



Kendall Church of England
Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

28th February 2025

Newsletter 22 Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we all took part in a poetry festival with the schools we work closely with from our consortium. The festival took place virtually for some of the classes with other classes in their year groups from St John's Green Primary School, St Michael's Primary School and Kingsford Infant School. The rest of the school shared their poetry all together in the hall.

It was a great opportunity to practise performance poetry while giving our students the opportunity of working with children from other schools.



Message from our Eco-School Council

Preloved Book Exchange as part of



Do you have any books that you have read and enjoyed but outgrown? We would love these books for our preloved exchange.

There is a box in the foyer where these books can be dropped off. Please make sure that books are in good condition and are not missing pages.

Then after school on Tuesday 11th March, join us on the playground to choose a new book to read. Everyone is welcome, even if you have not been able to donate a book.

We look forward to seeing you at our preloved book exchange!



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Council for Learning Outside the Classroom (CLOtC) Award (2025)

Throughout this academic year, Kendall has been gathering evidence to present to the CLOtC for revalidation of the CLOtC Award. Yesterday, we met with the assessor, who shared the following feedback:



Council for
Learning Outside the Classroom

'It has been a joy to see the school's evidence to show how LOtC is working within their setting. The school shows excellent practise in relation to LOtC, embedding monitoring and evaluative processes as well as having a forward-thinking approach to teaching and learning through their LOtC curriculums. This is an excellent example of how LOtC can be embedded effectively. Well done.'

We now eagerly await the final outcome—whether we will be awarded Bronze, Silver, or Gold!

Kendall Reading Event 3rd – 19th March 2025

Launching on World Book Day 2025, we have a busy schedule of events planned as outlined below.

Monday 3 rd March	Reading PIE	Parents/carers invited in to find out how reading is taught at Kendall, then to see a session/1:1 read etc.
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day/Book Week launch	Come to school dressed as your favourite book character.
Thursday 6 th March	Book in a Box competition launch/ Eco-Council Book Exchange launch	Create a 'book in a box' – see below. Bring in any good condition children's books that you would like to donate.
Friday 7 th March	'20 Books to Read in Year X'	Launch of 20 recommended reads for each year group (in classes).
Tuesday 11 th March	Library visit	Year 2 visit to Greenstead Library.
Thursday 13 th March	Eco-Council Book Exchange	Our popular book exchange. Visit the exchange after school to select a free pre-loved book.
Thursday 13 th March	Book in a Box entry display	Children and parents/carers invited to view all entries after school.
Monday 17 th March	Book in a Box	The winner of each class announced.
Wednesday 19 th March	Author visit	Author James Campbell to visit Kendall.

Forest School Diary 28th February 2025

EYFS made good use of the shelters left behind by Year 2 this week. The children huddled inside them to keep warm and enjoy a spot of reading. Meanwhile, others kept a look out for Fantastic Mr Fox, who we were lucky enough to spot earlier on in the day.



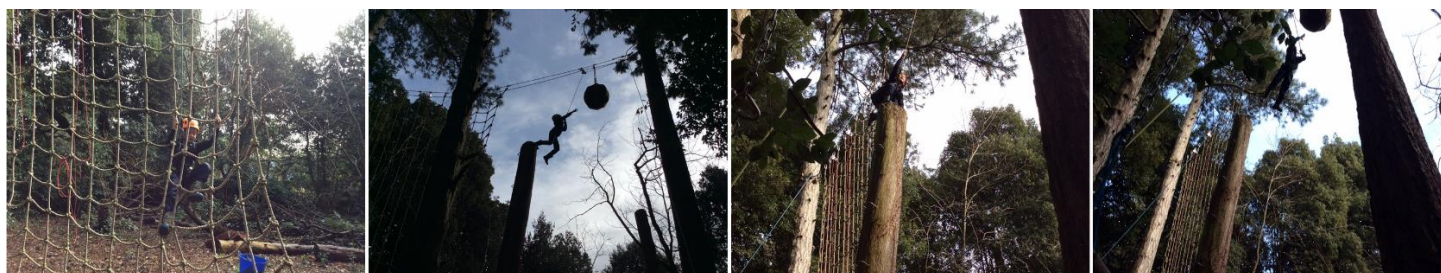
Year 1 worked together to search the woodland to find all the parts of a flower that matched their picture card. Once they had found them all, they then needed to arrange them into the correct order. The Forest School rescue operation team were also on hand at one point to winch a child from the sticky mud to safety!



