Kendall Church of England
Primary School
'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

13th June 2025

Newsletter 34 Summer Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this newsletter from my office, I'm surrounded by the sounds of our Aladdin rehearsals in full swing in the school hall—and they're sounding absolutely fantastic! The energy is high, the cast is shining, and the set painting is coming together beautifully. There's a real buzz in the air as everything builds toward showtime!

Earlier this week, you should have received a letter with details on how to purchase tickets for the production, as well as our photo brochure and souvenir programmes. Ticket sales will go live via School Gateway on Monday. Each family has been allocated a set number of tickets initially, and any remaining tickets will be made available for general sale after 30th June.

Please do remember that, due to fire safety regulations, we must limit audience numbers for each performance. Unfortunately, anyone arriving without a ticket will not be permitted entry—so be sure to secure yours in advance!

We can't wait to welcome you to what promises to be a magical show!

A warm welcome Mrs Gloc, our new School Business Manager

I am delighted to introduce Mrs Gloc, who has recently joined our team as the new School Business Manager. Mrs Gloc brings with her valuable experience of working in other school settings, and we are very pleased to welcome her to our school community. As she begins her induction and familiarises herself with our systems, routines, and wonderful school environment, we kindly ask for your patience and understanding. The office team is supporting her transition, and we are confident that she will quickly settle into her role. We are excited to have Mrs Gloc on board and look forward to the positive contribution she will make to our school.

Dog Safety Assembly

On Wednesday, we were pleased to welcome Tracey from the Blue Cross charity, who visited our school to talk to the children about dog safety. The Blue Cross is a national charity that has been helping sick, injured, and homeless pets for over 125 years. As part of their education work, they visit schools to teach children how to care for animals and stay safe around them. During the assembly, pupils learned how to stay safe around dogs—an especially important topic for many of our children who spend time at the local Recreation Ground. The session was informative and engaging, helping children understand how to behave safely and respectfully around dogs in different situations. We hope the children found the talk helpful. Please do take a moment to speak with your child about what they learned—it's a great opportunity to reinforce these important messages at home.

Year 3 Trip to Harwich

On Tuesday Year 3 visited Harwich to understand how rivers and ports transport goods and natural resources. We began by visiting Ha'penny Pier, the Lifeboat Museum, the Kindertransport memorial and Trinity House. We then took a walk to the Sailing Club beach to have a look at the cargo ships and finished the day by visiting the high lighthouse and the low lighthouse.

Dress Like a Hero

This year, our School Council has chosen to support Help for Heroes, a charity that provides vital support to members of the armed forces and veterans. To help raise funds, we're inviting all children to take part in 'Dress Like a Hero Day' on Friday 4th July. On this special day, pupils are encouraged to come to school dressed as a hero of their choice—this could be a superhero, a sports star, a historical figure, or even a parent or carer who inspires them! We kindly ask for a £1 donation, which can be made via School Gateway or brought in as cash on the day. Thank you for your support in helping our children raise money for such an important cause.

Supporting Local Events

PTA Bake Sales

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 6th June 2025	£108.80
Yr 1	Thursday 11th July 2025	£TBC
Yr 2	Friday 4th July 2025	£TBC
Yr 3	Friday 27th June 2024	£TBC
Yr 4	Friday 20th June 2025	£TBC
Yr 5	Friday 13th June 2025	£TBC
Yr 6	Friday 23rd May 2025	£133.52
GRAND TOTAL SO FAR:		**£242.32**

Kendall Music Festival Amendment

Please note the change of date for our Kendall Music Festival. It will now take place on Friday 4th July **not** Friday 11th July.

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 13th June 2025

EYFS continue to craft their wood slice octopuses, using the palm drill to create holes ready to add tentacles at a later date. A spot of construction was also taking place as a group worked together to build a structure from sticks. The session was finished off with a fun game of hide and seek.

Year 1 have been working on extending their bridges in the woodland this week, bashing in the nails with the hammer and adding screws to tighten it up where necessary. The children worked great as a team throughout the construction process.

Hapa zome, crafting elder jewellery and bug hunting were just a few activities enjoyed by Year 2 during their Forest School session last week. One of the children was exceptionally brave holding a spider and letting it crawl all over him!

Year 3 did not have Forest School this week due to their trip to Harwich.

Year 4 took part in their high-ropes session this week. They took on the pirate challenge and braved the Leap of Faith. Well done to all of the children, pushing their boundaries and doing their best as usual!

