



Kendall Church of England
Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

21st March 2025

Newsletter 25 Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Author Visit – James Campbell

On Wednesday we were very lucky to host the author, James Campbell. James visited Kendall two years ago, and the older children were very excited for his return visit! Each key stage met with James and heard from him about his books, how he became an author, listened to readings and performances from his books and had the opportunity to ask him questions about being an author. There was lots of laughter, engagement and enjoyment – a fantastic end to our March reading events! <https://www.jamescampbellauthor.com>



Book in a Box

The children showed off their creativity and imagination with their marvellous Book in a Box entries as part of our March Reading events. We were amazed with them all, with over 60 entries in total.



On Tuesday, we held an exhibition of all the fantastic work, which was described as 'magical'. We are all very proud of the effort and thought that went into the creations. All entries received a certificate, with a class winner from each year group receiving a book voucher. Well done to everyone who took part.

Book in a Box Winners

Congratulations to the following winners: Polly (EYFS), Ruby-Rose (Y1), Albie (Y2), Lotus (Y3), Emilia (Y4), Orlagh-Rose (Y5), Imogen (Y6)



All the children who took part in the competition who received a certificate for their fantastic efforts

Asda Cash Pot for School

Thank you to all parents who took part in the 'Cash Pot for Schools' initiative. You collectively raised £136.76 for the school PTA. We are currently saving towards a new ICT suite, which we are hoping to get installed during the May half term holiday and new high ropes equipment, as the harnesses and ropes we use will be coming to the end of their working life in the next 12 months. Thank you for all you do in supporting the PTA. Without the money that is raised, we would not be able to afford to give the children of Kendall such rich and unique learning experiences.



Essex Teaching Awards



Eco-School update and next planned event



As an Eco-Council we have been working hard to help protect our environment but now we need your help! We have noticed there has been some **littering** around the Recreation Ground and nearby streets and want to help clean them up.

We have organised a **litter pick** for **Thursday 3rd April at 3:30–4:15** and would really like to get as many families as possible involved to help us clean up the areas around our school. The litter pick will also be part of Keep Britain Tidy's 'Great Big School Clean'.

Meet at **GO4 Café on the Recreation Ground at 3:30pm**. Equipment will be provided so you just need to bring yourselves (all children must be accompanied by a parent/family member).

We look forward to working together to improve our local area for everyone!



After School Clubs – Summer 2025

The new Summer Term After School Clubs are now available to apply for online. The form will close at the end of the school day on **Friday 28th March 2025**. All clubs will start during the week beginning **28th April 2025** and finish week ending **11th July 2025**. Please complete 1 form per child – do not include multiple children on 1 form. Allocation of clubs will be confirmed the week beginning **22nd April 2025**. Please click on the link below (or copy and paste into your browser) to see all clubs available and submit your applications:

<https://forms.gle/6CEuqwbQDDWQdK34A>

Clubs available to apply for:

Club	Yr Group/KS	Cost Per Half Term
Football (KS1)	EYFS, Yr 1 & 2	1st & 2nd Half Term £15 £30
Basketball	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	1st & 2nd Half Term £20 £30
Drama	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	1st & 2nd Half Term £12 £18
Multisports	EYFS, Yr 1 & 2	1st & 2nd Half Term £20 £30
Lego (second Half Term ONLY)	EYFS, Yr 1 & Yr 2	2 nd Half Term £18
C.A.D Computer Aided Design (Price includes cost of 2 X printed products) 2 nd Half Term Only	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	2 nd half Term Only £24
Spanish	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	Whole term £40
Girl's Football	Yr 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	1 st & 2 nd Half Term £12 £18
Football (KS2)	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	1 st & 2 nd Half Term £20 £30
Chess	Yr 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Whole term £40



If you would like to, you can share your views on SEND in Essex at: <https://forms.office.com/e/Nzavw7JEf3>

See below for more information.



Developing our SEND system

Why is this important?

The Essex Local Area SEND Strategy sets out our vision for a SEND system which is:

- Equitable
- Inclusive
- Ambitious

To achieve this we want to build on the work completed over the last few years and put **even more focus** and momentum behind achieving the very best we can. Therefore we are starting a piece of work to understand how we are currently performing and where we should focus our efforts to achieve the highest impact for our children and young people.

We are bringing in extra support from Newton, to help us run a frontline-focussed, detailed evaluation of our processes, our ways of working and the impact they have on how we achieve the best outcomes for children and young people. Newton bring expertise in diagnostics in SEND, having worked with the DfE on Delivering Better Value.

How could I be involved?

We know the whole system needs to work together to support children and young people with SEND. We are beginning a discovery phase to understand how we work and will need your contribution.

