



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

17th January 2025

Newsletter 17 Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although the weather has been largely dull this week, there is never a dull day at Kendall!

Year 2 Visit to the Colchester Roman Circus

On Monday Year 2 visited Colchester Roman Circus to learn more about Colchester as a garrison town during the Roman times. We were met by our guide Felix who helped us learn about how Colchester became a Roman town, its burning by Boudicca and then how it was rebuilt. We then learnt how the Romans used the circus for entertainment before re-enacting our own chariot race!



Parent Governor Vacancy

Although we ran Parent Governor elections last term, we did not get any parents who put themselves forward for this role. If you are interested, but are not sure what it means, you can learn more about being a school parent governor and what the commitments are by visiting:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/knowledge-centre/the-parent-governor-role/>

If you would like to have an informal discussion about what the role entails at Kendall without making a commitment, please contact the school office and we can arrange a mutually convenient time for this to take place.



Hold the date for World Book Day!

Launching on Thursday 6th of March with the popular 'dress up as your favourite book character' day, we have a week of activities planned to celebrate the joy of reading! Watch this space...

Colchester Rotary Club Young Writer of the Year competition – an exciting opportunity!

This year's theme is 'Wonderful Water'. The theme can be interpreted as broadly as you wish. It is your opportunity to share your creative talents in showing the judges what this theme means to you.

To take part, you will need to produce a handwritten or typed story in prose or poem entitled '**Wonderful Water**'. The written entry could be fiction or non-fiction, as long as the piece relates to the theme and all entries must be legible. There are two primary age groups: Junior, up to and including 10 years old, Intermediate, up to and including 11 to 13 years old. The competition is organised and promoted by Rotary GB&I. There are three stages to the competition, local, district and national.

Prose entries should be up to a **maximum 550 words**.

Poetry entries should be up to a **maximum of 40 lines**.

Please see the attached information at the end of the newsletter or speak to your class teacher for further information. If you would like to enter, please inform your class teacher, or Mrs Reeves-Rowe so that we can send off the entry forms.



School Dinner Pricing from Summer Term

We would like to inform you that, due to rising operational and food costs, the price of school dinners will increase to **£2.75**, effective from **22nd April 2025**. We believe this offers great value for money and ensures your children will continue to get a hot nutritious meal and a dessert. Children entitled to free school meals (FSM) will not be affected. If you think you may qualify for FSM please contact Mrs Nicholson (admin@kendall.essex.sch.uk) in confidence, and she will be able to carry out an eligibility check for you.

Quick links to important policies!

We thought it would be useful to provide parents with quick links to some of our key policies in our weekly newsletter. Therefore, please find our **Attendance Policy** [HERE](#). Please find our **Homework Policy** [HERE](#). Please find our **Administering Medicines Policy** [HERE](#). Please find our **Mobile Phone Policy** [HERE](#). Please find our **Uniform Policy** [HERE](#). Please find our **Food Policy** [HERE](#).

A link to our school webpage that has all of statutory policies uploaded is [HERE](#).

Forest School Diary 17th January 2025

EYFS explored the woodlands and enjoyed going on a Gruffalo hunt. The children followed the foot prints of the Gruffalo which led them to characters from the story such as the snake, the owl, the fox, the mouse and finally, the Gruffalo himself.



Year 1 put their knowledge to the test this week and took part in a woodland quiz with all questions relating to the Arctic. The children were able to correctly answer most of the questions which shows they have gained a great understanding back in class. Well done Year 1!



The children in Year 2 explored some of the herbal remedies used by Mary Seacole during the Crimean war. Ingredients we used were lemons, lemon balm, ground and fresh ginger. A few of the children mentioned they were suffering from the common cough and cold at the moment so we made up our own remedy of tea using the lemons and ginger, it seemed to work as they all felt much better afterwards!



This week Year 3 have been learning about different rock types. The group firstly went off on a rock hunt to gather up as many different rocks as possible before putting them into groups of sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous. The children have also begun the process of filing down their arrow heads.



