



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

7th February 2025

Newsletter 20 Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Smith back to Kendall after the half-term break. Following significant surgery and an extended period away from school, she will be returning on a phased schedule to ensure a smooth transition back to full-time work. For the first week, Mrs. Smith will be working just two hours each day, with her hours gradually increasing until she resumes full-time duties by the end of March 2025. As you can imagine, there will be a lot for her to catch up on—things never stand still at Kendall! We kindly ask for your patience and understanding as she settles back in. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to having Mrs. Smith back with us.

Water Aid

As part of our water topic, we led a worship looking at the work Water Aid does around the world helping those who do not have access to clean water or decent toilets. In order to support this charity further, we then had a non-uniform day on Friday 24th January. We raised £146.40 which will go to support the work of Water Aid. Thank you for your support.

From the Eco-Council



Year 5 Ancient Maya Day

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their Mayan day workshop. They carried out a real-life excavation using the tools that archaeologists use on a real dig. The children tasted real Mayan food including the Mayan version of hot chocolate. In the afternoon, they explored Mayan art and artefacts, played a traditional game and dressed up in authentic Mayan clothes. A fun, interactive day was had by all!



Menu Change for Week 1

Please note there is a change for Week 1's Monday menu, the main option will be cheese puff instead of spring rolls.

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.

C & D Vocabulary Advice

Please see below some top tips for vocabulary from C & D speech & language therapists to support your child's vocabulary at home.

Top Tips for Vocabulary

At **C&D**, we want to boost our interaction with parents, and our Speech and Language Therapists want to share some 10 simple and creative ways to grow your child's vocabulary at home:

1. **Make Reading a Daily Thing**
Snuggle up with your child and dive into books together—storybooks, fact books, comics, whatever they love! Pause to chat about the plot, the characters, the pictures or any new words that pop up.
2. **Chat About Everything and Anything**
Whether you're walking to the shops or cooking dinner, keep the conversation flowing. Use descriptive words—call the sky "cloudy and grey" instead of just "cloudy." Little tweaks go a long way!
3. **Turn Words into Games**
Games like Scrabble, Boggle, Dobble and make it a family challenge. You can even invent your own word-guessing game or a "find-the-silliest-word" competition.
4. **Label Everything**
For younger ones, stick post-it notes on items around the house—think "fridge," "mirror," or "sofa." Bonus points if they're colourful! Going outside? Name the trees, flowers, and birds you see and use words like "oak," "blossom," or "feathery."
5. **Get into Storytelling**
Ask your child to tell you about their day—but with a twist! Encourage them to jazz it up by using exciting words. Or take turns making up your own stories, the wackier the better.
6. **Mix Up the Words**
Teach them how to say things in new ways! Instead of just "big," try "massive" or "gigantic." Challenge them to find words that mean the opposite, too—like "tiny" or "minuscule."
7. **Sprinkle Fancy Words in Everyday Chats**
Use richer vocabulary when you're talking. Instead of saying, "The weather is nice," go for, "It's a sunny, breezy afternoon." Your child will naturally start to pick up on these.
8. **Sing and Rhyme Your Heart Out**
Bust out their favourite nursery rhymes or songs—or make up your own silly ones. Singing and rhyming are sneaky ways to introduce new words while keeping it fun.
9. **Word-of-the-Day Challenge**
Pick a new word each day and make it a mini-mission for everyone in the house to use it. You could even keep a tally to see who uses it the most!
10. **Make Words Personal**
Is your child mad about dinosaurs, football, or space? Teach them cool words related to what they love—like "triceratops," "striker," or "galaxy." It's a sneaky way to expand their vocab while keeping them interested.

Remember, building vocabulary doesn't have to feel like "learning"—it's all about having fun together and letting the words sneak in naturally!



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Forest School Diary 7th February 2025

This week the children in EYFS have enjoyed many different activities, making snakes using shells, playing woodland games and even finding the time to sit and enjoy a spot of reading in the great outdoors!



Year 1 have been crafting name medallions this week. This was done using the bow saw to cut a small wood slice, then a palm drill was used to make a hole that string could be threaded through to create the medallion.



Year 2 searched the woodland looking for micro habitats. Many were found, under logs, amongst the leaves and even hidden beneath a small patch of artificial grass where many snails were hiding.



Year 3 got their hands into making bird feeders this week. It was a messy job but lots of fun. The children used the hand tools to make feeders from wood slices and also made lots of bird cookies.



This week Year 4 used their fire lighting skills to enjoy a tasty treat. The children worked well to build and light small fires, and keep them going long enough to toast marshmallows, yummy!



As Year 5's exploration of Space comes close to an end, we all had a go at creating a worm hole to take us to another galaxy far, far, away. Well at least to the top woodlands. We used the knot tying skills learned in Forest School to create a prismatic tunnel. Next week we'll find out how far we can go.



This week the children in Year 6 took to the Pirate Challenge once more. The children are growing in confidence week after week and it is really lovely to see how proud they are of themselves every time they manage to climb that little bit higher.



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/>

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

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: Kain W, Evie H, Jana F and James D.



Maths Awards

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

Maths Challenge

Don't forget to enter!

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Isabelle** in **Year 2** 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: **Elm**!

Elm	Ash	Birch	Yew
1st	3rd	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	87.35%	
Year 1	94.7%	
Year 2	96.35%	
Year 3	97.1%	
Year 4	99.35%	★
Year 5	99%	
Year 6	96.9%	
Overall Attendance	95.85%	

(Week ending 31/01/2024)

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.

Thank you for all your support.

Have a lovely weekend!



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 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

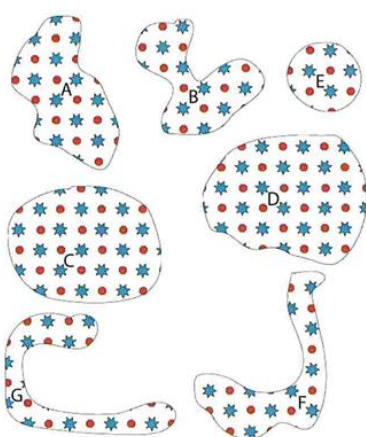
Dates for your Diary

February 2025	
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
May 2025	
Monday 5 th	Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 9 th	Kendall SEND Support Group 1pm–3pm
Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th	Year 6 KS2 SATs
Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th	Half Term
June	
Friday 6 th	Rainbow Day
Friday 6 th	EYFS Bake Sale 3:15pm
Friday 13 th	Year 5 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Monday 16 th	Class Photos
Friday 20 th	Year 4 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Tuesday 24 th	Kendall SEND Support Group 9am–11am
Friday 27 th	Year 3 Bake Sale
Monday 30 th	Sports Day & Family Picnic
July	
Friday 4 th	Year 2 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Thursday 10 th	KS2 Production 7pm
Friday 11 th	Music Festival 9:30am & 10:30am
Friday 11 th	KS2 Production 1:30pm & 7pm
Friday 11 th	Year 1 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Thursday 17 th	Year 6 Treat Trip
Friday 18 th	Leavers' Assembly
Friday 18 th	PTA Summer Disco
Friday 18 th	Last Day of Term

School Dinner Menu – Week 1

Week 1	MONDAY (meat free)	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Cheese Puff	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 neapolitan 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



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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