



Kendall Church of England
Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

12th September 2025

Newsletter 2 Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Residential at Bawdsey Manor

Our Year 6 children had a truly unforgettable week away on their residential trip to Bawdsey Manor. From the moment they stepped off the coach and saw the grand manor house, the excitement was clear to see! The week was packed with adventure. On the very first day, the children tackled archery and the mighty Jacob's Ladder before putting their teamwork skills to the test with evening challenges. As the days went on, they embraced everything from buggy building in the sunshine and archery tag at sunset, to braving the climbing wall, challenge course and problem-solving activities. Highlights included a fascinating coastal walk learning about the manor's World War II history, testing their courage on the abseiling tower, bouncing through aeroball, and even dancing the night away at the disco. The "Leap of Faith" trapeze, rifle shooting, fencing and the giant swing all added to the thrill of the week, with the campfire and marshmallow toasting making the perfect ending to their final night. Throughout the trip, the children amazed staff with their resilience, bravery, and teamwork – encouraging one another and giving every challenge their best effort. By the end of each busy day, they were more than ready for a good night's sleep in preparation for the next adventure. The whole experience created wonderful memories, lots of laughter, and a real sense of achievement. Year 6 did us proud – and we're sure their stories (and souvenirs!) will be shared at home for many weeks to come.



Please note that the Parent Information Event for the **Year 6 Residential 2027-2028** (for the parents of **current Year 4 pupils**) will be held from **5pm -6pm** on the **Friday 29th January 2026**.

Conker Competition

Start collecting conkers for the conker competition which will be held later this half term! I have noticed some whoppers this year!

Year 2 Local Area Walk

On Wednesday Year 2 headed out for our first local area walk investigating land use around school. We were able to identify important features and changes that are occurring in the local area. We also thought about symbols are used on maps and created our own symbols for the features we identified.



Allergens and Home packed Lunches

We are currently updating our allergen information and food policy in line with our current school's needs and allergen requirements and we will be sharing this information with you in this newsletter soon.

Sunflowers and Pumpkins



I have had a few more photos for our sunflower and pumpkin competitions – the growing season for pumpkins isn't quite over and I have noticed that with the recent rain ours have swollen in size again. Don't forget to submit photos of your own sunflowers or pumpkins along with their respective heights and weights at any time between now and the end of September, we will compare them all to find out our champion growers! Don't forget to include the grower in the photo, too! Email entries to admin@kendall.essex.sch.uk

Forest School Diary 12th September 2025

Year 1 also took part in our welly throwing competition this week and the winners were: Isabella and Damian. Well done! The children also enjoyed activities such as den building, digging and making mud pies in the mud kitchen.



Year 3 kicked off our annual welly throwing competition this week which is always great fun, our Year 3 winners were: Wasam and Zara. The children also worked together to help finish off a shelter that had been started previously. Great teamwork!



The Year 4 winners of our welly throwing competition were: Esmae and James, well done guys! By creating tools using wood and helping with woodland maintenance, the group thoroughly enjoyed their session.



The welly throwing competition winners for year 5 were: Jaygo and Willow, well done to all that took part. And well done everyone for remembering to bring those welly boots back into school! The children used the rest of their time to practise a timber hitch knot that they then put to good use to move logs from one end of the woodland to the other in a tidy-up.



Year 6 worked hard to help tidy up the small woodland this week. From cutting back over hanging branches to clearing the woodland floor of trip hazards everyone was busy and working as a team.



Gilberd School Open Evening/Tours for Current Year 6

Please see flyers attached for The Gilberd School open evening and morning tours.

Philip Morant School and College – Open Evenings/Tours for Current Year 6

The Philip Morant School and College warmly invite you to join us for our Open Evening on Thursday, **18th September 2025**. The school will be open from 3.45pm with the first talk at 4.00pm. Between **4.30pm – 6.30pm** you will be able to experience the wide range of facilities we are privileged to have at the school, meet our teachers and experience the learning in our different departments. Further talks will take place at **5.00pm** and **6.30pm**. Click [here](#) to book on to the Open Evening and the Headteachers talk. There will be parking at the school but we encourage parents and carers to walk to the school if they are able to as parking spaces are limited. Please do not park in neighbouring roads. Open tours during the school day will run on Wednesday and Friday mornings at **8.55am** and **9.25am** in the weeks of 22nd and 29th September and 6th October. Click [here](#) to book on to one of the tours. Taster sessions for year 6 students in our local schools are being planned for Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the same weeks as above, with an open session for non-feeder schools on Thursday 16th October.