This week year 4 took part in a spot of pond dipping. The main focus of this was to see how many invertebrates could be found. Unfortunately, not many could be found at all, so as a group we

discussed why this could be. The few that the children did manage to find were noted down on a pond recording sheet, these will go towards the information gathered towards the class topic of living things.



This week in Forest School, Year 5 set sail for the treacherous 'Pirate Challenge'. It takes great skill and a brave heart to conquer this section of our high ropes course. We all gave it a good go and shiver-me-timbers nearly all of us made it up to the crow's nest!



The children in Year 6 kept busy in the woodland this week enjoying various activities such as helping clear out the hedgehog area, whittling and taking part in knot tying practice. A few of the children chose to continue working on the squirrel bridges they had started previously.



For Parents – How to Deal with Online Scams

Continuing the theme, ParentZone have put together a very simple but really useful webpage guide for parents which would be worth sharing. You can find the guide [HERE](#).

For Parents – Free Webinar – Supporting Neurodivergent Children in the Online World

Internet Matters are putting on a free webinar (29th January) for parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people who enjoy gaming online. Registration is required and I'm sure some teachers/support staff will find it interesting too. See [HERE](#) for more information.

Did you know?

24,304,797 TikTok accounts were banned as the person was suspected to be under the age of 13 between Jul-Sep 2024. This is on top of over 20 million accounts removed between April and June, and almost 22 million removed between January and March of the same year. In total, between

January 2024 and Sept 2024 over 66 million accounts were removed. This serves as a reminder that children under the age of 13 should not be accessing TikTok!

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/>

Reminder! No Chocolate Spread in Home Packed Lunches

Please remember that chocolate spread is not allowed in packed lunches due to the risk it poses to children with nut allergies. Details are in our prospectus and the School Dinner page of our 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.

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: Elsie-Rose A, Isabella B, Yuchen W and Matilda G.



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week: Miles O, Mostafa S and Lily T.

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week: Azlan A, Quinlan MF, Olivia N, Elijah R, Zara EE, Winifred G, Lotus L, Molly S, Josie J, Emilia T, Alice A, Archie W, Bella P and James T.

Writer of the Week

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

Maths Challenge

Don't forget to enter!

Vision Value Leaves

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a leaf for our 'Vision Values' Tree:

Kendall Team Points

Congratulations to the Weekly Team Winners: Elm!

Elm	Ash	Birch	Yew
1st	2nd	3rd	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 1** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	93%	
Year 1	98.65%	★
Year 2	93.85%	
Year 3	93.85%	
Year 4	96.65%	
Year 5	92%	
Year 6	97.8%	
Overall Attendance		95.15%

(Week ending 10/12/2024)

Have a lovely weekend!



Clare French
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

January 2025	
Monday 20 th	Forest School Parent Information Event 9-11am (PIE)
Monday 20 th	Multicultural Day
Thursday 23 rd	Year 4 Swimming Lesson 2
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)
Thursday 30 th	Year 4 Swimming lesson 3
Thursday 30 th	Year 4 PGL Parent Information Event 5pm-6pm
February 2025	
Thursday 6 th	Year 4 Swimming Lesson 4
Thursday 6 th	Year 6 Ancient Maya Day
Friday 10 th	Year 3 Visit to Colchester Zoo
Thursday 13 th	Year 4 Swimming Lesson 5
Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st	Half Term
Thursday 27 th	Year 4 Swimming Lesson 6
March 2025	
Tuesday 4 th	Parent Consultations 3:30pm-6pm
Thursday 6 th	Year 4 Swimming Lesson 7
Thursday 6 th	World Book Day
Wednesday 5 th	Reading Parent Information Event (PIE)
Wednesday 5 th	Parent Consultations 5:30pm-8pm
Wednesday 12 th	Kendall SEND Support Group
Thursday 13 th	Year 4 Swimming Lesson 8
Thursday 20 th	Year 4 Swimming Lesson 9
Thursday 27 th	Year 4 Swimming Lesson 10 (Last one)
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