There will be lots of opportunities for you to stay updated and get involved. Some of you will be asked to take part in studies, others will be invited to attend workshops where we'll discuss real journeys of children or discuss specific topics such as inclusion.

It's important we have the right balance of experience and areas of expertise, so we'll be inviting people directly. If you are asked to attend, please do your best to do so. Thank you in advance for taking time out to provide us with your valuable insights. We will also be using evidence already collated by Essex Family Forum, ECC and wider partners to inform the direction of the work.

There will also be opportunities to share your experiences during listening groups and ask questions throughout the next few months.



Ways to be involved



Surveys

Share your experiences through surveys to gather a wide range of views.



Workshops

Frontline-led discussions about real children or focused discussions on certain topics



Listening Groups

Listening groups and discussions on certain topics to understand real life experiences

For any questions, please contact
senstrategy@essex.gov.uk



PTA Up & Coming Events

 **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 lunchtimes at school.

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

All gifts £2.50

 **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!

Forest School Diary 21st March 2025

Who's afraid of the big bad wolf? Not EYFS! The children searched the woodland to find where the big bad wolf was hiding and did not waste any time in hunting him down. Some role play was then enjoyed as the group used leaves to create wolf ears and be super scary.



This week year 1 practised the art of hapa zome which is Japanese for leaf bashing. This is done by using a hammer to pound leaves and flowers onto fabric to transfer the pigments to create unique prints.



Year 2 used the hand tools to cut themselves a stick before whittling it into a spear shape. The children are keen to use these in the woodland to dig for treasure. Tree climbing and gardening were also enjoyed in the sunshine.



This week Year 3 created a collage of the rainforest using resources found in the woodland. Included in each collage were the different layers of the rainforest such as the forest floor, understory, canopy and emergent layer. To finish off the session we enjoyed a game of animal charades which was great fun.



Year 4 were in high spirits this week, as they enjoyed their high ropes session in the glorious sunshine, it really does make such a difference to be outside making the most of this weather while having fun taking on such challenges.



Today Year 5 tested out their full-sized shadoofs. First, we carried them carefully to the wildlife pond which provided us with our water from the 'Nile'. We had lots of success and managed to lift some pretty big buckets of water up and over the ropes and safely down onto the decking. Unfortunately, as with many design prototypes, there was a little set-back as one of our shadoofs collapsed under the weight of water being lifted. This was down to a material malfunction - one of the branches broke - rather than it being down to any kind of human error!



Year 6 have been learning the art of crafting using a knife. Each child has started the process of making themselves a butter knife using sycamore wood. We are sure these will look amazing once finished over the coming weeks.



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](#) and finally our **Parent Helper – School Trip Policy** [HERE](#). A link to our school webpage that has all of our statutory policies uploaded can be found [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: David A, Iyiola O, Charlie FS, Freddie FC and Oli J



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week:
Gia K, Matilda G and Dexter S

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week:
David A, Tommy C, Miles O, Noah EE, Joshua A, Flo P, Mariam K, Elijah W, Jaygo D, Andre I, Lenny O, Orlagh Rose T, Faith A and Archie B

Maths Challenge

Don't forget to enter!

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Victor** in **Year 5** who received our Writer of the Week award and took home a new stationery set and journal – keep up that good writing!

Vision Value Leaves

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a leaf for our 'Vision Values' Tree:
Joshua D, Elijah R and Elliott H

Kendall Team Points

Congratulations to the joint 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	95.65%	
Year 1	95.35%	
Year 2	94%	
Year 3	98.05%	
Year 4	99.3%	★
Year 5	96.65%	
Year 6	95%	
Overall Attendance		96.3%

(Week ending 14/03/2024)

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	
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	
Thursday 3 rd	Kendall Litter Pick 3:30pm-4:15pm
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

Dates for your Diary - continued

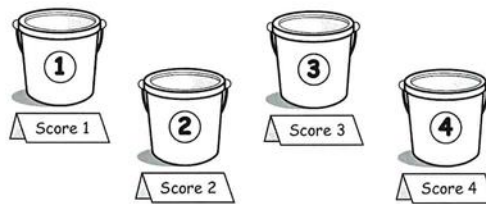
June	
Friday 6 th	Rainbow Day
Friday 6 th	EYFS Bake Sale 3:15pm
Tuesday 10 th	Year 3 Harwich Boat Trip
Friday 13 th	Year 5 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Monday 16 th	Class Photos
Friday 20 th	Year 4 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Tuesday 24 th	Kendall SEND Support Group 9am-11am
Friday 27 th	Year 3 Bake Sale
Monday 30 th	Sports 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

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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