



Kendall Church of England
Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

6th June 2025

Newsletter 33 Summer Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will know, Ofsted visited us this week on Tuesday and Wednesday to carry out a graded inspection of our school. It was an opportunity for us to share all the amazing things the children get to learn and experience here at Kendall. The inspectors will now be spending time writing the final report and ensuring it undergoes their internal quality assurance checks. Once this happens, the finalised report will be sent out to parents and published online. This will happen in approximately 5 weeks' time. I would like to thank 'Team Kendall' for all their hard work and thank all the parents who took the time to complete the Parent View Survey. Your overwhelmingly positive comments were really appreciated!

Gardening Club 🍓

Our lunchtime Gardening Club have been hard at work since the beginning of the growing season and today have been enjoying the first of our harvested strawberries and edible Nasturtium flowers. I had trouble trying to stop them from sneakily eating them all before we had the 'School's In Bloom' team visit to judge their horticultural efforts this year. Some of us will be off to the Town Hall in a few weeks time, to see if we have won any accolades at the awards ceremony!



Gardening club show off their first harvest before hastily devouring the lot of them!

Year 6 Crucial Crew

On Thursday Year 6 took a trip to Colchester Town Hall to take part in this year's Crucial Crew. They were treated to a drama about knife crime before a workshop led by an ex-spy, where they learnt all about observational awareness – an important skill for those children who will be walking to and from secondary school independently next year. The whole afternoon covered topics from drugs to gang awareness. Whilst the messages were very hard-hitting, it was great to see the children engaging in the important discussions so maturely.

Rainbow Day

Today we celebrated Rainbow Day, with each year group proudly wearing a different colour of the rainbow. In class, children explored the themes of equality and diversity in all their forms. Many classes shared age-appropriate books, while older pupils learned about the history of Pride and some of the inspirational individuals who have helped shape our understanding of inclusion today. Rainbow Day is a much-valued part of our Personal Development Curriculum, supporting children to stay safe, build positive relationships, lead healthy lives, and understand their place in the wider world. At Kendall, we are proud to champion equality and diversity for all—regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religion, race, belief, sexuality, or disability. We hope the children not only enjoyed the day but also took away important messages that will stay with them.



PTA Father's Day Gift Shop/Bake Sales



FATHERS DAY GIFT SHOP

The perfect opportunity for the children to buy a present for a loved one.

Taking place 12th and 13th June during lunch times at school.

All presents are ready wrapped to be brought home on the day, cash only please.

All gifts £2.50



Bake Sale

YEAR 6 23 RD MAY	EYFS 6 TH JUNE	YEAR 5 13 TH JUNE
YEAR 4 20 TH JUNE	YEAR 3 27 TH JUNE	YEAR 2 4 TH JULY
YEAR 1 11 TH JULY	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!	

PTA Friday Bake Sales Are Back – it's the EYFS stall tonight! 🍪

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	£133.52
GRAND TOTAL SO FAR:		£133.52

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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 6th June 2025

EYFS have started the process of making some wooden octopuses which links in with their class topic of 'Commotion in the Ocean'. In order to do this, the children will be using an assortment of hand tools over the coming weeks. Watch this space to follow our progress.



This week Year 1 used their fine motor skills to build bridges. Firstly, the children had to gather up enough resources such as wood to construct the bridges. Then, using their tool skills, they had to connect the wood together. Our finished bridge was a little rickety, however, we plan to make some improvements next week.



Year 2 celebrated Bee Day prior to the half-term break and crafted bees using pine cones wound with yellow and black wool. The group also helped to tidy up the 'Air Bee & Bee' area situated in our wildlife garden and placed some sugared water down to help the bees should they need a little energy. During the morning we came across a bee that had unfortunately perished, although very sad, this gave us the opportunity to take a close up look and appreciate how beautiful these small creatures are.



This week Year 3 took part in the high ropes. There were three different challenges to tackle this time and everyone put in 100% effort to achieve the best they possibly could—well done Year 3!