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

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 1	MONDAY (meat free)	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Vegetable spring rolls	Creamy chicken pie topped with pastry	Oven roasted gammon	Pasta Bolognese topped with cheese	Birdseye Omega 3 fish fingers
Vegetarian (V) Or Vegan (Ve)	Pasta <u>neapolitan</u> cooked in a tomato sauce (v) (ve)	Vegetable parcel (ve)	Oven baked Quorn fillet (v)	Vegetable Bolognese topped with vegan cheese	Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (ve)
Sides	Savoury rice Sweetcorn Freshly prepared salad – lettuce, tomatoes and cucumber	Mashed potatoes, Peas, vegan gravy (ve)	Roast potatoes, stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, fresh carrots, cabbage, broccoli, vegan gravy (ve)	Sweetcorn Garlic bread Freshly prepared salad – lettuce, tomatoes and cucumber	Chips Peas Freshly prepared salad – lettuce, tomatoes and cucumber
Dessert	Homemade fruit shortbread or fresh fruit	Fruit cocktail and cream or fresh fruit or yogurt	Honeydew melon and pineapple or yogurt	Chocolate Oat cake or yogurt	Strawberry ice cream sponge roll or yogurt

Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge



What is the difference between the greatest and smallest digits in the number 2025?

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



If you add together the digits of 2025 you get 9. What will be the next year where all of the digits also add to 9?

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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Academic Year 2025-2026

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INFORMATION PACK

Rotary **YOUNG** **WRITER** COMPETITION



ROTARYGBI.ORG

Hosted by
Rotary
Great Britain & Ireland



THEME – ‘WONDERFUL WATER

The ‘Wonderful Water’ Theme can be interpreted as broadly as the Young Writer wishes and does not need to conform to the dictionary definition. Young people have the widest opportunity to share their creative talents in showing us what this Theme means to them.

Introduction

The Rotary Young Writer competition is organised and promoted by Rotary GB&I. There are three stages to the competition, local, district and national

Aims and Objectives

This competition aims to encourage young people to:

- be creative
- use their writing skills
- write with imagination and creativity

Who can take part?

The competition is open to all young people in the age groups shown below. They may be an individual or from any group or community organisation including schools and colleges, home educated, other young peoples’ community organisations, for example, community RotaKids, community Interact, Scout Groups, Girl Guides, etc.

The three age groups are: Junior, up to and including 10 years old, Intermediate, up to and including 11 to 13 years old, Senior up to and including 14 to 17 years old (*The local heat at Colchester also includes a category for Reception and Key Stage 1- the winners are then added to the junior section for judging before being sent to District*)

Entrants must not be above the age parameters for each group on 31st August 2024.

With the age qualifying date of 31st August 2024, it should be noted that some junior entrants may be 11, intermediate entrants may be 14 and some senior ones may be 18 at the time of some or all the stages of the competitions e.g., a competitor who may be 17 on 31st August but turns 18 on 1st September is allowed to enter.

The Three Stages of the Competition

Entrants need to complete an entry form, available from Pat Prestney of Colchester Rotary Club and submit it along with their written piece of work, to Pat Prestney by the 8th February 2025

It is essential that the name and age of the competitor and their written work is clearly linked with the right entry form

and that the word limits are adhered to. If work is completed at home please make sure parents/carers are aware of the rules of the competition.

Local Heats

These are organised by the Rotary Club of Colchester and judging will take place in February, with work being collected in February 10-14. The winners of each age group are entered into the Rotary district competition.

District Finals

These are organised by each Rotary district for the winners of the local heats for each age group. The winners of each age group in the district Finals are then entered into the National Final.

National Final

The National Final is organised by Rotary GB&I and only the winning entry per age group is submitted by each of the districts.