The children in Year 2 enjoyed many activities during their session before the half-term break. These included putting up basic shelters using tarps so they could play hide and seek. A few of the children also created their very own woodland playground using logs and sticks to use as a seesaw.



Year 3 tackled the high ropes this week. The children climbed the cargo net and also climbed the leap of faith for the very first time. Considering this was the first time for the children on the leap of faith, everyone done exceptionally well, big well done Year 3!



Year 4 took their fire lighting skills to another level this week and put together a 4-stick fire. This was done in small groups and each group had to keep their fire going long enough to boil up a small pan of water. Once the water was nice and hot the children were able to sit back and relax with a warm drink of squash.



This week Year 5 ventured back in time to Ancient Egypt. We used all our Forest School skills to create shadoofs – machines designed to effortlessly lift water from the River Nile safely onto the banks, avoiding those pesky crocodiles! Great team work and effort, Year 5!



Year 6 got stuck into Forest School this week and put many of their skills to the test. Firstly, they constructed a Forest School bridge. This was done using some sturdy sticks, trusty knots and a whole lot of careful balance to walk across it without falling off. The group then moved onto getting a few bulbs planted which will hopefully brighten up the woodland come the spring, and then a small bird table was created by the children using off cuts of wood found lying around. This was all in a morning's work!



Community Message: What is Pharmacy First?

Most pharmacies in England are now providing the NHS Pharmacy First service which allows community pharmacists to provide advice and, where appropriate, supply NHS medicines to treat the following conditions:

- **Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)**
- **Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)**
- **Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)**
- **Shingles (aged 18 years and over)**
- **Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)**
- **Sore throats (aged 5 years and over)**
- **Urinary tract infections (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years)**

If you or your child has symptoms that suggest you or they may have one of these conditions, you can walk into a pharmacy and be offered a consultation with a pharmacist in a private consultation room. Your GP surgery or NHS 111 may also refer your child (or you) to the service if you contact them but they believe it is appropriate for you to be seen by a pharmacist. If your child or you have symptoms that suggest one of the above conditions, why not give the Pharmacy First service a try? Watch the [animation](#) on Pharmacy First from Community Pharmacy England. For more information, visit nhs-services/pharmacies/how-pharmacies-can-help/

Community Message: Community & Family Learning – Zones of Regulation

ACL are running an online parent course to help you with the 'The Zones of Regulation' which provides an easy way to think and talk about how we feel on the inside and sorts emotions into four coloured Zones, all of which are expected in life. This course, which will be held online on 1st April 2025 7.00pm–9.00pm, is free. Please book your place [here](#), or visit:

<https://courses.aclessex.com/AvailableCoursesList.asp>

	Blue Zone Sad • Bored • Tired • Sick		Green Zone Happy • Focused • Calm • Proud
	Yellow Zone Worried • Frustrated • Silly • Excited		Red Zone Overjoyed/Elated • Panicked • Angry • Terrified

Essex Local Offer SEND Roadshows

Essex Local Offer SEND Roadshows are taking place across Essex in March. These are an opportunity for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND to come along and ask a variety of services and organisations any questions about SEND. The event is free and no booking is required (unless parents want to access one of the free workshops). All the information about the roadshows can be found by following this link: [Essex Local Offer Roadshows](#)

Essex County Council
Special Educational Needs
and Disabilities

SPRING TERM ESSEX LOCAL OFFER ROADSHOWS



Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.

You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.

 The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!

 Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm

 Book your place on free workshops

Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:
<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>

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EARLY YEARS ESSEX LOCAL OFFER ROADSHOWS



Are you a

- parent or carer
- Early Years SENCO
- keyworker

of a child aged 0 to 5 with additional needs? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Early Years Essex Local Offer Roadshows.

 The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!

 Drop in between 1:30pm and 4pm

 Book your place on free workshops

Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:
<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>

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

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.

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.

Happy Birthday!

Please join us in saying happy birthday to:

Alesha A, Meena V, Elliott W, Neve B, Milana G and Ronnie G



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week:

Mabel W, Cayde N and Theo K

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week:

Jacob C, Tadiwa M, Rihanna P, Izzie VE, Elsie-Rose A, Adrian G, Iyiola O, Zosia S, Riley G, Eleanor T, Stanley E, Lilly-Rose F, Lilie J and Elsie R

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the following winner:

KS1: Makeda D

KS2: Hatice O

New challenge attached!

Kendall Team Points

Congratulations to the joint Weekly Team Winners: **Yew!**

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

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	94%	
Year 1	93.7%	
Year 2	97%	
Year 3	98.1%	
Year 4	99.65%	★
Year 5	94.6%	
Year 6	99.1%	
Overall Attendance		96.8%

(Week ending 14/02/2024)

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 half term break!



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	£20
Year 6	No paid trips/visits this quarter	n/a

Quarter 4

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	Walton	TBC (approx. £7)
Year 1	Chappel Railway Museum	£17
Year 2	St Stephen's	n/a
Year 3	Harwich Boat Trip	TBC (approx. £39)
Year 4	River Walk	n/a
Year 5	Plants & Nature Workshop in our Woodland	n/a
Year 6	Treat Trip	n/a

Dates for your Diary

March 2025	
Monday 3rd	Reading Parent Information Event 9:15am – 10am (Pre-book)
Tuesday 4th	Year 5 Ancient Egyptian Day
Tuesday 4 th	Parent Consultations 3:30pm–6pm
Wednesday 5 th	Parent Consultations 5:30pm–8pm
Thursday 6 th	Year 4 Swimming Lesson 7
Thursday 6 th	World Book Day
Tuesday 11 th March	Year 2 Visit to Colchester Library
Wednesday 12 th	Kendall SEND Support Group 9am – 11am (Persistent reading & writing difficulties)
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)
Thursday 27 th	Mother's Day Gift Shop (lunchtime)
Friday 28 th	Mother's Day Gift Shop (lunchtime)
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
Friday 23 rd	Year 6 Bake Sale
Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th	Half Term
June	
Friday 6 th	Rainbow Day
Friday 6 th	EYFS Bake Sale 3:15pm
Tuesday 10 th	Year 3 Harwich Boat Trip
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	
Wednesday 2 nd	Year 1 Trip to Chappel Railway Museum
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

Week 3	MONDAY (meat free)	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Oven baked jacket potato with cheese(v) beans or vegan cheese (ve)	Beef burger in a roll	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)	Veggie burger in a roll (v)	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	Wedges Salad & VeganColeslaw	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

Please let us know what you would like to see on our school dinner menu. We would love to hear your ideas! Email us: admin@kendall.essex.sch.uk

Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

Look at this pattern of superheroes.



The pattern continues in the same way.

What colour cape does the 10th superhero have?

If you think you know, write your name and answer on a slip of paper and post it into the correct box.
Good luck!

Kendall KS2 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

In this code A=1, B=2, C=3 and so on...

Solve these calculations to discover

Mrs French's favourite
superhero!

1. $17 + 6 =$
2. $3 \times 5 =$
3. $5 + 9 =$
4. $400 \div 100 =$
5. $200 \div 40 =$
6. $127 - 109 =$

7. $92 \div 4 =$
8. $5 + 5 + 2 + 3 =$
9. $869 - 856 =$
10. $9 \div 9 =$
11. $2 \times 7 =$



If you think you know, write your name and answer on a slip of paper and post it into the correct box.
Good luck!

Academic Year 2024-2025

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