	Eld Lane Baptist Church Eld Lane CO1 1LS
Greenstead	Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday	Open 16 th , 17 th , 19 th 20 th , 23 rd , 24 th , 30 th Closed 27 th Dec Re-open 2 nd Jan	Colchester Credit Union 7 The Centre, Hawthorn Avenue, CO4 3PX.
Highwoods	Monday	9:30 am to 11:30 am Open Monday 16 th and 23 rd Dec Re-open – Jan 6 th	The Ark Methodist Church Gavin Way Highwoods CO4 9FF
Monkwick	Friday	11am to 1pm Open 20 th & 29 th 5 TH Jan	St Margarets Church Hall, Stansted Road CO2 8RA
Myland	Friday	8:30am to 12noon Open Fri 20 th Re-open Jan 3 rd	Myland Parish Hall Mile End Road CO4 5DY 07518437488
New Town	Monday Thursday	7:30pm to 8:30pm 11am to 1pm Open 23 rd , Closed 26 th , Re-open Mon 30 th , Thurs 2 nd Jan	St Stephen's Church Canterbury Road CO2 7RY
Rowhedge	Monday	Open 23 rd Re-open 6 Jan Community phone line 0785817251	Mariners Chapel Chapel Lane Rowhedge CO5 7JS
Tiptree	Thursday	2pm to 4pm Open 19 th Dec Re-open Jan 2 nd	United Reform Church Chapel Road Tiptree CO5 OHP 07835941646
Wivenhoe	Tuesday	11 am to 1pm Open 17 th 23 rd Note change of different day Re-open 31 st	Wivenhoe Congregational Church, High St, Wivenhoe, CO7 9AB

Forest School Diary 13th December 2024

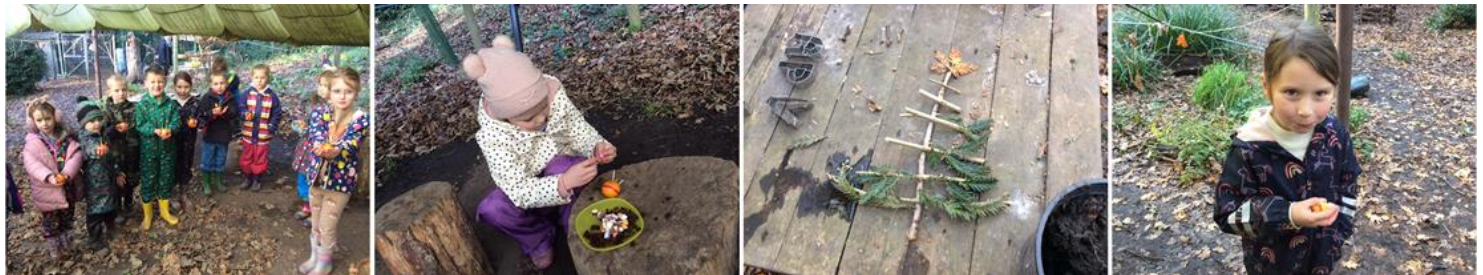
EYFS took a walk to the top woodland for the very first time. Climbing over a fallen tree, walking across troll bridge and mastering the rickety woodland stairs, they made their way from one end of the woodland to the other. Once there, the children were shown the boundaries of their new surroundings where they will be enjoying more of their Forest School time after the half term break.



The children in Year 1 continued to craft their snowmen decorations this week. They are looking really lovely and we hope you enjoy them at home.



Year 2 enjoyed assembling Christingles during their Forest School session. As a group, we spoke about the history and origins of the Christingle and the symbolism of each individual aspect. The children then felt it was obligatory to eat them, of course!



Year 3 started the process of crafting their arrowheads today. Using clay, the children made and cut out the shape that will be used to make the mould during our next session. We will keep you updated on our progress here over the coming weeks. The rope walk challenge was also on offer for the group to practise their balancing skills.