Task

To produce a handwritten or typed story in prose or poem entitled '**Wonderful Water**'. The written entry could be fiction or non-fiction, as long as the piece relates to the theme and all entries must be legible.

Prose entries should be up to a maximum 550 words.

Poetry entries should be up to a maximum of 40 lines. Entries that exceed these maximum numbers will be disqualified. No pictures and/or drawings are to be part of the entry.
Entries may not be returned unless specifically requested.

Plagiarism or Close Copied Images

Plagiarised or 'close-copied' images are not permitted in any competition. It is important that we protect the work of creative individuals. Whilst we are all inspired by the work of others, there is without doubt a grey area where inspiration carries over to close copying. For our competitions 'close copying' is where, to a reasonable person, the submitted entry appears remarkably similar in significant important respects to a body of work created elsewhere. We are looking for original pieces, not copies, which match the theme of the competition. Competitors **must not** use any apps which produce any part of their submission, if detected the entry will be disqualified.

Judges

The judges will be people with appropriate skills appointed by the organisers at the club and district levels for the Local Heats and District Finals accordingly.

At the National level the judges will be appointed by Rotary GB&I and will not be Rotarians.

The judging criteria is as set out below.

Judging Criteria

Judges will consider:

- imagination relative to the subject
- the ability to engage interest
- the ability to be consistent in the power of argument
- relevance to the Theme.

The judges will not enter any discussion or correspondence regarding their decision; the decision of the judges will be final and not subject to any appeal.

How to enter

Entrants are required to complete an entry form (see attached) and submit it along with their written piece of work, to Pat Prestney of Colchester Rotary Club by the 10th February 2025. Awards afternoon is March 7th at 4.30pm at Christ Church Ireton Road Colchester

Rotary Youth Competitions and other opportunities for young people

The Rotary Young Writer competition is one of a number of competitions for young people organised by Rotary GB&I. The others in which Colchester Rotary Club participates are: Rotary Young Artist; Rotary Young Chef and Rotary Young Musician/Young Singer (15/16th March)

Working with Children

Rotary GB&I has adopted this statement of policy in working with children, vulnerable adults and those with disability:

The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability take priority. It is the duty of every Rotarian to safeguard to the best of their ability, the welfare of and prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse and neglect of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during their Rotarian duties.



ENTRY FORM Closing date Monday 10th February 2024

ROTARY DISTRICT 1240
ROTARY CLUB OF COLCHESTER YOUNG WRITERS' COMPETITION 2024/25

THEME: **Wonderful Water**

Please note – entries must adhere to the word limit and rules and must have their name and age on the entry
Prose entries should be up to a maximum 550 words.
Poetry entries should be up to a maximum of 40 lines.
Entries that exceed these maximum numbers or which do not have the name and age on the work will be disqualified. No pictures and/or drawings are to be part of the entry.

Entrants Name: _____ Entrants age _____

Entrant's School: _____

Level of entrant : (AGE AS AT 31st AUGUST 2024) The four age groups are: Key Stage I - up to and including 6 years old (up to present yr 2) Junior - Up to and including 10 years old, (up to present yr 6) Intermediate - 11 to 13 years old, (present yrs 7 -9) Senior - 14 to 17 years old (present yrs 10-13). (Please delete as appropriate).

I declare that this is entirely my own work

Entrants Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Contact person: Name _____

Tel _____ Email _____

The parent/guardian or carer of the above entrant hereby gives permission for the named entrant to take part and be identified in the competition. In completing this form the parent/guardian/carer allows permission for contact by The Rotary Club of Colchester for public purposes. Please note, not agreeing does NOT preclude the entrant from taking part.

Please ensure the child's name, age school and the year group is written in CAPITAL LETTERS on the reverse of their entry or the entry will be disallowed. (We need to be able to read names for the certificates of winners to be written out correctly!)

Signature: _____

Print name: Parent/guardian/carer _____ Date _____

PLEASE ATTACH THIS ENTRY FROM TO THE WRITTEN WORK IN A SECURE MANNER