



Kendall Church of England
Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

16th May 2025

Newsletter 31 Summer Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start the newsletter this week by saying a big well done to all the Year 6 children who have been taking their SATs tests this week. The children will be finding out their results towards the end of July. In the meantime, they will be continuing their studies and working towards the end of year Key Stage 2 Production, which this year will be....



Aladdin Jr

Yesterday we revealed to the children that this year's key stage 2 production will be **Disney's Aladdin Jr.** This is a specially adapted version of the Broadway stage show and marks our 5th Disney production. The performances will be Thursday 10th July 7pm, Friday 11th July 1:30pm and 7pm. Information about purchasing tickets and souvenir photo brochures will be provided following the half term break. Year 6 have held their auditions today and rehearsals will be in full swing from next week!

Fundraising for PTA - 750m open water swim at Hanningfield

Tomorrow, 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

We want to wish Eleanor good luck - we will let you know how she gets on!



Rainbow Day

On Friday 6th June we will be having our annual Rainbow Day to celebrate the similarities and differences we share. In class, children will learn more about equality and diversity in all its forms. Many classes will share an age-appropriate book, with older children learning about the history of equality and some famous people who have influenced our understanding of diversity and inclusion today. To help us celebrate, we are asking children to come to school in non-uniform. Each class has been given a different colour to wear to school to help us make a Kendall Rainbow. Please send your child to school on Friday 6th June wearing the following colour:

Year 6 – Red

Year 5 – Orange

Year 4 – Yellow

Year 3 – Green

Year 2 – Light Blue

Year 1 – Dark Blue (Indigo)

EYFS – Purple (Violet)

I hope that all of the children have fun dressing up in their class colour and learn a great deal throughout the day.

Goodbye Mrs Nicholson!

As we approach the end of this half term, we will be bidding a fond farewell to Mrs. Victoria Nicholson, who has been our dedicated School Business Manager for the past nine years. I still remember the day in December 2015 when she approached me in the playground and asked if she could lend a hand at the school, given her experience. By January 2016, she was already in the office alongside Mrs. Randall, learning the ropes—and she hasn't looked back since. Now that her children have grown up and moved on from school, Mrs. Nicholson is looking forward to enjoying more time with her family and embracing a well-deserved life of leisure. We hope she looks back on her time here with fondness, and I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing her every happiness and success in the next chapter of her life.



We're also pleased to share that Mrs. Sarah Gloc will be joining us as our new School Business Manager from 12th June. In the meantime, please bear with us, as the school office will be operating with reduced staffing. Your patience and understanding during this transition are greatly appreciated.

We're in the final stretch – Quarter 4 is here!

This week marks the start of our **fourth and final quarter** of the school year, and it's shaping up to be an exciting one! On Monday, your child brought home their **Q Ahead Newsletter** from their class teacher — packed with all the amazing learning adventures planned for the next **9 weeks**, plus key info about what's happening across the curriculum. From fascinating new topics, lots of learning outside the classroom and hands-on projects, there's so much to look forward to as we wrap up an incredible year. Make sure to check the letter so you don't miss a thing!

PTA Friday Bake Sales Are Back!

Our much-loved pop-up bake sales return this term—get ready for sweet treats and a great cause! Each Friday, a different class will take the lead by donating cakes or biscuits (homemade or shop-bought—just make sure ingredients/allergens are clearly labelled). Boxes and details will be sent home the week before your class's sale. To make it all run smoothly, we need **parent volunteers** to help at the stalls, and we're hoping some of our fabulous Year 6s will pitch in too. Cakes usually sell out in just 10–15 minutes, so it's a quick and easy way to support the school! **All funds go to exciting projects** like our new ICT suite and High Ropes equipment—so every slice counts!

The Challenge: Last year, we raised an amazing **£650.64**—let's beat it! If we do, the whole school earns **an extra 30 minutes of playtime** in the last week of term. We'll keep a running total in the newsletter so you can track our progress! Thanks for baking, buying, and being brilliant!

Year Group	Date of stall	Money raised so far...
EYFS	Friday 6 th June 2025	£TBC
Yr 1	Thursday 11 th July 2025	£TBC
Yr 2	Friday 4 th July 2025	£TBC
Yr 3	Friday 27 th June 2024	£TBC
Yr 4	Friday 20 th June 2025	£TBC
Yr 5	Friday 13 th June 2025	£TBC
Yr 6	Friday 23 rd May 2025	£TBC
GRAND TOTAL SO FAR:		£TBC



The poster features the Kendall Church of England Primary School Colchester logo at the top corners. A central purple diamond contains the text 'KENDALL PTA'. Below this, the title 'Bake Sale' is written in large, bold, blue letters. The dates for each year group are listed in colored boxes: Year 6 (23rd May, purple), EYFS (6th June, yellow), Year 5 (13th June, purple), Year 4 (20th June, yellow), Year 3 (27th July, purple), Year 2 (4th July, yellow), and Year 1 (11th July, purple). A large purple box at the bottom right contains the following text: 'Dates for the class bake sales straight after school on Fridays this summer term. cake boxes will be sent home with the children the week of their sale - home made or shop brought cakes are welcome (please include ingredient info) please speak to class reps about volunteering!'.

