



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

20th December 2024

Newsletter 15 Autumn Term 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many parents attending our Christmas Service at St Stephen's today. The children really enjoyed singing and entering into the festivities. It was wonderful to see the children displaying such confidence and sharing the Christmas message with the whole school community sporting a wonderful array of different Christmas jumpers. It was then back to school for our Christmas dinner!



PTA Disco

We are looking forward to seeing your children at our PTA Christmas Discos (KS1 starts 5pm, KS2 starts 6:30pm). 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. 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.



Healthy Schools at Barnardo's - Winter Survival Resources

As we approach the end of term, Healthy Schools at Barnardos just wanted to share with you a lovely collection of resources from Beacon House, specially designed by their therapists to support regulation, connection and rest during December. Take a look here:

<https://beaconhouse.org.uk/winter-resources/>

Spring Term Menu

We will be starting the new Spring Term in January with the Week 2 Menu (near the end of the newsletter).

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service. There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service. Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

10 Reads of Christmas!

Don't forget over the next 3 weeks (by 10th January) to complete 10 reads to be entered into the reading raffle!



Forest School Diary 20th December 2024

EYFS are thoroughly enjoying the new surroundings of the top woodland site and the rope swing is already a firm favourite amongst the group. The children also had fun rolling pine cones in glitter to make Christmas decorations.



The children in Year 1 finished off making their snowmen decorations this week. They also made a Christmas wreath and even a Stickman.



Year 2 crafted a dreidel during their session using the hand tools and natural resources. The children are learning about the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah as part of their class topic so making the dreidel fitted in rather nicely.



The children in Year 3 have been full of Christmas spirit this week in the woodland and enjoyed all things festive, making decorations such as mobiles, God's Eyes and sparkly pine cones.



Year 4 painted their individual sail designs onto material this week. Once they are dry, we will then attach them all onto a larger piece of material to form the sail of our Viking long boat. The children created some great designs as you can see from the photos.



This time in the forest, Year 5 shaped sticks into a point and toasted marshmallows, put the finishing touches to our Christmas decorations and had a couple of amazing games of Forest School Man Hunt. Some of us found cool places to hide using the ample evergreen foliage as camouflage. Can you spot us?



Year 6 have been busy as they continued to put together various Christmas decorations this week. Others kept busy by decorating our newly made tree with evergreen bouquets.



Child First Trust Parenting Workshop

Parenting Workshop

This **8-week** course is offered to parents from our school for **FREE**.
Venue: HIGHWOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL, Tynedale Square, Highwoods, Colchester CO4 9SN

8 sessions from
Tuesday 14th January, 14th, 21st, 28th January, 4th 11th, (break for half term on 18th) 25th February 4th, 11th March.

FREE
First come, first served

www.childfirsttrust.com

For more information, or to book your place, please contact
Amanda Rowe (07772 268691) Amanda@childfirsttrust.org.uk
Jackie Curtis (07732 122688) Jackie@childfirsttrust.org.uk or

OR speak to your child's school.

Kendall Church of England Primary School Recreation Road Colchester, CO1 2HH
01206 794634 • admin@kendall.essex.sch.uk • www.kendallprimary.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs. Clare French

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 <u>12 to 2pm</u> 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

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: Jensen BD, Gia K, Gabriel FB, Quinlan MF, Jasmine M, Jensen BD, Gia K, Gabriel FB, Quinlan MF, Jasmine M, Leo M, Zakkary A, Adrian G, Hatice O, Scarlett V and Riley P



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week: Matilda T, Isla P, Neel P, Dylan S and Joshua D.

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week: Isabella B, Teddie C, Penelope E, Cherechi K, Joshua D, Rosie EB, Evelyn H, Ella LH, Mim M, Scarlett V, James C, Bethel O, Aiden A and Tyler L.

Writer of the Week

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

Vision Value Leaves

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a leaf for our 'Vision Values' Tree: Mostafa S, Ella W, Naeto K, Isaac B, Elsie R, Archie B, Makanaka M, Billy R, Aiden A, Jessica M, Georgia B and Jasmine M.

Kendall Team Points

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

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

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	88%	
Year 1	90.3%	
Year 2	92.25%	
Year 3	94.2%	
Year 4	97.65%	★
Year 5	84.7%	
Year 6	96.3%	
Overall Attendance	91.95%	

(Week ending 13/12/2024)

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.

Safety on the School Road

Please be reminded that as per the road signage, parents should not be driving along the road that accesses 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 any time 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 Christmas everyone!



Clare French, Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

December 2024	
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 paid 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

Quarter 3

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	Boydells Farm	Approx £24
Year 1	No paid trips/visits this quarter	n/a
Year 2	Local walks	n/a
Year 3	Colchester Zoo	£18.60
Year 4	Local walks	n/a
Year 5	Ancient Egyptians Day	Approx £20
Year 6	No paid trips/visits this quarter	n/a

Week 2	MONDAY (meat free)	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Deep pan Margherita pizza (v)	Oven baked sausages	Oven roasted chicken	Chicken and vegetable korma curry	Birdseye Omega 3 fish fingers
Vegetarian (V) Or Vegan (Ve)	Vegetable pasta served with a fresh herb, garlic and tomato sauce (ve)	Veggie sausages Vegan sausages (v) (ve)	Vegetable medley in vegan puff pastry (v, ve)	Vegetable and lentil sweet potato curry (ve)	Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (ve)
Sides	Sweetcorn Vegan Coleslaw Freshly prepared salad – lettuce, tomatoes and cucumber	Creamy mashed potatoes, garden peas, vegan gravy (ve)	Roast potatoes, stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, fresh carrots, cabbage, broccoli, vegan gravy (ve)	50/50 rice Warm naan bread Freshly prepared salad – lettuce, tomatoes and cucumber	Chips Baked beans Freshly prepared salad – lettuce, tomatoes and cucumber
Dessert	Strawberry Angel Delight or fresh fruit	Iced Chocolate brownie or yogurt	Honeydew melon and Watermelon Pineapple or yogurt	Autumn fruit cake sponge and custard or yogurt	School Cookie or fresh fruit

Academic Year 2024-2025

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