



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

11th July 2025

Newsletter 38 Summer Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's the penultimate week of the academic year and the children are still working hard in all areas of the curriculum!

Year 5 Visit to Beth Chatto Gardens

On Monday, Year 5 had a lovely time walking the grounds at Beth Chatto Gardens. They looked at the difference between a wild and tame garden, sniffed a lot of herbs and spent some time pond dipping.



School Reading Books

By **Wednesday 14th July** all school readers must have been returned to school or class library. This is so that we can take a check of the books and to ensure we have them in place ready to loan out in the new year. No books will be loaned out from **Friday 11th July**. We will not do 5 reads in the final 5-day week, or the first 4-day week back after the summer holidays, when children will be getting their new school readers. Please note that parents/carers may incur a small charge for any missing books. If you don't want to miss out on more fabulous reading over the summer, take part in the Summer Reading Challenge – see below...

Summer Reading Challenge

Essex County Council
Libraries



**Story
Garden**
Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



Arriving in your local library this summer!

The challenge where children across Essex explore the magical connection between storytelling and nature! Read six books or do a range of other challenges to receive a certificate and medal!

**Saturday 19 July to
Saturday 6 September 2025**

Find out more about how to take part in this free activity:
libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/summer-reading-challenge



THE
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Summer Reading Challenge



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Our new 3D printer is creating...

This week, our Year 6 students explored the world of Computer Aided Design using TinkerCAD to create their very own bubble wands. Their imaginative designs were then brought to life with our 3D printer—and the real fun began when they tested them to ensure they weren't just eye-catching, but also functional! A big thank you once again to our wonderful PTA for fundraising to help us purchase this fantastic piece of technology.



Some of the amazing designs with the children testing them out to see how well they work

After School Clubs – Autumn 2025

The new Autumn Term After School Clubs are now available to apply for online. The form will close at the end of the school day on **Friday 18th July 2025**. All clubs will start during the week beginning **15th September 2025** and finish week ending **12th December 2025**. Please complete 1 form per child – do not include multiple children on 1 form. Allocation of clubs will be confirmed during the week beginning **1st September 2025**. Please click on the link below (or copy and paste into your browser) to see all clubs available and submit your applications:

<https://forms.gle/6CEuqwbQDDWQdK34A>

Club	Yr Group	Cost Per Half Term	Club	Yr Group	Cost Per Half Term
Football (KS1)	Yr 1 & 2	1st & 2nd Half Term £30 £20	Maths Games	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	1st & 2nd Half Term £18 £18
Basketball	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	1st & 2nd Half Term £18 £12	Spanish	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	Whole term £48
Multiskills	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	1st & 2nd Half Term £18 £15	Netball	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	1st & 2nd Half Term £18 £18
Chess	Yr 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Whole term £44	Film	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	1 st & 2 nd Half Term £18 £18
Drama	Yr 3, 4, 5, 6	1st & 2nd Half Term £18 £15	Dance	Yr 2, 3, 4, & 6	1 st & 2 nd Half Term £18 £18
Forest School	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	1st & 2nd Half Term £18 £18	Football (KS2)	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	1 st & 2 nd Half Term £30 £25
Athletics	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	1st & 2nd Half Term £18 £18	Gymnastics	Yr 1 & 2	1 st & 2 nd Half Term £18 £15

New Town Open Gardens

We are pleased to say that £61.50 was raised and donated to our Kendall PTA from the New Town Open Gardens which took place on Sunday. We are very grateful to the organisers for the hard work that goes into organising this community event.

The Safer Essex Roads Partnership –use of e-scooters by children

Use of privately owned e-scooters in public spaces (roads, cycle tracks, parks etc.) is against the law for anyone, but use by children is leading to serious injuries and children being killed. We want to support you in keeping your students safe. Please find attached a leaflet for further information.

Minorities Summer Programme for Kids



Age 6–11 | £40 per session | 28th July and 4th August

Minorities Summer Programme For Kids

2-hour creative session specially designed for children.