We put our volcanologist skills to the test this week in Forest School, with week one of the Volcano Challenge. We used fizzy drink and mints to re-create an eruption and small pyroclastic flow. We talked about our results and tried very hard to use the correct terminology to describe our findings. Next week we will be exploring other chemical changes and techniques to make our eruptions even more powerful and will report back with what we discover.

Year 6 had a treat in the woods this week as they got to try nettle crisps and nettle tea. The children gathered, washed and seasoned the nettles to taste, using honey and lemon in the tea, and salt, vinegar and chilli powder for the crisps. Many of the group enjoyed the crisps so much they each took a small bag of nettles away with them to make at home.

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: Aben B, Mabel W, Cooper L, Morgan C, Yasmin C, Joshua G and Matilda T.

Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week: Esme E, Makanaka M and Elsie R.

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week:
Teddie C, Gabriel H, Vincent H, Martha G, Eleanor VZ, Freddie B, Harley H, Leon K, Reggie G, Jack E, Florence W, Benjamin D, Bradley G, Lilie J and Aiden A.

Maths Challenge

Don't forget to enter!

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Leo** in **Year 6** 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:
Scarlett V, Aiden A and James C.

Kendall Team Points

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

Elm	Ash	Birch	Yew
4th	3rd	1st	2nd

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	**93.7%**	
Year 1	**94.7%**	
Year 2	**98%**	☆
Year 3	**95.5%**	
Year 4	**94.7%**	
Year 5	**90%**	
Year 6	**96.9%**	
Overall Attendance		**94.75%**

(*Week ending 06/06/2025*)

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 (8pprox… £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	
Friday 13th	Year 5 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Monday 16th	Whole Class Photos
Friday 20th	Year 4 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Thursday 26th	EYFS Pirate Day
Friday 27th	Year 3 Bake Sale
Monday 30th	Sports Day & Family Picnic
July	
Wednesday 2nd	Year 1 Trip to Chappel Railway Museum
Wednesday 2nd	Kendall SEND Support Group 9:30am-11am
Friday 4th	Dress Like a Hero Day (Raising funds for Help for Heroes)
Friday 4th	Year 2 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Friday 4th	Music Festival 9:30am & 10:30am
Thursday 10th	KS2 Production 7pm
Friday 11th	KS2 Production 1:30pm & 7pm
Friday 11th	Year 1 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Thursday 17th	Year 6 Treat Trip
Friday 18th	Leavers' Assembly
Friday 18th	PTA Summer Disco
Friday 18th	Last Day of Term

