



Kendall Church of England
Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

2nd May 2025

Newsletter 29 Summer Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

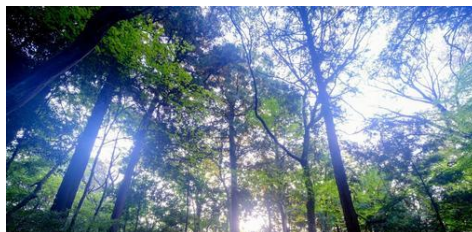
James Campbell - Writing Workshop

Children's Author James Campbell will be holding a writing workshop for children aged 7-11 on Tuesday the 27th of May, from 10am-3pm. The venue is Thistle Doo Farm near Ardleigh. Children will be led through the process of imagining, planning and writing a story, inspired by the surroundings of the off-grid farm. In particular they will be making a map of the farm and then using this design their own farm, or zoo, or space station or whatever comes to mind. It costs £30 per child but there are some free places for children who receive free school meals. James Campbell wrote the book *Write Your Own Funny Stories* which has been translated into nearly a dozen languages to inspire children all around the world. He has visited over three thousand schools in the last thirty years, telling his stories, making everyone laugh and encouraging children to write! Please go to www.thistledoofarm.org for more info or email James: jamescampbellauthor@gmail.com



Forest School Clothes Reminder!

We would like to remind all parents and carers that even in the drier, warmer months of the year that children must **always** have their full Forest School kit **including a waterproof coat**, even if rain is not forecast. This is because children may be taking part in water play or water-based activities. In addition, they must always wear **a long-sleeved t-shirt and long trousers** to ensure they have some protection against insect bites, scratches from brambles and stings from nettles. Finally, during the warmer, sunnier months it is advisable for your child to have a sun hat, sun cream and insect repellent which should be applied before coming into school. For our detailed guide for parents on how to dress their child appropriately for Forest School, please click [here](#).



Reminder! No Glass Bottles/Containers in School

Please do not send drinks into school in glass bottles. A glass bottle was accidentally smashed on the playground this week, requiring the area to be evacuated for safety while staff cleared the broken glass. For the safety of all children, only send drinks in plastic or metal containers. Thank you for your cooperation.

Kendall SEND Support Group

Date: Friday 9th May 2025

Time: 13:00 – 15:00

Location: Kendall CE Primary School



We are delighted to invite all parents and carers to our SEND Support Group meeting at Kendall CE Primary School. This session will focus on Speech, Language and Communication Part 1 (Part 2 to be covered in our final meeting of the year on 24th June 9:00–11:00).

We will be focusing on:

- What is the developmental process of speech?
- Attention and listening
- Strategies to support children both at school and at home
- Opportunities for sharing experiences and best practices with other parents and carers

We aim to build a supportive network where parents and carers can connect and learn from each other. **Everyone is welcome**, whether you have a child with a diagnosed need, a child on the SEND register, or simply an interest or expertise in this area.

Refreshments will be provided – coffee, tea, and cake!

Important Note: This meeting is not intended for individual discussions about your child's specific needs with the SENCo. If you have concerns, please feel free to book an individual appointment with your child's class teacher or the SENCo at another time.

Supporting Local Community Events

St Stephen's CHURCH

POKEMON TCG

The Hub

Do you play or collect Pokemon Trading Cards?
Would you like to learn how to play the card game?
Are you an expert and want to battle others?

Come along between 10-12midday during The Hub to take part, join the team and learn how to play.
Some card packs available to use and practise with each week.
Come along Saturday mornings - please check our social media pages for more date details!



THE MINORITIES

Create. Imagine. Perform.

Age 7-12 | £25 per person | Tuesday, 27th May | 10 am - 12 pm

Story reading + puppet-making workshop

2-hour creative session specially designed to build confidence, encourage imagination and vocabulary by Jamie Weston.



Activities include

- Sock Puppet making
- Live story reading with puppets
- Kids use their creations during the reading and take their puppets home with them.

Book your child's creative escape today!

