



## Kendall Church of England

Primary School

*'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'*

9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### **Newsletter 30 Summer Term 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Parent Governor Elections**

Thank you to the parents who stood for our Parent Governor election and to the parents who took the time to vote. I would like to congratulate Sayako Nakagawa and welcome her to the governing body.

#### **Fundraising for PTA - 750m open water swim at Hanningfield**

Eleanor Church, one of our parent governors, will be taking part in the 750m open water swim at Hanningfield on behalf of the Kendall PTA. Currently, the PTA are raising funds for a new ICT suite and High Ropes equipment, both of which will be incredibly beneficial to the education of all of our pupils. Open water swimming is quite a challenge, so please sponsor Eleanor, by clicking on the following link: [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kendall-eleanor-church?utm\\_medium=FA&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kendall-eleanor-church?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL)  
We will let you know how she gets on!



#### **Essex Early Years and Childcare Parents Survey for all Schools 2025**

Essex County Council is committed to meeting the childcare needs of families across the county. To help them further understand parents' experience of childcare provision and how they access information that may support their family, they are conducting their annual (anonymous) [parents survey](#). Please see the link below if you would like to participate.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TzK0qFwVFUKg8X7YzJqZL6At0oJBV\\_5FidqZoXWsBclURVE2OEIZRUFHVDE4WUxPN0FPMU9LNU02Wi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TzK0qFwVFUKg8X7YzJqZL6At0oJBV_5FidqZoXWsBclURVE2OEIZRUFHVDE4WUxPN0FPMU9LNU02Wi4u)

## **Census Day Menu**

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Next Thursday is our school Census Day when the government collect data about our school. This information impacts our next year's funding and so we would like to ensure Kendall Primary School is in receipt of the maximum amount possible to future proof the success of the school and give our children the best possible resources and staffing.

In order to achieve this, we are holding a special lunch for children to enjoy. The menu is below. All children in KS1 and children eligible for free school meals will have a school dinner prepared for them and the expectation is for your child to try it. We would discourage packed lunches for KS1 pupils on this day. Our KS2 children are most welcome to enjoy the school dinner too!

Cheese and tomato pizza  
Sausage rolls  
Vegan sausage rolls  
Veg sticks  
Tortilla chips  
Chocolate chip cake

### **EYFS Visit to Boydells Farm**

On Tuesday, EYFS visited Boydells Farm as a Fabulous Finish to our learning on traditional tales and farms. We milked a cow, fed and held lambs, held kittens, saw rabbits and guinea pigs, fed ponies, cows, goats, sheep and alpacas, helped Farmer Finn with the pigs, held chicks and a duckling, saw chickens, turkeys, ducks and saw eggs collected and fed calves and donkeys! The children recalled lots of facts we had learnt about farm animals as well as learning additional information about farming from Farmer Finn. We all had an amazing experience!



### **Year 4 Siege of Colchester Walk**

What an exciting morning Year 4 had as they set off around Colchester town to uncover buildings and landmarks touched by the dramatic events of the 1648 Siege of Colchester. After diving into this topic throughout Q3, this week's adventure was the perfect chance to see history leap off the page—and they loved every minute of it!



### **Forest School Diary 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

EYFS have been practising the hapa zome technique, this is where a hammer is used to bash out the pigment of leaves and flowers which transfers the colour onto material to create prints. After seeing the small boats made previously by Year 2, EYFS wanted in on the action and got busy making their very own boats. Great fun was had as the children took guesses at whether each boat would sink or float.



This week Year 1 made tie dye using red cabbage boiled over the open fire. Once this was boiled we then separated the mixture into three pans and added lemon juice to one which turned it pink, and baking soda to the other which turned it blue. Each child then added a small piece of material which had been bound using an elastic band to the pan of their choice which will be left over night and hopefully the end result will be a lovely piece of tie dye!



Year 2 spent some time investigating plants and leaves found in the woodland using a jewellery magnifying glass. The children were rather amazed at the level of detail that could be seen from the tiny hairs and veins, to micro bugs that could not be seen with the naked eye. A few of the children also found time to construct small boats using wood, sticks and material used for the sail.