Online E-Safety Magazine for parents

Alan Mackenzie produces a free online safety newsletter via email 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/>

Talking to your Child about Online Safety (eSafety advice from Alan Mackenzie)

It's the area that a lot of parents struggle with yet it is the single most important aspect for any child of any age – continuing conversations with children to mitigate risk, including topics that can be very difficult to approach. The NSPCC has some wonderful resources for parents including age-appropriate conversations and topics, top tips, quizzes and more. Parents can dip in and out of these resources as needed and they do not need to be used all at once. You can find all the resources listed [HERE](#).

Misleading App and Game Age Ratings (eSafety advice from Alan Mackenzie)

I covered this topic within my very last weekly email in July but thought it worth mentioning again as it was so close to the end of term – it's a topic that continually comes up when I talk with parents. For some time it has been well known that age ratings within stores (e.g. Apple Store, Google Play) have been very misleading and don't reflect that actual age requirements of the app or, occasionally, the

game. For example in the Google Play store WhatsApp is rated at PEGI 3 – it isn't even a game! Not only is this confusing for parents, it can also be very confusing for younger children who may think they can download and use the app. It's worth reading [this press release](#) to make you aware that if you are unsure of any age requirements to simply Google it or do a search and find on 'age' within the terms and conditions document.

Key Policies for Parents

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.

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](#).

Happy Birthday!

Please join us in saying happy birthday to: Mostafa S, Tommy C, Liam B, Harley H and Migah S



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week: Willow L, Jack E and Jude W

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week: Isabella B, Tadiwa M, Arthur G, Isla P, Reuben H, Neel P, Esmae G, Evie H, Peyton E, Andre I, Harrison F and Eli S

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Eleanor** in **Year 5** 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:
Belle S, Damian S and Kalani S.

Kendall Team Points

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

Elm	Ash	Birch	Yew
1st	4th	2nd	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 3** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	95%	★
Year 1	95.3%	
Year 2	94.55%	
Year 3	99.2%	
Year 4	98.3%	
Year 5	93.3%	
Year 6	97.4%	
Overall Attendance	96.3%	

(Week ending 05/09/2025)



Clare French
Headteacher

Schedule of Trips and Visits 2025/2026

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. We are hoping to run the following trips next year, but these are subject to provider availability:

