



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

4th April 2025

Newsletter 27 Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week we have been saying a fond goodbye to Mrs Carter. Mrs Carter has taught at Kendall for 17 years, when she joined us in the September of 2004, teaching with me in a mixed year 5/6 class. Since that time Mrs Carter has taught nearly every child in every year group, successfully led RE and Worship that led to us getting an 'Outstanding' SIAMS in 2018 and has become a highly regarded and respected member of our school community. I think the children will remember Mrs Carter for her excellent assemblies, where she would often describe the antics of Father Mole (who was later Canonised) and his friends, Reverend Rachel Rat and Deacon Fergus Foxley-Loxley. During our Tuneful Tuesday this week, the worship committee presented Mrs Carter with carnations and a beautiful handmade card, while the staff gave her some tulips, a farewell card and a voucher for her favourite restaurant, so that she can celebrate her retirement in style. Mrs Carter asked Canon Mole and friends to introduce the children to our new puppet-clergy: A new Canon Mole, Reverend Rebecca Rat and Deacon Ferdy Foxley-Loxley! We all wish Mrs Carter the very happiest of retirements and will miss her very much.



Kendall Easter Service at St Stephen's Church

Today we had a wonderful Easter service at St Stephen's; we had a great time telling the Easter story. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers there to celebrate with us.



Easter Bonnet Competition

After breaktime today we held our Easter Bonnet Parade on the Key Stage 2 Playground. We were amazed by the effort the children had put into their hats which made judging the competition very difficult. Well done to everyone who took part - they all looked spectacular! An extra special congratulations to our winners.



Grand Prize Winner: Daniel (Yr4)

EYFS class winner: Gabriel

Year 1 class winner: Olivia

Year 2 class winner: Flo

Year 3 class winner: Freddie

Year 4 class winner: Jaygo

Year 5 class winner: Orlagh-Rose

Year 6 class winner: Jasmine

School Litter Pick

A big thank you to everyone that joined us for our spring litter pick yesterday as part of Keep Britain Tidy's 'Big Spring Clean Up'. As you can see lots of rubbish was collected and it was great to see the Recreation Ground looking much tidier.



Gardening Club Sunflower and Pumpkin Growing Competition

After testing the seeds viability in Gardening Club, the children are launching their Sunflower and Pumpkin Growing Competition. Today your child will be bringing home a pumpkin seed and some sunflower seeds attached to instructions on how to grow them. We will be collecting the results of the tallest sunflowers and largest pumpkin grown in the Autumn Term so don't forget to take photos and keep keep our gardening club updated with their progress. Who will be our best growers at Kendall?



Poster designed by Lotus

Grow Boxes

In addition to the sunflower seeds, your child will also be bringing home a 'Grow Box' which has kindly been donated by Lee Connelly, the 'Skinny Jean Gardener'. The grow box includes all you need to grow six plants, including pots, compost, seeds and markers. So why not get growing over the Easter holidays?

Easter Holiday Reads

Just a reminder that there is to be **10 reads completed** over the Easter break so that your child can be entered into our reading raffle in the first week back next term.

New Summer Menus

Please see the end of the newsletter for our new and exciting summer menus starting with **Week 1**.

Reminder! School Dinner Pricing from Summer Term

We would like to remind 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 Free School Meals, please contact Mrs Nicholson (admin@kendall.essex.sch.uk) in confidence, and she will be able to carry out an eligibility check for you.

PTA Easter Discos

We are looking forward to seeing your children at our PTA Easter Discos (KS1 starts 5.00pm–6.15pm, KS2 starts 6:30pm–8.00pm).

Pick up and helper arrangements

If you are on our list of parents who are helping, please enter via the kitchen door – this will be locked so please knock to let us know you have arrived. All children whose parents are dropping off their children, please come in via the main school entrance. At the end of each disco, all children will leave via the exit door beneath the fire escape steps that lead onto the KS2 playground (where Year 2 are dismissed at the end of the day). Please meet your child/ren there when their session has finished (EYFS/KS1 collection time 6.15pm and KS2 at 8.00pm). If you are happy for your KS2 child to walk home on their own, please inform the school office via email (admin@kendall.essex.sch.uk) no later than 3.00pm today.



Supporting Local Easter Events



EASTER
at **BETH CHATTO'S**
PLANTS & GARDENS

5TH-21ST APRIL
Closed Sundays & Mondays, except Bank Holiday Monday when we are open!

 **TAKE PART IN OUR EASTER TRAIL AROUND THE GARDEN - FIND THE EGGS, WIN A PRIZE**

 **FREE CRAFT ACTIVITIES DAILY FOR CHILDREN**

You can prebook tickets
WWW.BETHCHATTO.CO.UK

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Kendall Church of England Primary School Recreation Road Colchester, CO1 2HH
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Headteacher: Mrs. Clare French

Child First 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.

