



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

31st January 2025

Newsletter 19 Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Writing Parent Information Event (PIE)

On Wednesday we held another successful Parent Information Event (PIE). Parents/carers learnt how writing is taught at Kendall and had the opportunity to see this in action in their child's class. These events are always popular, please look out for information on our Reading PIE due to be held in March, to book your place.

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...

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.

Half Term Holiday Activities

Firstsite

Holiday Fun

February Half-term 2025
Tue 18 Feb - Sat 22 Feb

Colchester

Activities take place at:
**Firstsite
Lewis Gardens, High St
Colchester, Essex
CO1 1JH**

FREE

Make
Free creative art activities
10:00am - 2:30pm

Move
Free fun sports activities
10:45am - 11:45am
& 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Canteen
Free freshly made hot meals for all the family
11:45am & 1:00pm

Our Holiday Fun activities are for families facing economic challenges or who require additional support during the school holidays including those that qualify for benefit-based free school meals.

- Advanced booking is essential
- Activities most suitable for 4-11 years, but all ages welcome
- Carers are required to stay on site throughout the activities
- Menus and lists of activities available at www.firstsite.uk

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How to book

Early bird tickets will be available from 9am Tue 4 Feb.

More tickets will be released three days in advance of each session.

Limited spaces available, offered on a first come first served basis.

If you can no longer attend your booking, please let us know as soon as possible by calling 01206 713700. If you contact us 24 hours before the event your space can be made available for another family.

Thank you!

Book online at firstsite.uk or call 01206 713700

Scan the QR code to book

How to find us

Firstsite, Lewis Gardens
High Street, Colchester CO1 1JH

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-  Arrival from 8.20am
-  Indoor spaces to ensure non-stop fun
-  Sibling discounts
-  Flexible booking options
-  Meet Colchester United first team players and/or club mascot Edd the Eagle
-  Opportunities to receive gifts and prizes
-  Meet new friends
-  Pathway Progression into our Development Centres

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Forest School Diary 31st January 2025

EYFS and Year 2 had their Forest School session cancelled last week due to high winds.

Year 1 took part in a whale blubber experiment this week. Firstly, they put on a glove that was filled with lard, this represented the blubber of the whale. They then put a glove on the other hand that contained no lard. Both hands were then submerged into ice cold water. This gave the children an insight of how the whale keeps warm in the Arctic Ocean as they were able to feel how much warmer their hand was when surrounded with the layer of fat.



Year 3 set about the woodland this week collecting different soil types. The children then investigated the soil by looking at the differences between them. It was noted that some of the soil was sandy, while other samples were similar to the texture of clay depending on where the sample was taken from. All results were recorded on the observation sheet provided.



After many weeks of hard work Year 4 are pleased to report that they have now managed to erect the sail to their long boat and it is looking good. The children also enjoyed fire lighting using cotton wool to start a small fire in a fire pot.



It was time once again for Year 5 to return to Ancient Greece. We travelled down the forest timeline back to where we had left off before. We soon got up to speed and took turns in trying out our classmates' labyrinth creations. Luckily, we manoeuvred with skill and courage to complete the quest. We then used our stealth skills in an excellent game of Forest School 'man hunt.'



Year 6 started off the week with the high ropes. The challenge was to climb the Pirate Challenge. Great climbing skills were seen once again from the children, always pushing themselves to do the best they can and each time to get that little bit higher!



e-Safety Advice For Parents – What is Doomscrolling?

Doomscrolling is where someone gets caught in a continuous cycle of negativity and fits in perfectly with algorithmic literacy above. Whilst doomscrolling is often intentional, it can also be a result of the decisions the algorithm makes and being led down a rabbit hole of doom. This can have ongoing effects such as anxiety and other negative effects on wellbeing. Internet Matters has a great article about doomscrolling, including things to look out for and advice for parents. You can find the article [HERE](#).

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.

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](#).

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:
Frankie B, Ruby-Rose L and Cherechi K.



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week:
Ruby-Rose L, Yuchen W and Kasandra G.

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week:
Enku D, Migah S, Yasmin C, Oli J, Thomas DJ, Kaciee-May G, Freddie FS, George H, Matthew L, Noah W, Ben D, Eli S, Aben B and Imogen W.

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the following winners:
KS1: Yasmin C
KS2: Jayden B

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Leon** in **Year 3** who received our Writer of the Week award and took home a new stationery set and journal – keep up that good writing!

Kendall Team Points

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

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

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	91.3%	
Year 1	96.65%	
Year 2	97.1%	
Year 3	94.2%	
Year 4	98.35%	★
Year 5	92.65%	
Year 6	98.1%	
Overall Attendance		95.55%

(Week ending 24/01/2024)

Have a lovely weekend!



Clare French
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

February 2025	
Thursday 6 th	Year 4 Swimming Lesson 4
Thursday 6 th	Year 6 Ancient Maya Day
Monday 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	Year 5 Ancient Egyptian Day
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

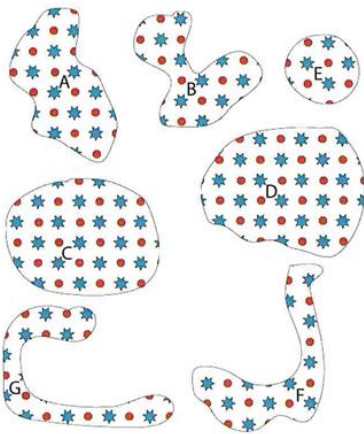
Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	No trips/visits this quarter	n/a
Year 1	Arctic Explorer	£7.50
Year 2	Roman Circus	£5
Year 3	Colchester Castle	£5.50
Year 4	French Day	n/a
Year 5	Ancient Greeks Day	£20
Year 6	Ancient Maya Day	£8

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 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



Here are 7 pieces of wallpaper.

Which piece of paper is the **largest**?

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 at the end of the week.

Good luck!

Kendall KS2 Fortnightly Maths Challenge



Mandeep's watch loses two minutes every hour.

Adam's watch gains one minute every hour.

They both set their watches from the radio at 6:00 a.m. then start their journeys to the airport. When they arrive (at the same time) their watches are 10 minutes apart.

At what time (the real time) did they arrive at the airport?

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 at the end of the week.

Good luck!

Academic Year 2024-2025

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