Year 4 have been taking part in climbing the high ropes this week, and the task in hand was the pirate challenge. Well done to everyone for trying your best.



This week Year 5 carried on the festive theme and continued to decorate our woodland with Yuletide decorations.



Year 6 continued working on their Christmas decorations this week. The children are using the hand tools to create stars, snowmen and reindeer using wood slices.



Parent View Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents who took part in the questionnaire for 2024-2025. Please find attached to this newsletter the results. The SLT are working through the comments and feedback also given and will provide a response and action plan that will result from these.

Online E-Safety Magazine for parents

#DITTO is a free online safety newsletter in PDF format to keep parents up to date with online safety risks, issues, advice and guidance related to keeping children safe online, enjoying and learning about technology. You can sign up for this newsletter at <https://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>

Happy Birthday!

Please join us in saying happy birthday to: Efosa IE, Cole K, Lily T, Noah F, Belle S and Imogen M

Maths Challenge

Don't forget to enter!



Kendall Team Points

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

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

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!

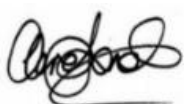
EYFS	96.7%	
Year 1	88.95%	
Year 2	87.4%	
Year 3	91.3%	
Year 4	97.65%	★
Year 5	97.3%	
Year 6	97.5%	
Overall Attendance	93.85%	

(Week ending 06/12/2024)

Safety on the School Road

Please be reminded that as per the road signage, parents should not be driving along the road that accesses the Kendall, Scarlett's and ECL at any time. The landowner, other local establishments and the school have worked together to ensure that the traffic congestion and resulting danger to the children is, thanks to all our efforts, a thing of the past. Please be aware that stopping at anytime along the private road can lead to a penalty notice being issued. If you would like a free parking pass for the Port Lane Recreation Ground car park that can be used at school drop off and pick up times, please speak to the school office.

Have a lovely weekend!



Clare French, Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

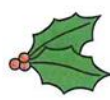
December 2024	
Friday 20th	PTA Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day
Friday 20th	Christmas Service at St Stephen's Church 10am
Friday 20th	Kendall Christmas Lunch
Friday 20th	PTA Discos KS1 5pm-6:15pm KS2 6:30pm-8pm
Friday 20th	Last Day of Autumn Term 2024
January 2025	
Monday 13th	Year 2 Visit to the Roman Circus
Monday 20 th	Forest School Parent Information Event 9-11am (PIE)
Friday 24 th	Eco-School Non-Uniform day to raise money for Water Aid.
Tuesday 28 th	Kendall SEND Support Group
Wednesday 29 th	Writing Parent Information Event (PIE)
February 2025	
Friday 10th	Year 3 Visit to Colchester Zoo
Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st	Half Term
March 2025	
Tuesday 4 th	Parent Consultations 3:30pm-6pm
Wednesday 5th	Reading Parent Information Event (PIE)
Wednesday 5 th	Parent Consultations 5:30pm-8pm
Wednesday 12 th	Kendall SEND Support Group
April 2025	
Friday 4th	Easter Service at St Stephen's Church 10am
Monday 7 th to Monday 21 st	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22nd	First Day of Summer Term