For questions and queries email us at vikas.garg@theminorities.org



THE MINORITIES

Friday 30th May 2025

Peel The Love!

Celebrate International Day of the Potato



Create your own mash-terpiece in a two hour potato-themed workshop with professional artist Tom Armstrong

10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm £20

ACL Community & Family Learning



EMPOWER YOUR CHILD TO MANAGE THEIR EMOTIONS

Are you a parent or carer looking to better support your child's emotional well-being? Join our sessions designed to help you understand and nurture your child's emotions.

FREE Online sessions available this May:

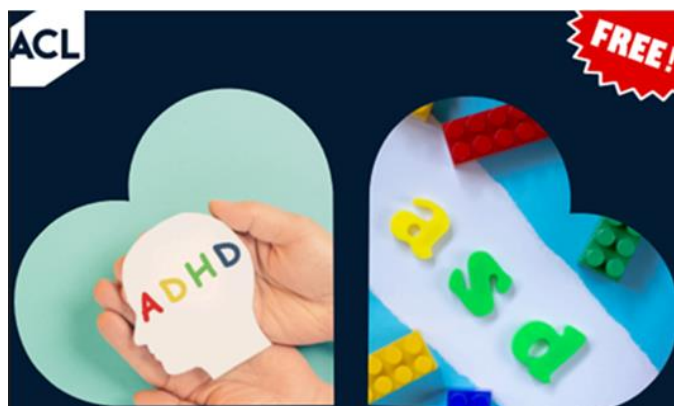
Managing Big Emotions, Managing Anger, Self Esteem For Teens, Understanding Children's Anxiety, Understanding Teen Stress, Zones of Regulations.

Take the First Step Today by Signing Up!

Visit aclessex.com and type 'emotions' in the search courses box

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COMMUNITY &
FAMILY LEARNING



ADHD & ASD: Join Our Support Network!

FREE!

Are you a parent or carer of a child, or teen, with ADHD or ASD? Gain valuable insights and connect with others who understand your journey. Attend our informative online sessions to learn more about your child's needs and build a supportive community.

Upcoming online sessions this May:

- Understanding ADHD In Children
- Understanding ASD In Children
- Understanding ADHD & ASD In Children
- Understanding ADHD & ASD: Teen Boys

Don't miss out! Register today and be part of a supportive network.

Sign Up!

Visit our website aclessex.com and type 'ASD or ADHD' in the 'Find a course...' box

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Forest School Diary 25th April 2025

EYFS continued with their class topic of the little red hen during their Forest School session. Using their hand print to create a painting of a hen on a small piece of material, the children then threaded a stick through the material before tying on string so each masterpiece could be hung up to enjoy.



This week Year 1 used their creative ideas to make different woodland creatures using pine cones, wool and other natural resources around them. Others practised their hapa zome skills using all the fresh leaves growing in the woods.



Year 2 celebrated World Earth Day during their last session which was a great opportunity to enjoy a bit of digging to investigate different soil types and the worms that live within them. We discovered that the most worms were found in the wettest of soils. We discussed which conditions made different soil types most habitable for the worms and which did not. All worms were placed safely back into the soil once we had finished admiring them.



This week Year 3 began the process of making a loom. First the children had to find and cut sticks to the desired length, then used the hacksaw to create grooves in the sticks ready to add string during our next session. Once the looms are finished, we will weave natural foliage through them to create a lovely living 'fabric'!



The children in Year 4 took part in various activities from hapa zome to producing some lovely items with pinecones and even finding time to put together a bug hotel which we hope will be completed during the next couple of weeks. We look forward to sharing photos of the finished piece once finalised.



Year 5 were unable to use the high ropes this session, but hope to fit a catch-up session in soon. Instead, we started to make some cool bug hotels. It took a little time to find the right style but by the end of the morning, things were moving along nicely and the bug hotels were taking shape.



Year 6 continued to craft their butter knives this week. These have been made by whittling using a small carving knife and a little bit of skill, (which of course the children have in abundance!) Many were able to get theirs finished and chose to take them home – they are sure to come in handy on camping trips and picnics!