This week the children in Year 3 continued to put together the looms started previously. Forest School skills such as tool safety and knot tying have been needed for this activity and the children have embraced learning the method of square lashing. We are sure all looms will look lovely once natural foliage has been weaved throughout them.



Year 4 continued with their pine cone craft this week. Currently in progress we have a spider, a dog and an ostrich in the making. Construction of our bug hotels is also in full force.



It was session two jumping from the 'Leap of Faith' and in addition to this, the children in Year 5 were also challenged to rescue Forest School Ted from the Cargo Net during their high ropes session this week. Lots of us have made massive progress since Year 4, with more people than ever reaching their personal goals. Great work Year 5!



*Year 6 did not have Forest School this week due to the Bank Holiday.*

## **AI Update for Parents: Big Tech's New Babysitter (by Alan Mackenzie\*)**

This was an article headline that grabbed my attention at the beginning of the week. There were others, such as 'AI Companions are Not for Kids', and I think both headlines summarise the issue nicely where mainstream big tech companies are driving AI into the world of our children, whether they want it or not. In this case it's chatbots. Knowledge of these chatbots is understandably quite low, but chatbots aren't new. What I'm specifically referring to here are companion chatbots: AI that is designed to be your friend, to respond to your wants and needs, to emotionally attach.

At the end of April Common Sense Media released their risk assessment (link below) of what they refer to as AI Social Companions with an overall risk level of 'Unacceptable', but what really took me by surprise was the announcement from Google that they are in the process of releasing Gemini specifically for children under the age of 13. My understanding is that this is for children under 13 who have a Google account which is managed via the Google Family Link app, meaning that parents can choose to turn it off. But in the communication from Google it even says 'kids may encounter content you don't want them to see'. So why release it then, why have it turned on by default? Although Gemini isn't designed as a companion chatbot it can be used as one, as can ChatGPT and many others, but this is just another responsibility forced upon parents who are already struggling to keep up.

Here's a couple of articles you may find interesting:

Article: Why AI Companions are Not Kids Friends - [HERE](#)

Risk Assessment from Common Sense Media - [HERE](#).

Article: Google is going to let kids use its Gemini AI - [HERE](#).

For parents: manage your child's access to Gemini apps - [HERE](#).

*\*Alan Mackenzie writes #Ditto, the e-Safety magazine for parents (see below)*

## **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: Billy R, Jacob C, James C, Miles O and Sophie SY



### **Maths Challenge**

Don't forget to enter!

### **Kendall Team Points**

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

| Elm | Ash | Birch | Yew |
|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| 1st | 2nd | 4th   | 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 4** for having the best attendance this week!

|                    |        |       |
|--------------------|--------|-------|
| EYFS               | 94.35% |       |
| Year 1             | 98.35% |       |
| Year 2             | 97.35% |       |
| Year 3             | 96.1%  |       |
| Year 4             | 99.65% | ★     |
| Year 5             | 98.7%  |       |
| Year 6             | 98.45% |       |
| Overall Attendance |        | 97.6% |

(Week ending 02/05/2025)

### **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](#).

Finally, I would like to wish all the Year 6 children who have worked so hard this year all the best of luck for next week's SATS tests.

Have a lovely weekend!

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 4**

| <b>Year Group</b> | <b>Trip/Visit</b>                        | <b>Cost per child</b> |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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**