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	Ancient Maya Day	£8



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	Monday Pantomime lunch	Tuesday Cheeky elves' lunch	Wednesday Five golden rings lunch	Thursday Twinkle Twinkle Bethlehem Star	Friday Kendall school presents..... 'Santa and Mrs Claus Christmas Lunch Day
Meat Option	Mother Goose's macaroni cheese	Buddy's ham and cheese pizza	Polar bears best loved Birdseye golden fish fingers	Bethlehem's Bolognese pasta bake topped with cheese	Roasted Breast of turkey Pigs in Blankets
Vegetarian (v) Or Vegan (ve)	The Ugly Sister's tomato pasta topped with vegan cheese (ve)	Tinsel's cheese and tomato pizza (ve)	Golden Quorn Dippers	Little Donkey's veggie Bolognese bake topped with vegan cheese (ve)	Oven Baked Quorn Fillet (ve)
Sides	Captain Hook's veg sticks or Peter Pan's peas	Elfy's peas and sweetcorn Sparkle's salad bar	Golden sweetcorn Magical baked beans Golden chips	Golden garlic bread Fresh salad	Crispy Roast Potatoes Stuffing fresh carrots cabbage peas Yorkshire pudding vegan gravy
	Cinderella's chocolate Oat cake or Fairy Godmother's fresh fruit	Figgy's strawberry angel delight Or Yoghurt	Golden arctic ice cream roll or festive fresh fruit	Twinkle twinkle Fresh fruit salad and vegan ice cream	Mrs Claus sponge cake or Santa Claus very chocolatey chocolate brownie fresh fruit

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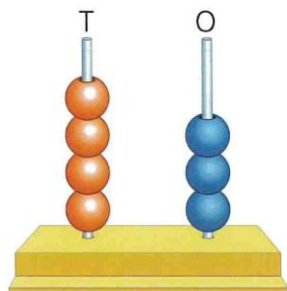
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Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge



Ryan is making numbers from 7 beads.

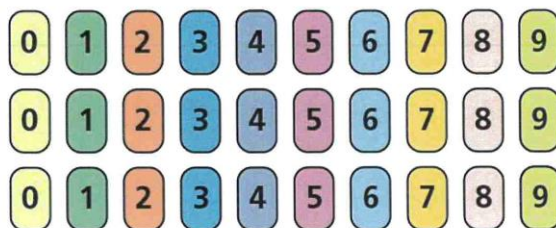
In this diagram he has put 4 beads on the Tens peg and 3 beads on the Ones peg, making 43.

How many different numbers can you make using 7 beads?

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

You have 3 sets of 0-9 digit cards.



What is the closest number you can make to 60000?

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!

Better Housing Better Health

The Warmth & Wellbeing Service

HOME ENERGY ADVICE

Better Housing Better Health (BHBH) is a service working locally to improve your domestic warmth & wellbeing. In a preventative approach, our free helpline provides you with a single point of contact for advice and support in order to help improve the energy efficiency of your property and lower your bills.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our team of experts can work with households to apply for grants and funding to help with your home energy. Schemes like the Warm Home Discount can take £150 off your bills and ECO Funding can replace heating systems as well as install insulation. Call us to see if you're eligible and start the process.