Activities includes

- Bottle Painting Workshop
- Design your own shoe
- Artist Inspired Painting

What they'll take home:

- A pair of painted shoes
- A colourfull glass painted lamp

+ Participate in an actual exhibition



Book your child's creative escape today!

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

PTA Summer Discos



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PTA Friday Bake Sales Are Back – it's Year 1's 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	£108.80
Yr 1	Thursday 11 th July 2025	£TBC
Yr 2	Friday 4 th July 2025	£112.60
Yr 3	Friday 27 th June 2024	£80.45
Yr 4	Friday 20 th June 2025	£121.08
Yr 5	Friday 13 th June 2025	£152.15
Yr 6	Friday 23 rd May 2025	£133.52
GRAND TOTAL SO FAR:		£708.60

Forest School Diary 11th July 2025

The children in EYFS had fun building mud castles which involved getting their hands dirty and while sifting through the mud we came across an enormous earth worm! A rock band was also playing in the woodland as the children used pots and pans to put together their very own drum kit.



It was a creative session for Year 1 today in the woodland. We were building robots out of pots and pans, crafting stick fairies and creating God's Eyes, there was even time to squeeze in a little Hapa Zome!



Year 2 used a selection of hand tools such as a bow saw, palm drill and hacksaw to craft a sistrum type instrument, the children then used them in the woodland to make music and dance. Meanwhile, in the woods, others kept busy building a go cart using bricks and tyres.



Year 3 have started to make some bunting ready for our fairy village. This was done using the Hapa Zome technique which is Japanese for leaf bashing. Other enjoyable activities this week included exploring the woodland and climbing trees.



This week Year 4 took part in our crate challenge. This meant working together, communicating and being resilient. Each team made their way through the woodland using only plastic crates, wooden planks and a whole lot of skill. The children were amazing at this and most of all, we had great fun!



Due to the Aladdin dress rehearsal Year 5 did not have their Forest School session.

Year 6 took to the high ropes this week, climbing up the pirate challenge in record time as well as taking on the leap of faith with confidence. Well done to all of the children.



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 would like to remind you 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.

For Parents – Holiday Conversations

The holiday period is an ideal time for parents to sit down with their children, play their games and use their apps to get to know the endless fun but also the potential risks. Conversations can be difficult, especially if the parent isn't a user of tech, but conversation is the most powerful risk mitigator of all. So where do parents start?

The NSPCC have put together a fabulous page full of information such as:

- Age appropriate conversations taking into consideration different ages.
- Resources such as tips and quizzes.
- An understanding of some of the risks.
- And tackling difficult conversations.

A great one to share with parents and you can find the page [HERE](#).

The Online Safety Act 2023 in force from 25th July 2025

The Online Safety Act 2023 introduces stronger protections for children online. The Act also requires platforms to carry out risk assessments, apply age-appropriate controls, and remove illegal content. Platforms must now consider how their design, including algorithms, anonymity, and livestreaming, may expose users to harm. You can find out more of the Ofcom website here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/parents>

The Internet Matters website has a useful article here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/research/rising-harms-new-rules-why-the-online-safety-act-matters/>

For Parents – Moving to Secondary School

For many children, the move from primary to school has many 'firsts', including digital firsts. Internet Matters have a wonderful guide for parents to help with that transition from primary to secondary school, all digital and online related. You can find the guide [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/>

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 note that, as indicated by road signs, parents must not drive on the road accessing Kendall, Scarlett's, and ECL at any time. The landowner, local businesses, and the school have worked

together to reduce congestion and improve safety for children. Stopping on the private road may result in a penalty notice. To request a free parking pass for the Port Lane Recreation Ground car park (usable at drop-off and pick-up times), please contact 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:

Millie H, Polly R, Lillie CT, Alfie D, Gabriel H, Vincent H, Olivia N, Emilia T and Eleanor VZ



