



Kendall Church of England
Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

14th March 2025

Newsletter 24 Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Book Exchange

Our Eco-Council led Kendall Book Exchange was a great success! We would like to thank everyone who donated books and attended. We hope everyone enjoys the new story they have chosen.



Year 2 Visit Greenstead Library

On Tuesday, Year 2 travelled by bus to the library at Greenstead to learn more about how a library works, how books are organised and had opportunities to enjoy reading together as well as hearing a whole class story. The children travelled by bus and were impeccably behaved.



Essex Teaching Awards

A poster for the Essex Teaching Awards 2025. It features the Essex County Council Education logo in the top left. The main text 'Nominate us!' is in large pink letters. Below it, a paragraph encourages nominations for schools or staff. A large green leaf graphic on the right contains the text 'Essex Teaching Awards 2025'. The website URL is at the bottom.

Essex County Council | Education

Nominate us!

If you think our school, or someone who works in our school is worth celebrating, please nominate us for the Essex Teaching Awards!

Essex Teaching Awards 2025

www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/essex-teaching-awards

Supporting the Local Community

A colorful poster for 'NEW TOWN OPEN GARDENS+'. It has a green central area with blue and yellow floral patterns. The text is in blue and white. It includes the date and time, and contact information for St Stephen's Church Centre.

NEW TOWN OPEN GARDENS+

SUNDAY, 6TH JULY 2025 1-5PM

Do you have a garden you would like to open for the afternoon?
Do you have a small business or hobby you would like to share with the community?
Then please get in touch with
communityworker@ststephens-colchester.org.uk
07598251180

St Stephen's
CHURCH CENTRE

Parent Governor Vacancy

Thank you to the two parents who have put themselves forward to become a parent governor. We will be holding election ballots in due course. Our previous vacancy was filled by Ms Eleanor Church who we welcomed to her first full Governing Body Meeting this week.

PTA Up & Coming Events



Kendall Church of England Primary School Colchester

KENDALL PTA

Mothers Day Gift Shop

The perfect opportunity for the children to buy a present for a loved one.

Taking place thursday 27th and Friday 28th March during lunch times at school.

All presents are ready wrapped to be brought home on the day, cash only please.

All gifts £2.50



Kendall Church of England Primary School Colchester

KENDALL PTA

Easter Bonnet Competition

The PTA are inviting all children at the school to enter a Easter bonnet competition!

You could decorate any sort of head wear to be entered; be as creative/traditional/adventurous as you like .. just have fun creating your designs!

Please bring your creations in to school on the 4th April ready for a spectacular parade and winners to be announced!

One winner per class will be awarded a special Easter gift!

Child First Trust Parenting Workshop



Child First Trust

Parenting Workshop

This **8-week** course is offered to parents from our school for FREE.

Venue: HAZELMERE JUNIORS, Hawthorn Ave, Colchester CO4 3JP

8 sessions from
Tuesday 29th April 2025 9.15-11.15am

FREE
First come, first served

www.childfirsttrust.com

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

Forest School Diary 14th March 2025

Linking in with EYFS class topic of The Three Little Pigs, the children used their Forest School session to build houses for the soft toys in the woodland, and in true little pig fashion- enjoyed an obligatory roll around in the mud!



Year 1 enjoyed various activities during their session this week, from bark rubbing to playing on the rope swing – everyone was busy having fun!



Year 2 used natural resources to put together shapes, patterns and create fun art work all about the woodland. The children then searched the woodland for matching pairs of butterflies before finishing off the session with a 5-minute chill out in the spring sunshine.



Year 3 gathered materials such as soil, moss, rocks and plants to make a biome in a bottle. Each bottle has been placed in a sunny location in the woodland and the children will make weekly observations to see how things are going and note any changes to their biome.



Having their turn at the high ropes this week was Year 4, taking on the 'Leap of Faith' and the 'Cargo-Net'. The children's confidence is growing immensely each time they climb. Well done to everyone -we go again next week!



Year 5 nearly finished their full sized shadoofs, however time was just against us, despite our valiant efforts. But not to worry, Egypt wasn't built in a day! Testing will take place next session after our high ropes sessions for the quarter.



Year 6 took part in the crate challenge once again this week. The children worked together to problem solve in order to navigate their way through the woodland using only 2 planks of wood and 3 plastic crates. Each group worked exceptionally well and managed to beat the time it took them last time they took part in the challenge. We finished off the session with a little tree climbing to allow everyone to unwind.



Kendall SEND Support Group

Thank you to the families who attended this week's Kendall SEND Support Group, led by Mrs. Smith (SENCo). We explored Severe and Persistent Literacy Difficulties (SPLD), including the shift from Dyslexia to SPLD diagnosis in Essex and the available support for children in Kendall as well as how parents and carers can support their children at home.



Our support groups provide a welcoming space for parents and carers to learn about SEND topics, share best practices, and support one another. Attendance is open to all —having a child with SEND is not a requirement. If there are specific SEND topics that you would like us to cover in future meetings, please share your suggestions via the school office.

The next meeting takes place on Tuesday 24th June 9am -11 am. The theme is Speech, Language and Communication

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: Joshua A, Arlo S, Naeto K and Dylan S



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week:
Eli S, Lilly-Rose F and Benjamin D

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week:
Cole K, Polly O, Joshua G, Morgan C, Darcy N, Othon SG, Jayden B, Basir HK, Jaiden W, Ella W, Neve B, Bea H, Lillie CT and Leila V

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the following winners:

KS1: Noah EE

KS2: Isaac B

New challenge attached!

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Rosa** in **Year 6** 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 joint Weekly Team Winners: **Birch!**

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

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!

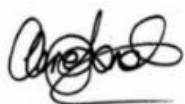
EYFS	98%	
Year 1	99%	★
Year 2	91.3%	
Year 3	96.45%	
Year 4	97.65%	
Year 5	96.7%	
Year 6	97.5%	
Overall Attendance		96.6%

(Week ending 07/03/2024)

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.



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	£21
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	£43
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	
Wednesday 19 th	Author Visit
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
Friday 4 th	PTA Easter Disco
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
Tuesday 6 th	EYFS Boydells Farm Visit
Friday 9 th	Kendall SEND Support Group 1pm-3pm
Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th	Year 6 KS2 SATs

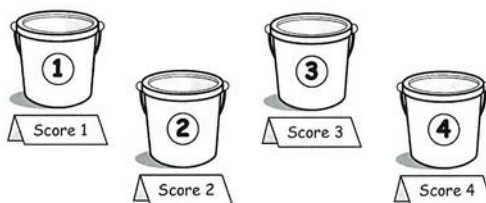
Friday 23 rd	Year 6 Bake Sale
Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th	Half Term
June	
Friday 6 th	Rainbow Day
Friday 6 th	EYFS Bake Sale 3:15pm
Tuesday 10 th	Year 3 Harwich Boat Trip
Friday 13 th	Year 5 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Monday 16 th	Class Photos
Friday 20 th	Year 4 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Tuesday 24 th	Kendall SEND Support 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 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)	Cheese Puff (v)	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

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

Dan threw 3 beanbags into the buckets. More than one beanbag can fit in each bucket.



Find 3 different ways of scoring 6.

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



Maisie Mouse had between 30 and 50 breadcrumbs.
She counted the breadcrumbs in 4s, there were 2 left over.
She counted the breadcrumbs in 5s, there was 1 left over.

**How many breadcrumbs did
Maisie have?**

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!

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