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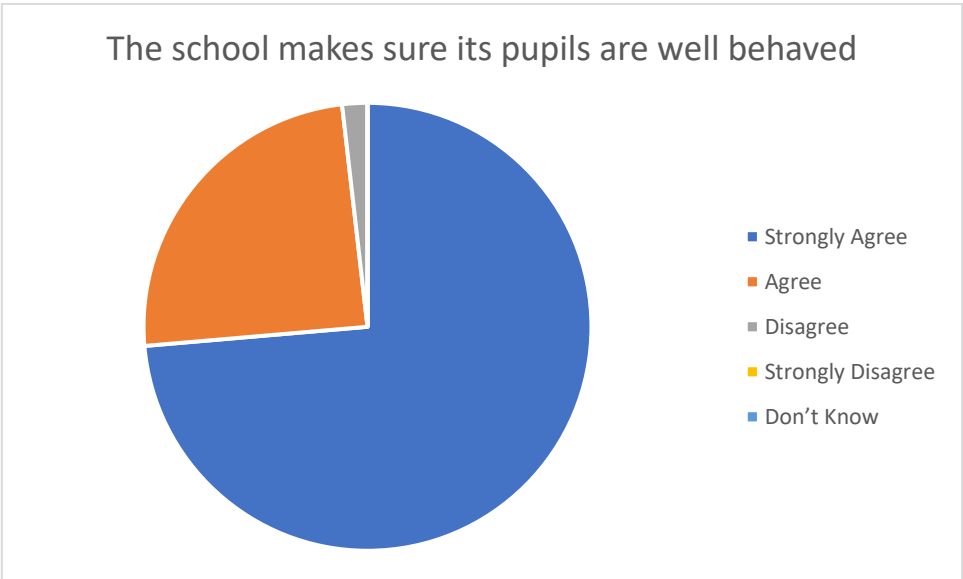
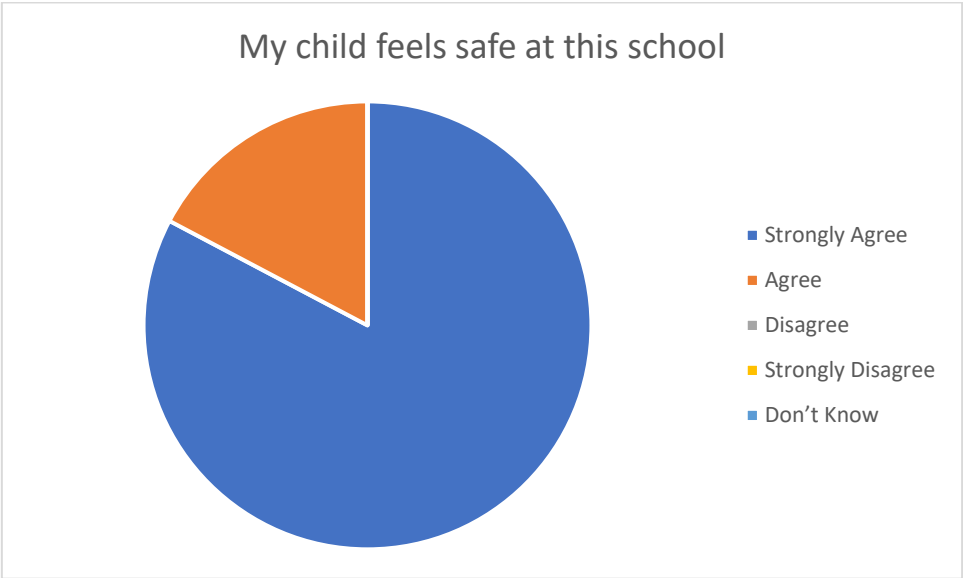
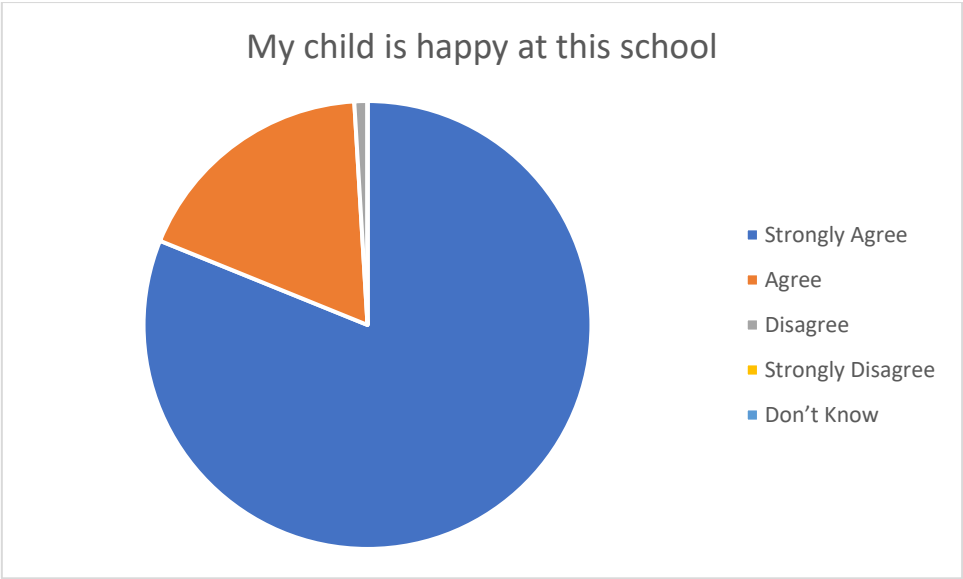