For Parents – Ongoing Concerns with Roblox

As one of the more popular games with all age groups, particularly younger children, Roblox is getting its fair share of negative press lately. Most recently (13th April) Revealing Reality have released results of their investigation called 'A Digital Playground – The Real Guide to Roblox'. As part of this investigation the researchers created multiple account pretending to be persons aged 5, 9, 10, 13 and 40+ in order to explore the safety settings and the user experience which included:

- Adults and children can easily interact.
- Easy access to highly suggestive environments, including participation in adult-themed conversations.

You can read the full report [HERE](#), which was then followed up by two articles in The Guardian [HERE](#) and [HERE](#), the latter of which is the experience of some parents and their own child's use of Roblox.

Safeguarding for Parents

Following the release of the Netflix drama 'Adolescence', I have had a few conversations and received emails from parents who were understandably shocked by the content of the programme. This week I was signposted to an interesting blog that seeks to explain how children and young people get to this point, the impact this has on the individual's mental health, and more importantly, how parents can encourage critical thinking to help dispel some of the myths that this method of subtle online grooming perpetuates. You can read this article [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](#). **Dressing for Forest School** [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: Archie W, Jack H, Bethel O and James T



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week: Isabella B, Jacob C and Esther B

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week:

Robyn B, Arlo S, Lilia C, Kaine W, Gia K, Albie R, Alexander D, James D, Ronnie G, Daniel K, Jana F, Darcy R, Georgia B, and Alfie D

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Penelope** in **Year 1** who received our Writer of the Week award and took home a new stationery set and journal – keep up that good writing!

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the following winner:

KS1: Winifred G

KS2: Archie H

New challenge attached!

Vision Value Leaves

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a leaf for our 'Vision Values' Tree:

Lillie CT, Eleanor T and Miles O

Kendall Team Points

Congratulations to the joint Weekly Team Winners: Elm!

Elm	Ash	Birch	Yew
1st	4th	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 3** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	92.5%	
Year 1	96.25%	
Year 2	99.15%	
Year 3	100%	★
Year 4	95%	
Year 5	97.9%	
Year 6	98.4%	
Overall Attendance		97.05%

(Week ending 25/04/2025)

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 Trip	£15
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
Wednesday 21 st	RSE (Relationship & Sex Education) Parent Information Event 3:30pm-4:30pm for Year 2, Year 4 & Year 6
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 Three

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Creamy Mac and cheese (v)	All day brunch	Roast topside of beef	Packed lunch Ham roll	Birds Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Vegetarian (v) Or Vegan (ve)	Vegetarian pasta carbonara with mushrooms and garlic	Vegetarian Brunch Quorn sausage	Veggie puff (v/ve)	Cheddar Cheese baguette (v) Vegan cheese baguette (ve)	Crispy Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (Ve)
Sides	Garlic bread Sweetcorn Freshly prepared salad lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes	Hash brown Tomato Mushrooms Scrambled egg 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 Peas Tomato sauce
Dessert	Fruit cocktail and cream or Fresh fruit	Jelly and ice cream or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit – honeydew melon, pineapple, grapes or yoghurt	Chocolate cake or Fresh fruit	Fruit lolly (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

Lee was writing some numbers:

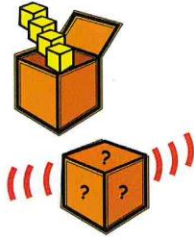
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She continued writing the numbers in order but stopped after writing seventeen digits.

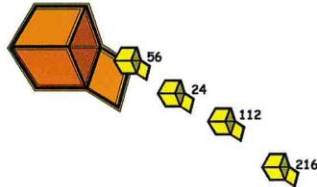
What was the last number she wrote?

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



Four numbers go into a multiplication box. The box multiplies all of the numbers by the same amount then four new numbers come out at the end. Look at the numbers that came out at the end in the picture.



What could the 4 numbers have been to start with?

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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