



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

28th March 2025

Newsletter 26 Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we were visited by the Director of Education for Essex, Claire Kershaw. During the time she spent with us at Kendall, she was able to see the children working enthusiastically and diligently both inside and outside the classroom. She visited a Forest School session and enjoyed a tune from Mr Bosch's music group. We used the opportunity to discuss SEND funding and provision across North Essex and to explore ideas for future partnership working between Kendall and Essex's Early Years Team during their 'Year of Opportunity'.

Musik in the Park 2025 Golden Ticket

Children in KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) today, will be bringing home a 'Golden Ticket', an offer to claim a free child place for 'The Musik in the Park 2025' event being held at Old Heath Recreation Ground on May 4th 2025. You will need to scan the code on the back of the Golden Ticket for information and to apply for a place. There are limited free child places available and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



Remindedr! Eco-School Litter Pick

Don't forget our Kendall Litter Pick on **Thursday 3rd April at 3:30pm to 4:15pm**, if you would like to help 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).



Essex Wildlife Trust Easter Holiday Events

EASTER HOLIDAY EVENTS IN NORTH ESSEX



Essex Wildlife Trust

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WEEK 1

SUNDAY 6TH	MONDAY 7TH	TUESDAY 8TH	WEDNESDAY 9TH
NAZE Wild Beach Play 10am-11:30am Seashore Discovery 1pm-3pm	NAZE Seashore Discovery 1:30pm-3:30pm	NAZE Seashore Science Lab 10am-10:45am & 11:15am-12pm Creativity by the Sea 1:30pm-3:30pm ABBERTON Spring Explorers 10:30am-12:30pm & 2-4pm ABBOTT'S HALL Wilder Holiday Club 9am-3pm	TIPTREE HEATH Family Forest Fun 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm ABBERTON Wilder Holiday Club 9am-3pm FINGRINGHOE Nature Adventurers 10:30am-12:30pm
THURSDAY 10TH FINGRINGHOE Wilder Holiday Club 9am-3pm ABBERTON Easter Tots 10:30am-12:30pm NAZE Family Fossil Discovery 2:30pm-4pm	FRIDAY 11TH FINGRINGHOE Pond Dipping 10am-11am, 11:30am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-2:30pm & 3pm-4pm ABBERTON Wild Night Out 7pm-9pm	SATURDAY 12TH	 For more information visit www.essexwt.org.uk/events



EASTER HOLIDAY EVENTS IN NORTH ESSEX



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WEEK 2

MONDAY 14TH	TUESDAY 15TH	WEDNESDAY 16TH	THURSDAY 17TH
FINGRINGHOE Campfire, Creations and Adventures 10:30am-12:30pm ABBERTON Super Scientists 10:30am-12:30pm & 2pm-4pm	ABBOTT'S HALL Wilder Holiday Club 9am-3pm	FINGRINGHOE CBBC Deadly Scene Investigation Trail 10:30am-3pm ABBERTON Wilder Holiday Club 9am-3pm	FINGRINGHOE Wilder Holiday Club 9am-3pm For more information or to book online visit www.essexwt.org.uk/events
FRIDAY 18TH ABBERTON Eggcellent Easter 10:30am-3:30pm FINGRINGHOE Egg-citing Easter 10am-3pm NAZE Easter Hunt 10am-3pm	SATURDAY 19TH ABBERTON Eggcellent Easter 10:30am-3:30pm FINGRINGHOE Egg-citing Easter 10am-3pm NAZE Easter Hunt 10am-3pm	SUNDAY 20TH ABBERTON Eggcellent Easter 10:30am-3:30pm FINGRINGHOE Egg-citing Easter 10am-3pm NAZE Easter Hunt 10am-3pm	MONDAY 21ST ABBERTON Eggcellent Easter 10:30am-3:30pm





Forest School Diary 28th March 2025

EYFS were treated to tasty hot cross buns, the children each toasted themselves one over the open fire before then gathering around the fire circle to enjoy them – yummy!



This week Year 1 assembled some grass heads. They were made by adding soil to plant pots, sprinkling grass seed over the top and adding a funny face on the front to give them their own unique character. We look forward to nurturing them and watching them grow over the coming weeks!



Year 2 were a tremendous help during their session, helping the Forest School team with various jobs such as weeding, planting and even helping to split wood ready to be used for a fire. Few of the children were busy constructing a small fence using sticks found on the woodland floor.



The children in Year 3 kept busy during their session this week helping to clear out certain areas of the woodland to make improvements and prepare for planting bulbs. Whilst doing so, we came across a rather fascinating flatworm.



Following on from Year 4's electricity topic, Keith Kingfisher demonstrated how electricity and magnetism are related. Using a homemade electromagnet and simple motor, we investigated how charges repel, using a static electricity tin-can Van de Graaf generator. The group also found time to kick back and relax in a makeshift hammock and plant a few bulbs.



This week Year 5 paid homage to the land artist Andrew Goldsworthy. We looked at some amazing photos of his inspirational work and then recreated similar pieces with our own Forest School twist.



This week it was year 6 who had their turn to enjoy the high ropes. It had been a while since the children had climbed the 'Leap of Faith', however, everyone did exceptionally well considering it can be rather daunting once perched on the top – well done guys!



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: Willow L, Jude W and Noah W

Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week: Yasmin C, Perrie H and Bethel O

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week: Oscar-George B, Oscar M, Victoria IE, Isla P, Zakkary A, Kasandra G, Reggie G, Arlo S, Frankie B, Honor S, Millie H, Sylvia J, Aben B and Jessica M.



Maths Challenge

Don't forget to enter!

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Noah** in **Year 4** 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:

Zara O, Honor S and Hatice O

Kendall Team Points

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

Elm	Ash	Birch	Yew
3rd	2nd	1st	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 5** for having the best attendance this week!

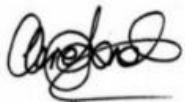
EYFS	90.35%	
Year 1	95%	
Year 2	95.65%	
Year 3	95.5%	
Year 4	96%	
Year 5	98.7%	★
Year 6	92.8%	
Overall Attendance	94.8%	

(Week ending 21/03/2024)

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

April 2025	
Thursday 3rd	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

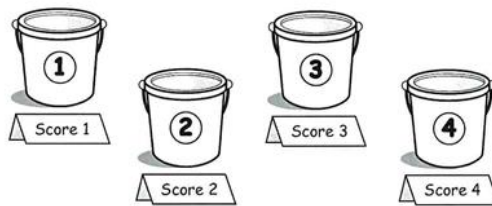
June	
Friday 6 th	Rainbow Day
Friday 6 th	EYFS Bake Sale 3:15pm
Tuesday 10 th	Year 3 Harwich Boat Trip
Friday 13 th	Year 5 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Monday 16 th	Whole Class Photos
Friday 20 th	Year 4 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Tuesday 24 th	Kendall SEND Support Group 9am-11am
Friday 27 th	Year 3 Bake Sale
Monday 30 th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

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!

Academic Year 2024-2025

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