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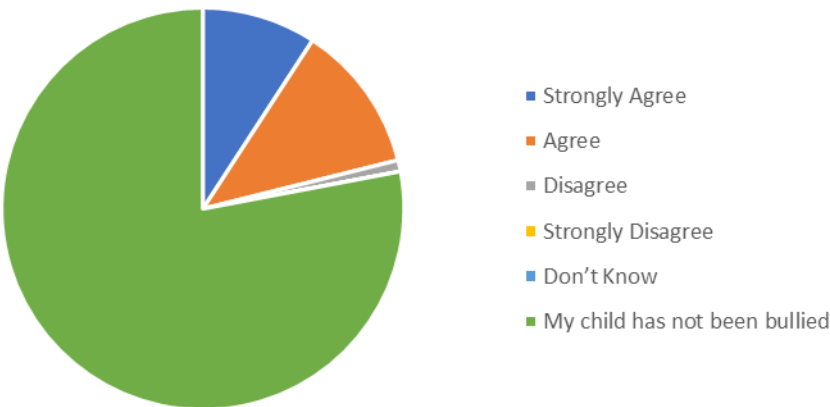
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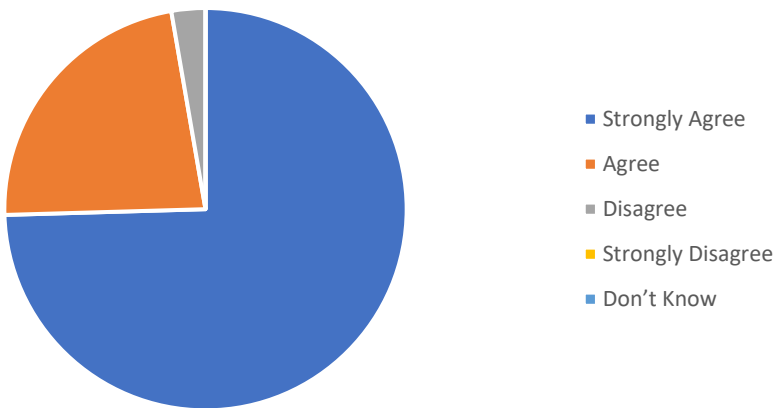


