



Kendall Church of England
Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

25th April 2025

Newsletter 28 Summer Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

We're heading into a busy and exciting term, with a range of trips and visits planned. This term also brings our anticipated Ofsted inspection, alongside important statutory assessments. Our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs, Year 4 will complete the Multiplication Tables Check, and Year 1 will take part in the Phonics Screening. Our dedicated teachers are already supporting the children to ensure they feel confident and ready to showcase all they've learned.

And of course, once SATs are complete, Mr Barrett-Rodger will be lifting the curtain on this year's KS2 end-of-year performance — something the children are already buzzing about! Watch this space!

Please be sure to check the 'Dates for Your Diary' section at the end of this newsletter to stay up to date with all upcoming events.

Child First Parenting Workshop

Just a final reminder that our summer term Parenting Workshops will begin next week. These will be hosted by Hazelmere Junior School, Hawthorn Avenue, Colchester. The Workshops run over 8 sessions, Tuesdays from 9.15am-11.15am, beginning on the 29th April 2025, then on Tuesday 6 May, Tuesday 13 May, Tuesday 20 May, Tuesday 10 June, Tuesday 17 June, Tuesday 24 June, Tuesday 1 July (Term time only). The cost of this workshop is funded by Child First – with no charge to parents/carers.





Forest School Diary 25th April 2025

Before the Easter break the children in EYFS took part in an Easter hunt in the woodland, working together to search and gather all things Easter themed before placing them into the correct baskets. Other activities being enjoyed included making Easter wands using sticks, wool and brightly coloured feathers.



Year 1 have welcomed in the growth of new leaves in the woodland and have used a leaf identification sheet to spot the different species of trees we have in the woodland. Some chose to make chains with the abundance of dandelions we currently have growing in the woodland at the moment. A few of the children also had a go at the mystery box game, and some said it was just like a bush tucker trial!



Year 2 did not have a Forest School session due to attending our Easter church service.

This week Year 3 celebrated World Earth Day. As a group we discussed various ways we could help our planet such as picking up litter, turning off light switches and walking to school where possible. With the theme for this year being "Our Power, Our Planet" we spoke about the importance of renewable energy and how wind turbines work by using wind to generate electricity. We then made our own handheld version of a wind turbine.



It was all about using their senses for Year 4 this week as we played a game of "What is in the Mystery Box?" The children were blindfolded and then had to place their hand inside each box to feel around for what might be lurking inside. All ideas were then noted down on paper until the big reveal at the end of the session. Everyone had great fun taking part, although the children did admit it was a little scary delving their hands into the unknown!



Year 5 were incredibly fortunate this week at Forest School. Not only was it our turn to attempt the notorious 'Leap of Faith' (while some of us also had another go on the Cargo Net), but the sun shone and the whole woodland was alive with the sounds of spring. This made for the perfect setting for our first high ropes session of the summer term.



Year 6 did not take part in a Forest School session this week due to the Bank Holiday Monday.

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: Darcy N



Maths Challenge

Don't forget to enter!

Kendall Team Points

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

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

Amazing Attendance? Free Tuck Friday!

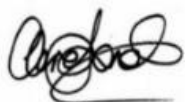
Free Tuck Friday – All classes who have achieved the required attendance of at least 96% are highlighted in green. Well done, **Year 2** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	89.65%	
Year 1	94%	
Year 2	96.35%	★
Year 3	92.3%	
Year 4	94.65%	
Year 5	95.65%	
Year 6	95.95%	
Overall Attendance		94.1%

(Week ending 04/04/2024)

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.



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

May 2025	
Monday 5 th	Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 6 th	EYFS Boydells Farm Visit
Thursday 8 th	Year 4 Siege of Colchester Walk
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

Week Two

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Baked jacket potato (v/ve)	Chicken fajita	Roast gammon	Packed lunch Chicken baguette	Birds Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Vegetarian (v) Or Vegan (ve)	Tomato and cheese pasta bake (ve)	Vegetable fajita	Cheese puff (v)	Cheddar Cheese baguette (v) Vegan cheese baguette (ve)	Crispy Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (Ve)
Sides	Cheddar Cheese (v) Vegan cheese (ve) Baked beans Freshly prepared salad lettuce, cucumber tomatoes	Tortilla wrap Vegetable rice Sweetcorn Freshly prepared salad lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes	Roast potatoes Stuffing Yorkshire pudding Carrots, sweetcorn, peas Gravy (ve) (gf)	Vegetable sticks Tortilla chips Freshly prepared salad lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes	Chips Baked beans Tomato sauce
Dessert	Chocolate brownie or Fresh fruit	Strawberry cheese cake or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit - honeydew melon, pineapple, grapes or yoghurt	White chocolate chip sponge cake (v) or Fresh fruit	Vegan ice cream and raspberry sauce (ve) 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

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!

Academic Year 2024-2025

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