|                                                     |                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>May 2025</b>                                     |                                                                                                       |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> | Year 6 KS2 SATs                                                                                       |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>                          | RSE (Relationship & Sex Education) Parent Information Event 3:30pm–4:30pm for Year 2, Year 4 & Year 6 |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>                             | Year 6 Bake Sale                                                                                      |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>  | Half Term                                                                                             |
| <b>June</b>                                         |                                                                                                       |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>                              | Rainbow Day                                                                                           |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>                              | EYFS Bake Sale 3:15pm                                                                                 |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>                            | Year 3 Harwich Boat Trip                                                                              |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>                             | Year 5 Bake Sale 3:15pm                                                                               |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>                             | Whole Class Photos                                                                                    |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>                             | Year 4 Bake Sale 3:15pm                                                                               |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>                            | Kendall SEND Support Group 9am–11am                                                                   |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>                             | Year 3 Bake Sale                                                                                      |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>                             | Sports Day & Family Picnic                                                                            |
| <b>July</b>                                         |                                                                                                       |
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>                           | Year 1 Trip to Chappel Railway Museum                                                                 |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>                              | Dress Like a Hero Day (Raising funds for Help for Heroes)                                             |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>                              | Year 2 Bake Sale 3:15pm                                                                               |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>                           | KS2 Production 7pm                                                                                    |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>                             | Music Festival 9:30am & 10:30am                                                                       |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>                             | KS2 Production 1:30pm & 7pm                                                                           |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>                             | Year 1 Bake Sale 3:15pm                                                                               |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>                           | Year 6 Treat Trip                                                                                     |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>                             | Leavers' Assembly                                                                                     |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>                             | PTA Summer Disco                                                                                      |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>                             | Last Day of Term                                                                                      |

## 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)<br>Or<br>Vegan (ve) | Ratatouille pasta bake (v/ve)                                                                          | Oven baked vegan sausage rolls (ve)      | Baked Quorn fillet (v/ve)                                                                      | Cheddar Cheese baguette (v)<br>Vegan cheese baguette (ve)                                           | Crispy Quorn dippers (v)<br>Vegetable fingers (Ve) |
| Sides                              | Vegan Coleslaw (ve) sweetcorn<br><br>Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers | Creamy mashed potato<br>Baked beans      | Roast potatoes<br>Stuffing<br>Yorkshire pudding<br>carrots, sweetcorn, peas<br>Gravy (ve) (gf) | Vegetable sticks<br>Tortilla chips<br><br>Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, | Chips<br>Baked beans<br>Tomato sauce               |
| Dessert                            | Raspberry Angel delight<br>or<br>Fresh fruit                                                           | Chocolate oat cake (ve)<br>or<br>yoghurt | Fresh fruit salad-honeydew melon, pineapple, grapes<br>or<br>yoghurt                           | Lemon drizzle cake (v)<br>or<br>Fresh fruit                                                         | Raspberry ice cream sponge roll<br>or<br>yoghurt   |

\*Please note **Thursday's** menu will be our special **Census Day Menu** as shown earlier in the newsletter.

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](mailto:admin@kendall.essex.sch.uk)

## Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

Lee was writing some numbers:

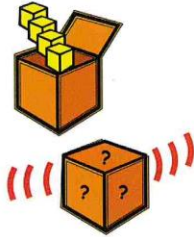
1 2 3 4 5

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

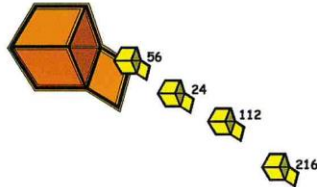
### What was the last number she wrote?

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!

### Academic Year 2024-2025

| September 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    | October 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    | November 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    | December 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| M              | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  | M            | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  | M             | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  | M             | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
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| 2              | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 7            | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 4             | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 2             | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9              | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 14           | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 11            | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 9             | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16             | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 21           | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 18            | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 16            | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23             | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 28           | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    | 25            | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    | 23            | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30             |    |    |    |    |    |    |              |    |    |    |    |    |    |               |    |    |    |    |    |    | 30            | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |

| January 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    | February 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    | March 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    | April 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| M            | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  | M             | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  | M          | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  | M          | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
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| 6            | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 3             | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 3          | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 7          | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 13           | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 10            | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 10         | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 14         | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 20           | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 17            | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 17         | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 21         | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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| May 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    | June 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    | July 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    | August 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| M        | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  | M         | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  | M         | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  | M           | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|          |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |           |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |           | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |             |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| 5        | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 2         | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 7         | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 4           | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 12       | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 9         | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 14        | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 11          | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 19       | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 16        | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 21        | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 18          | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 26       | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    | 23        | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 28        | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    | 25          | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
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= School holidays

= Bank holidays

= Weekends

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