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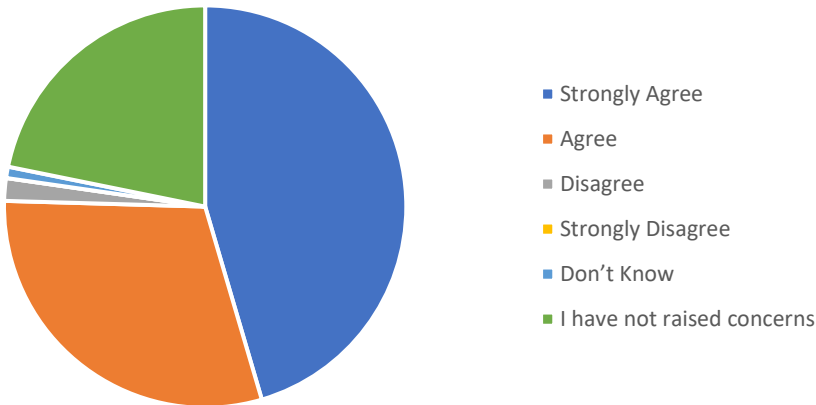
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively



The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.

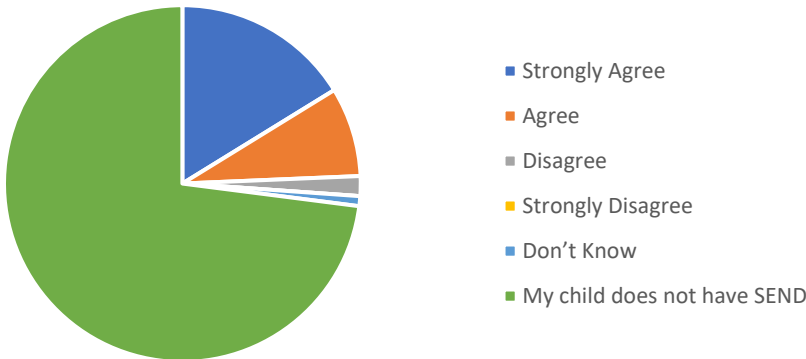


When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.

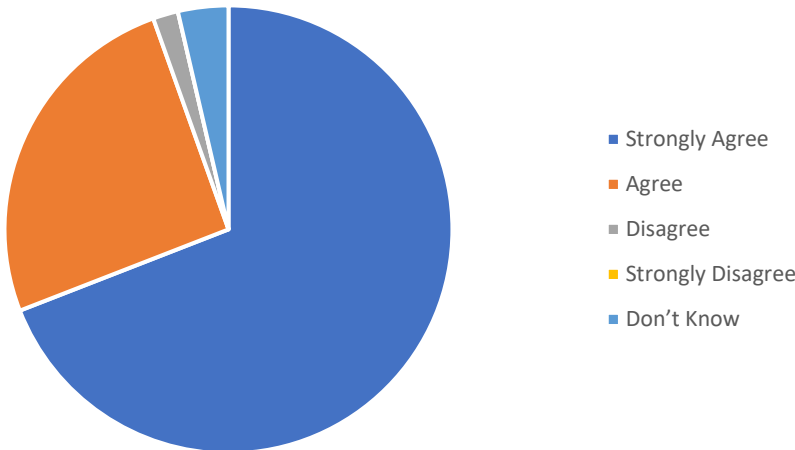


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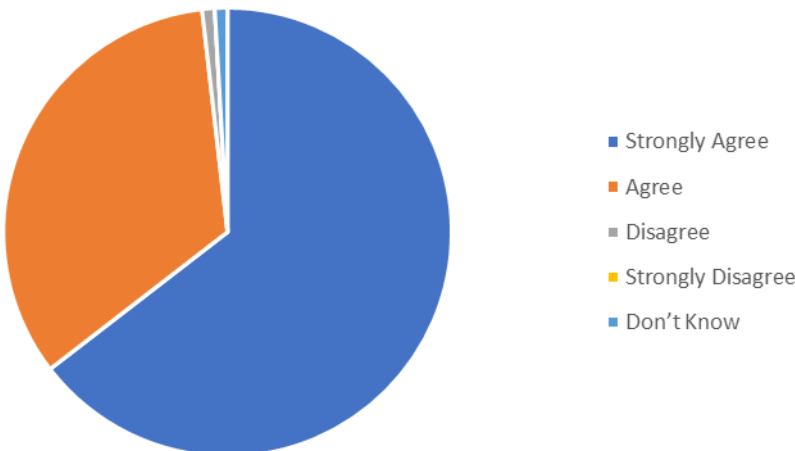
If your child has special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) the school gives them the support they need to succeed.



The school has high expectations for my child.

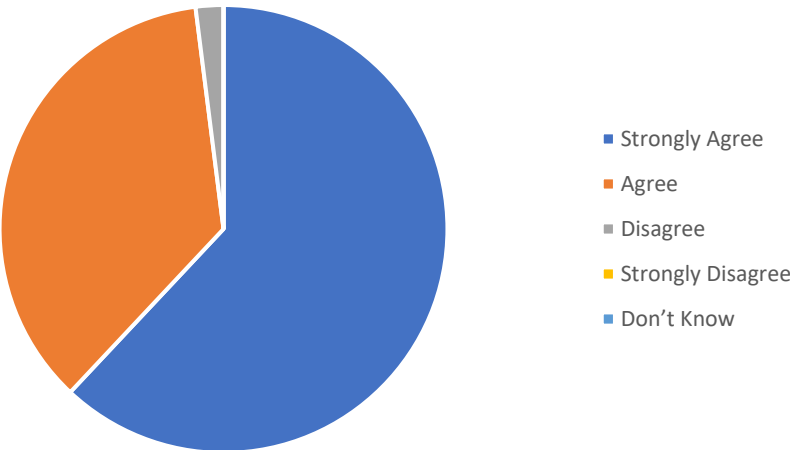


My child does well at this school.