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week:

Andre I, Aiden A and Charlie R

Golden Awards

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

Oscar-George B, Michael O, Elijah R, Amelia G, Teddy DS, Reuben H, Ella LH, Tristan T, Josie J, Emilia T, George P, Archie W, Aben B and James T

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the following winners:

KS1: Martha G

KS2: Tyler E

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, **EYFS** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	99.3%	★
Year 1	99%	
Year 2	80.35%	
Year 3	98.4%	
Year 4	97.65%	
Year 5	96.35%	
Year 6	99.1%	
Overall Attendance	95.8%	

(Week ending 04/07/2025)

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](#).

Aladdin!

A very big well done to all the children and staff for putting on yet another fantastic end of year Key Stage 2 performance. What a wonderful production, with the children singing and dancing their hearts out to three sell-out audiences!



Have a lovely weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clare French'.

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	£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

July	
Friday 4 th	Year 2 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Monday 7 th	Year 5 Visit to Beth Chatto Gardens
Thursday 10 th	KS2 Production 7pm
Friday 11 th	KS2 Production 1:30pm & 7pm
Friday 11 th	Year 1 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Tuesday 15 th	EYFS Trip to Walton
Thursday 17 th	Year 6 Treat Trip
Friday 18 th	Leavers' Assembly 9:30am
Friday 18 th	PTA Summer Discos for KS1 & KS2
Friday 18 th	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) Or Vegan (ve)	Ratatouille pasta bake (v/ve)	Oven baked vegan sausage rolls (ve)	Baked Quorn fillet (v/ve)	Cheddar Cheese baguette (v) Vegan cheese baguette (ve)	Crispy Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (Ve)
Sides	Vegan Coleslaw (ve) sweetcorn Freshly prepared salad bar – lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers	Creamy mashed potato 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 Tomato sauce
Dessert	Raspberry Angel delight or Fresh fruit	Chocolate oat cake (ve) or yoghurt	Fresh fruit salad- honeydew melon, pineapple, grapes or yoghurt	Lemon drizzle cake (v) or Fresh fruit	Raspberry ice cream sponge roll or yoghurt

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

Academic Year 2024-2025

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**VISION
ZERO**
NO ROAD DEATHS



**What is an
e-scooter?**



The rules

Electrically powered scooters are classed as a mechanically propelled vehicle, which means the same rules apply to e-scooters as other motor vehicles. These rules also apply to other personal electric transporters, with the exception of mobility scooters. Electric scooters are treated the same as any other motorised vehicle, this means they must have MOT, Vehicle Excise Duty ("tax") and insurance.

In order to obtain an MOT and insurance to be used legally in public, an e-scooter must be approved by the Vehicle Certification Agency for its construction and use for transport on the public highway.

No such approval exists for privately owned e-scooters. If you are using a private e-scooter on public roads, or footways, the police can seize it and you could be liable for prosecution for traffic offences, and even receive points on your licence.

Risks include:

- Lack of maintenance affecting braking and tyre performance.
- Charging of devices in the home introduces fire risk, especially if batteries have become damaged or wet.
- Scooters can easily over balance on bumps or holes due to their small wheels.
- Handling can be unpredictable, especially when reacting to hazards.
- There can be a temptation to ride while intoxicated or distracted.



Renting

A number of rental schemes have been set up in towns and cities in the UK, including Basildon, Chelmsford, Braintree and Colchester in Essex. These schemes allow people to use rented e-scooters legally.

To use these schemes, you must:

- Be aged 18 or over.
- Hold a UK driving licence.
- Only ride on roads and cycle-paths within the hire scheme areas, pavement riding is not permitted.
- Not carry passengers or allow others to use a scooter you have hired. Wearing a helmet is highly recommended, and riders have the same responsibility to obey traffic laws as anyone driving a car.

use rented
e-scooters
legally



**E-scooters are
motor vehicles,
so must not
be used by
children.**



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