Year 4 kept busy this week and got stuck into a few much-needed jobs such as giving the recently planted saplings a good drink and finishing off the bug hotels ready to hang up in the woodland. We also started a little woodcraft and have begun to put together some found resources to create bugs and insects, we currently have a stick insect and a snail in the making.



It was rainy weather in the woods today. Luckily, our new parachute held back the worst of the weather. It gave Year 5 a good opportunity to practise and perfect our knot tying skills. We did venture into the woodland beyond the shelter for a short while, where we found some amazing insect tracks and even some tiny puff ball fungus which were puffing out spores which looked like tiny smoke signals.



Year 6 continued this week with working on the wooden crosses started previously. We have a great mixture of designs and different materials have been used to decorate them, from sticks and stones to pine cones and shells the children have been bursting with creativity! A few much-needed gardening jobs were also tackled during the session.



For Parents – Fortnite and AI

Fortnite continues to be one of the most popular games played by children and young people. The game is continually being updated with new features and in their latest update Epic Games has introduced an AI feature where players can talk to characters like Darth Vader. As with anything like this, it's questionable whether Epic Games have really thought this through or are they just jumping on the bandwagon of AI where everyone is seemingly introducing it. Wayne Denner has written a blog post about this, including some advice for parents including the parental settings for the new AI feature. You can find the blog post [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: Wesam F and Dexter S



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week:
Brooke S, George P and Olivia N

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week:
Sophie SI, Jemimah H, Artur G, Dexter S, Joshua D, Jax W, Cayde N, Belle S, Matilda G, Mahaut DJ, Alice A, Mahmood HK, Jensen BD and Archie H

Maths Challenge

New challenge attached!

Vision Value Leaves

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a leaf for our 'Vision Values' Tree:
Mirella S, Isabella B and Ronnie G

Kendall Team Points

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

Elm	Ash	Birch	Yew
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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	98.7%	
Year 1	93.3%	
Year 2	92%	
Year 3	98.1%	
Year 4	99%	★
Year 5	91.3%	
Year 6	97.8%	
Overall Attendance	95.8%	

(Week ending 23/05/2025)