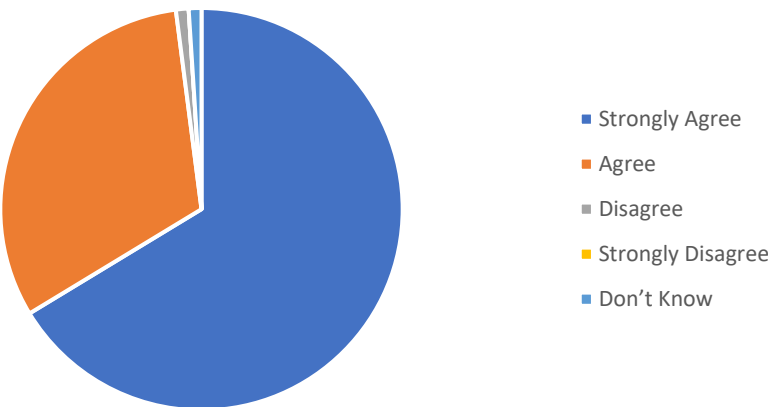


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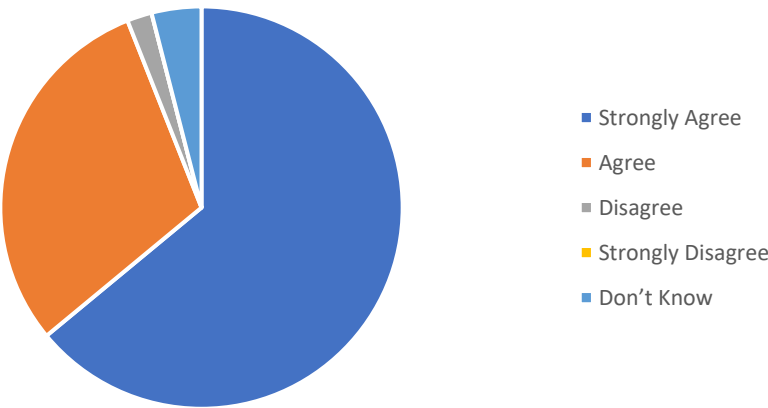
The school lets me know how my child is doing.



There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.

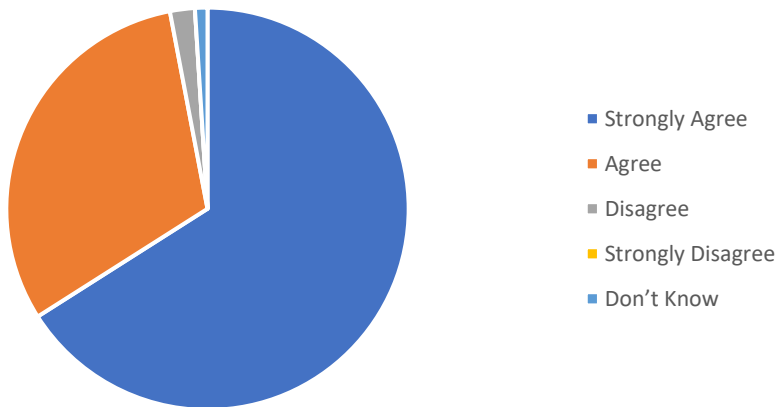


My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.



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The school supports my child’s wider personal development.



I would recommend this school to another parent.