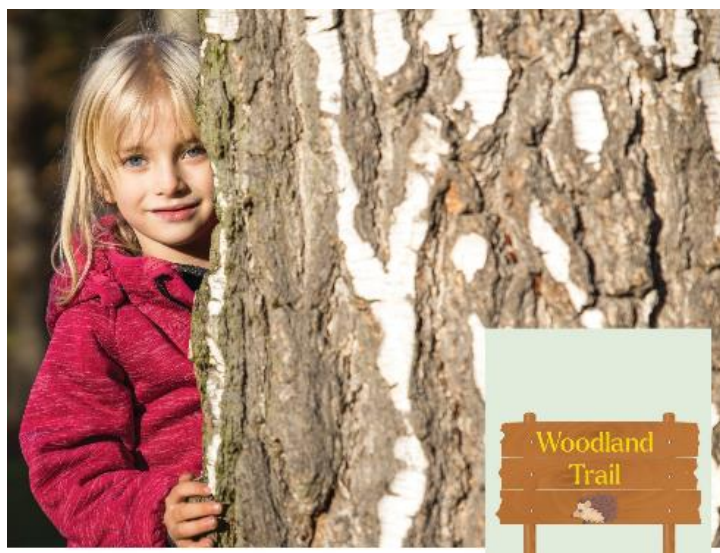
Air Pollution

The Eco-Council have been thinking about air pollution and what we can do to reduce air pollution in our local area. We met with Jade Brown from Colchester Borough Council who lent us two air pollution monitors and then surveyed the areas surrounding the school. Finally, they led the worship on Wednesday, sharing what we have learnt with the rest of the school. We wonder if your child can tell you 3 sources of air pollution, 3 effects air pollution can have on our health and 3 ways to reduce air pollution? More tips to follow next week!



Eco council led Worship on Wednesday to explain about the issue of air pollution around the school

Supporting Local events



24th-31st May

Woodland Trail May Half Term

Explore our woodland garden this half term and search for the wooden animals hiding among the plants.

Prebook tickets
www.bethchatto.co.uk



No waterproof? No Forest School!

To ensure all children can safely and fully take part in Forest School, they must come dressed appropriately, including a **waterproof coat**. We've recently reminded families—via the Q-Ahead newsletter, weekly school newsletter, and School Ping—of the importance of bringing waterproofs. Even on sunny days, children often engage in water play, and sudden downpours are common. **Children without a waterproof coat will not be able to attend Forest School**, as staff cannot return them to class mid-session. Thank you for your continued support.

Forest School Diary 16th May 2025

The children in EYFS put together a farm shop in the woodland and enjoyed some role play. Using items such as pinecones for local tender, the group had great fun buying and selling their local produce. A few of the group then created a mini-farm in a tuff tray and as you can see from the photos it was at times a messy job!



Year 1 took part in various activities this week such as navigating their way across the tight walk challenge, enjoying the rope swing, and putting together shelters and tunnels using the tarpaulin.



Year 2 helped the Forest School team do some much needed jobs in the woodland last week, from weeding out the wildlife garden, that was overgrown as a result of all the beautiful sunshine recently, to making sure all the newly planted saplings had a good drink. The children were certainly not shy in mucking in and getting their hands dirty.



This week Year 3 worked hard to complete their weaving looms and they looked lovely once finished and were decorated with natural foliage found growing in the woodland. With it being Mental Health Awareness Week, the children made themselves a small comfort stone that can be placed in their pockets and used should the children feel anxious during tricky times. We also found some fascinating eggs which we think could be those of a green shield bug.



Year 4 joined in with making comfort stones this week, there were all sorts of creations being made from cats to foxes plus lots more. The children also crafted green ribbons in support of Mental Health Awareness Week and enjoyed a little gardening.



This week, Year 5 have been trying to build 'earthquake' proof structures in Forest School. We used only what we could scavenge from the woodland and so far we have put together some amazing ideas; initial observations show that these structures will be sturdy and strong. So, watch this space, as in the next week or two we will be putting them to the ultimate test!



There was no Forest School session this week for Year 6 due to it being SATs week.

For Parents – How to Report Online Harm

There are so many apps with different reporting functions, organisations, helplines and more it can be really frustrating for parents to get help. Internet Matters have a really useful page which details some of these organisations and what they can do, how to report specific issues, how to report on many of the social platforms and games and where to go for more help. You can see all the details [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](#).



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SUPPORTING A SUCCESSFUL SECONDARY TRANSITIONS (Year 6)

Preparing for the transition to secondary school can be both exciting and challenging for families and children in Yr 6. Our 2-hour sessions are designed to help families navigate this important milestone with confidence and ease. By the end of this session, families will be equipped with the tools and knowledge to ensure a smooth and successful transition to secondary school.

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or
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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: Jaygo D, Makeda D, Imogen W, Orlagh-Rose T, Mariam K, Charlie R and Brooke S.



Maths Awards

Congratulations to all the children who received a Maths Award in this week's Celebration Assembly!

Maths Challenge

Don't forget to enter!

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Darcy** in **Year 2** 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 EE, Riley G and Zosia S

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!

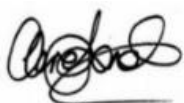
EYFS	96.7%	
Year 1	92.5%	
Year 2	98.3%	
Year 3	97.6%	
Year 4	97.5%	
Year 5	99.2%	★
Year 6	98.4%	
Overall Attendance		97.2%

(Week ending 09/05/2025)

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](#).

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 the schedule and the associated charge for each trip for the next quarter below

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	£20 (TBC)
Year 6	Treat Trip	n/a

Dates for your Diary

May 2025	
Wednesday 21st	RSE (Relationship & Sex Education) Parent Information Event 3:30pm–4:30pm for Y2, Y4 & Y6
Friday 23 rd	Year 6 Bake Sale
Mon 26 th –Fri 30 th	Half Term Holiday
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	Dress Like a Hero Day (Raising funds for Help for Heroes)
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

Lee was writing some numbers:

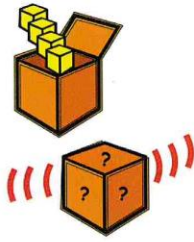
1 2 3 4 5

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!

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