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

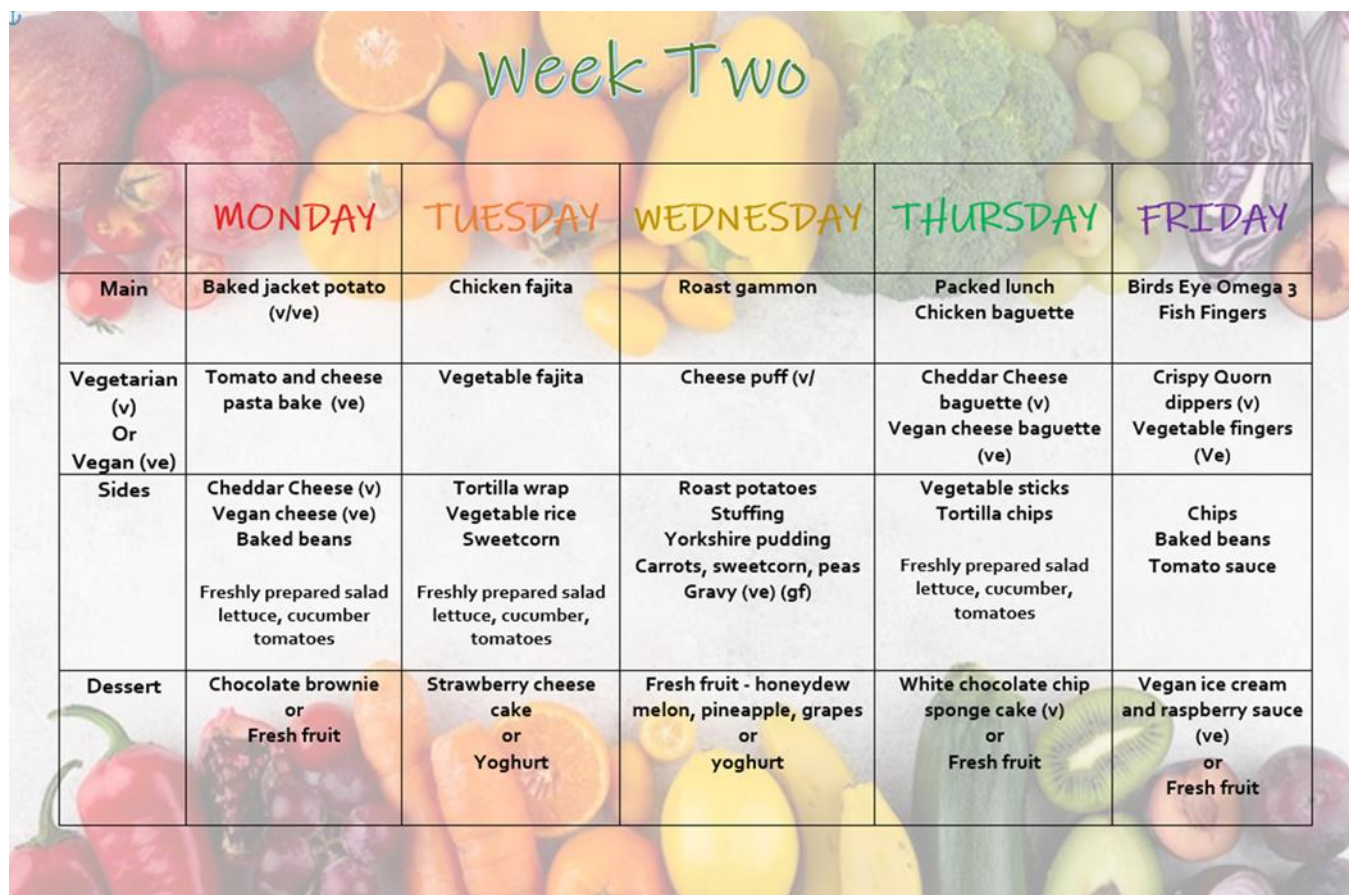
Budgeting £20 a quarter (£80 a year – or approximately £2 a term-time week) should cover the cost of trips. Where a trip is more expensive, for example £40, we will always try to make sure that over the academic year, the cost for all 4 Quarters comes to no more than £80 for the trips and visits we organise. 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 (pprox... £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
Year 6	Treat Trip	n/a

Dates for your Diary

June	
Tuesday 10 th	Year 3 Harwich Boat Trip
Thursday 12 th	PTA Father's Day Gift Shop (Lunchtime)
Friday 13 th	PTA Father's Day Gift Shop (Lunchtime)
Friday 13 th	Year 5 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Monday 16 th	Whole Class Photos
Friday 20 th	Year 4 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Thursday 26 th	EYFS Pirate Day
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
Wednesday 2 nd	Kendall SEND Support Group 9:30am-11am
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

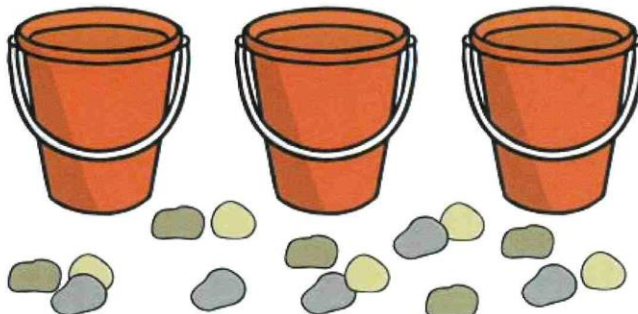


	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Baked jacket potato (v/ve)	Chicken fajita	Roast gammon	Packed lunch Chicken baguette	Birds Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Vegetarian (v) Or Vegan (ve)	Tomato and cheese pasta bake (ve)	Vegetable fajita	Cheese puff (v/)	Cheddar Cheese baguette (v) Vegan cheese baguette (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

Put 15 rocks in 3 buckets. Each bucket must have 3 more rocks than the one before.



How many rocks will there be in the last bucket?

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

John bought a car for 200 pounds.

He then sold it for 300 pounds.

He bought it back for 400 pounds. He sold it again for 500 pounds.



How much did he make or lose overall?

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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