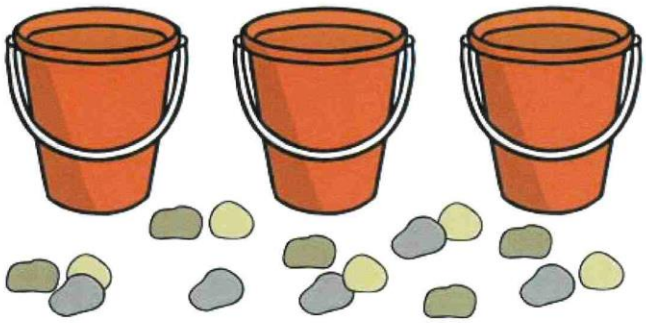
Week Three

	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

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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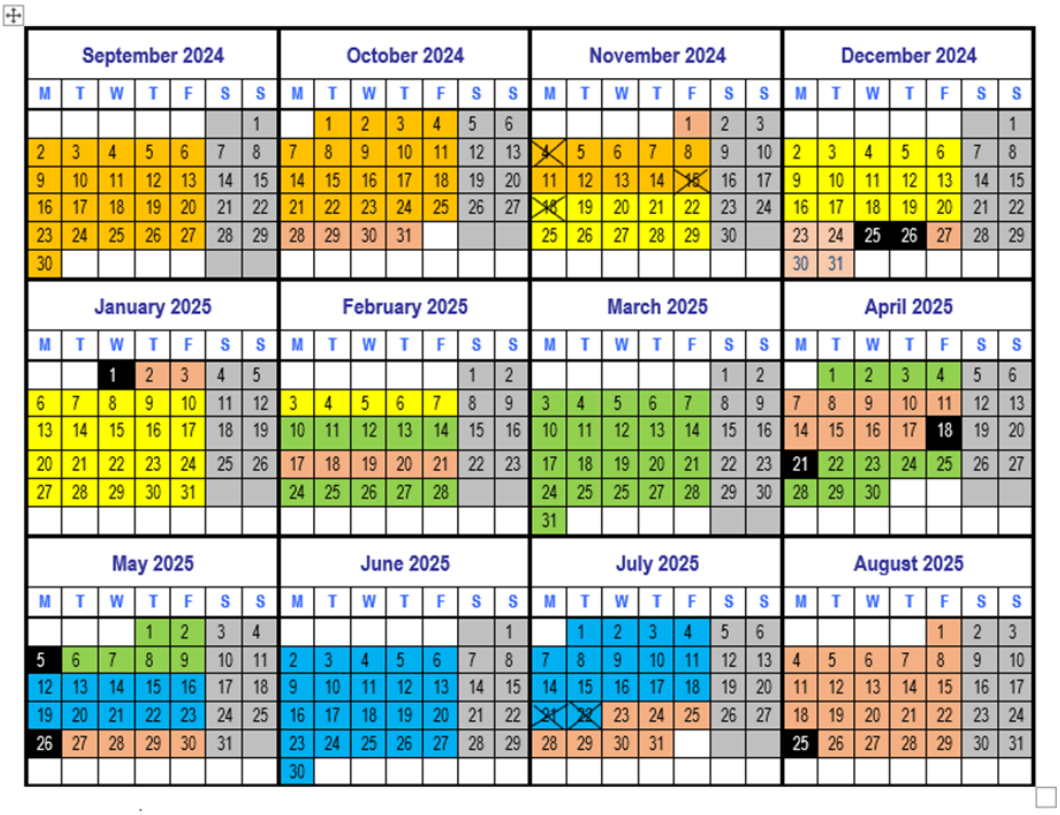

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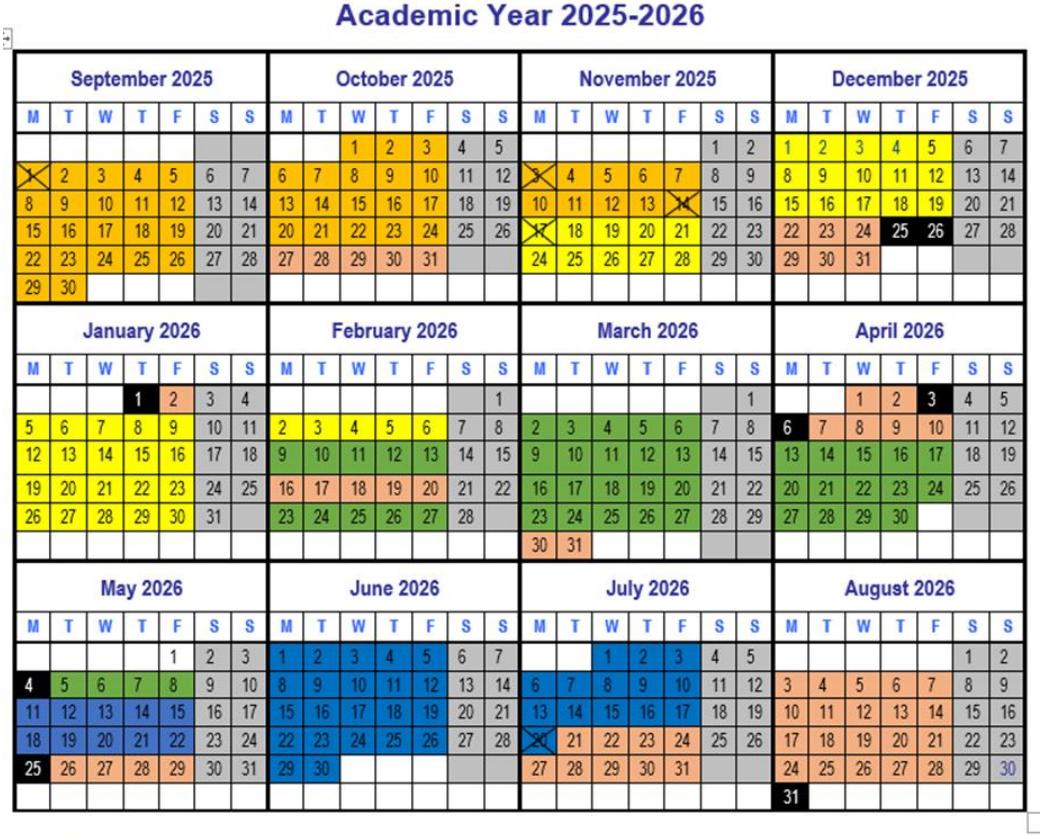

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