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 **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

 Premier League Kicks

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 **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

VENUES & TIMES

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DAY	TIME	VENUE	GENDER	AGE
Monday	18:00 - 19:00	JobServe Community Stadium	Mixed Mile End	14-17
Tuesday	17:00 - 18:00	Colchester Academy Greenstead	Mixed Greenstead	11-14
Tuesday	17:00 - 18:00	Colchester Academy Greenstead	Mixed Greenstead	14-17
Wednesday	17:00 - 18:00	Clacton Leisure Centre	Mixed Clacton	8-11
Wednesday	17:00 - 18:00	Clacton Leisure Centre	Mixed Clacton	11-14
Wednesday	17:00 - 18:00	Clacton Leisure Centre	Mixed Clacton	14-17
Wednesday	17:00 - 18:00	Clacton Leisure Centre	Girls Clacton	11-17
Thursday	18:00 - 19:00	Harwich and Dovercourt Bay Lifestyles	Mixed Harwich	8-11
Thursday	18:00 - 19:00	Harwich and Dovercourt Bay Lifestyles	Mixed Harwich	11-14
Thursday	18:00 - 19:00	Harwich and Dovercourt Bay Lifestyles	Mixed Harwich	14-17
Friday	17:00 - 18:00	Shrub End Community & Sports Centre	Mixed Shrub End	11-14
Friday	17:00 - 18:00	Shrub End Community & Sports Centre	Mixed Shrub End	14-16
Friday	17:00 - 18:00	Shrub End Community & Sports Centre	Mixed Shrub End	16-17

To sign up, either visit the link below or scan the QR code above:
colchester-united-fitc.class4kids.co.uk/term/81

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Forest School Diary 4th April 2025

The children in EYFS put together an Easter Garden this week. They worked together on a large scale as a team using a big tray as the base. Meanwhile, some of the children decided to set themselves a task to see how many woodlice they could collect.



Easter arrived early in the woodland for Year 1 this week as the children worked together to find all the hidden eggs and chicks scattered about the woods. They then enjoyed toasting marshmallows over the open fire, and as you will see from our photos there were a few sticky chins!



Year 2 worked together to create their own miniature Easter Gardens in plant trays. Items used to make these included soil, moss, stones and flowers. The end results of the gardens were rather cute and pretty. A few of the children also put together a family of stick men and had a lovely time playing with them before hiding them in the woodland for others to spot.



This week Year 3 had fun trying out a spot of worm charming, also known as worm grunting or fiddling. This is a quirky sport where participants try to attract earthworms to the surface by creating vibrations in the soil. The children tried various methods such as banging pots and pans, garden forks and sticks to mimic the sound of the rain, a few of the children also tried singing and dancing to charm the worms to the surface. Much patience was needed for this sport although we are pleased to report we did manage to charm a few worms throughout the morning.



This week Year 4 turned into twitchers as they laid in wait armed with binoculars and a bird chart to see which birds they could spot in the woodland. A few of the species spotted were the blue tit, magpie and of course the resident wood pigeons. Everyone was enjoying the morning so much that the time just 'flew by'.



As it was the last session of this term, everyone in Year 5 had a choice of activities to pick from. There was fire-lighting, staff making and marshmallows to toast. These were well earned treats for an excellent Spring Term. Good job, Year 5!



Year 6 took part in their second week of high ropes challenges for this quarter. The sun was shining and everyone had a great time taking part.



Game Safe Guide For Parents

With the school holidays just around the corner, some children will be looking forward to spending longer online, with their friends, playing online games. There always has to be a balance, but gaming can be a really positive activity for lots of reasons. But as we all know there are lots of risks and issues. Internet Matters has a brilliant guide for parents which goes into lots of detail in relation to balancing gaming with other activities, setting up consoles correctly, connecting with others and much more. The full guide can be found [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/>

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:

Izzie VE, Elsie R, Victor S, Jax W, Jayden B, Jaiden W, Lilia C, Stanley E, Georgie B, Bradley G and Georgia B.



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week: Freddie B, Neve B and Alfie D

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week: Jemimah H, Sophie SY, Elliott H, Ruby-Rose L, Isabelle D, Neel P, Molly S, Charlie FS, Penelope O, Mabel W, Mila J, Mirella S, Ayla K and Elliott W

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the following winners:

KS1: Vincent EYFS

KS2: Imogen Y6

New challenge attached!

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Riley** in **Year 3** who received our Writer of the Week award and took home a new stationery set and journal – keep up that good writing!

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 3** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	93.65%	
Year 1	93%	
Year 2	93%	
Year 3	98.4%	★
Year 4	91%	
Year 5	93%	
Year 6	92.85%	
Overall Attendance		93.6%

(Week ending 28/03/2024)

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. Have a wonderful Easter 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	£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	
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	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

New Summer Menu – Starting with Week 1

	Week One				
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Thin crust cheese and tomato pizza (v)	Oven baked sausage rolls	Roast Chicken breast	Packed lunch Ham baguette	Birds Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Vegetarian (v) Or Vegan (ve)	Ratatouille pasta bake (v/ve)	Oven baked vegan sausage rolls (ve)	Baked Quorn fillet (v/ve)	Cheddar Cheese baguette (v) Vegan cheese baguette (ve)	Crispy Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (Ve)
Sides	Vegan Coleslaw (ve) sweetcorn Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers	Creamy mashed potato Baked beans	Roast potatoes Stuffing Yorkshire pudding carrots, sweetcorn, peas Gravy (ve) (gf)	Vegetable sticks Tortilla chips Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes,	Chips Baked beans Tomato sauce
Dessert	Raspberry Angel delight or Fresh fruit	Chocolate oat cake (ve) or yoghurt	Fresh fruit salad- honeydew melon, pineapple, grapes or yoghurt	Lemon drizzle cake (v) or Fresh fruit	Raspberry ice cream sponge roll or yoghurt

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

You have these 6 digits:



What number sentence can you make with these digits to make the biggest possible answer?

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

Have a go at this riddle...



My Mum was 25 when I was born. 6 years ago she was the age I shall be in 5 years.
How old am I now?

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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