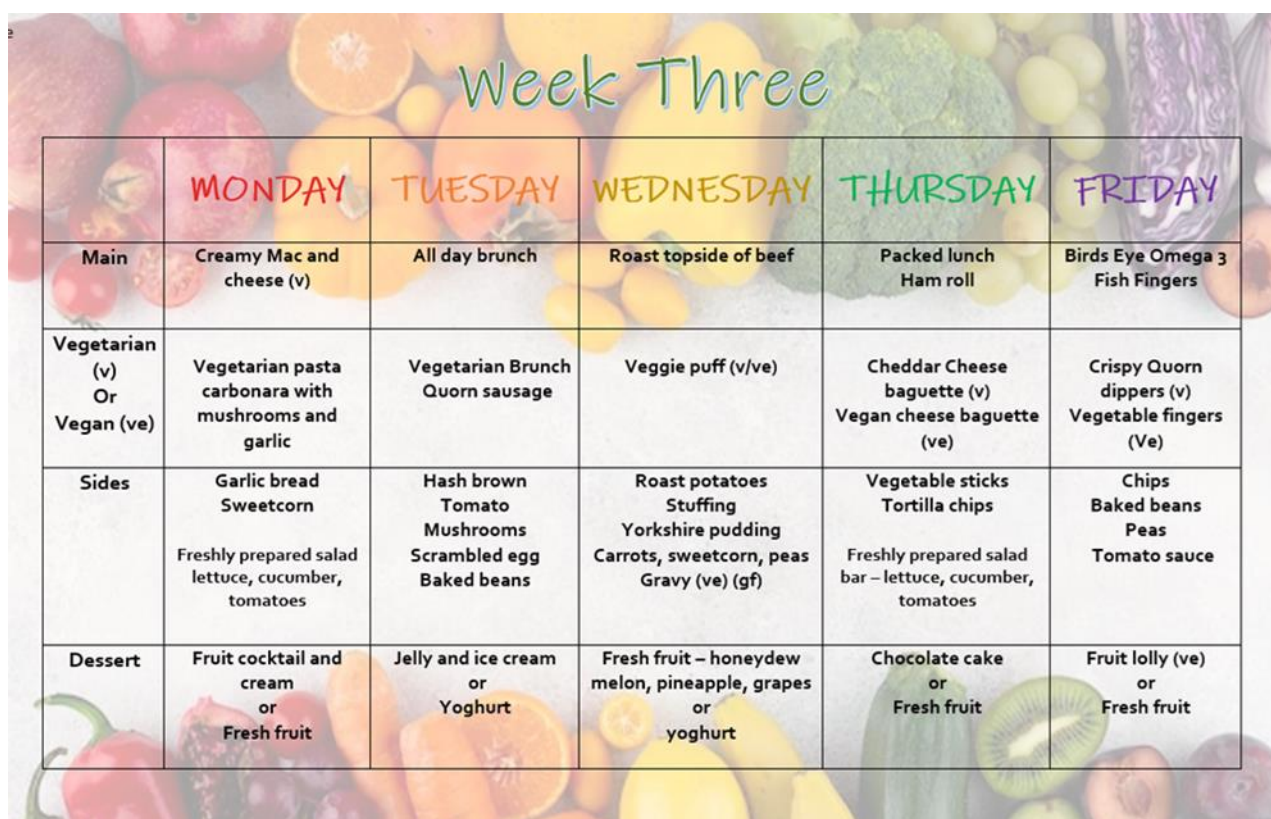
Year Group	Quarter 1 Sept–Nov	Quarter 2 Nov–Feb	Quarter 3 Feb–May	Quarter 4 May–July
EYFS	NA	NA	Farm Visit	Seaside Visit
Year 1	Musical Workshop	Arctic Explorer	Hyde Hall – all about plants!	Colne Valley Railway
Year 2	Local Geography Walk	Colchester Cemetery – Colchester as an Army Town	Library Visit and Synagogue Visit	St Stephen's Church
Year 3	Stone Age to Iron Age History Day	Colchester Castle – Roman History	Colchester Zoo – Rainforest	Harwich and Felixstowe Docks – Geography Field Trip
Year 4	West Stow – Anglo-Saxons	Swimming & French Feast Day	Siege of Colchester – Historic Walk	River Colne – Geography Field Trip
Year 5	Henry Moore Foundation Art Trip	Life in Ancient Greece Day – History Experience	Life in Ancient Egypt Day – History Experience	Explore Nature Day (Beth Chatto depending on availability)
Year 6	PGL Bawdsey Manor (residential) London Aquarium/Houses of Parliament	Mayan History Day	Local Geographical Field Trip – OS mapping	Crucial Crew and Treat Trip

Quarter 1 Trips and Visits and Associated Costs

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	NA	N/A
Year 1	Musical Workshop	£9 approx
Year 2	Local Geography Walk	N/A
Year 3	Stone Age Visit with Mema	£18
Year 4	West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village	£25.50
Year 5	Henry Moore Foundation	£19 approx
Year 6	London Aquarium/Houses of Parliament	£40 approx

Dates for your Diary

	Autumn Term 2025
September	
Tuesday 16 th	SEND Parent Information Event 5pm-6pm
Wednesday 17 th	EYFS Phonics Parent Information Event 9am-10am
Friday 19 th	Year 5 Henry Moore Visit
Thursday 25 th	Year 6 Parent Information Event
Friday 26 th	Year 1 Music Drumming Workshop
October	
Wednesday 1 st	EYFS Reading Parent Information Event
Monday 6 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 7 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 13 th	Individual School Photos
Friday 17 th	Harvest Festival at C3 Church
Friday 17 th	Conker Competition
Monday 20 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 21 st	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st	Half Term Break



	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.

Academic Year 2025-2026

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 = Schooldays

 = School holidays

 = Bank holidays

 = Weekends

 = Non-Pupil Days



The Gilberd School

Open Evening

Wednesday 17th September 2025

Doors open at 6.30pm. Event ends 9.00pm.

Tours: 6.30pm - 8.45pm

Headteacher's address: 6.45pm, 7.30pm and 8.15pm

*(To book a place for the Headteacher's address,
please complete the MS Form [here](#))*

*This will be an opportunity to tour the school and for
parents/carers to meet our staff and students.*

Selective places (musical aptitude test)

We are now accepting applications for 32 selective places in the 2026 intake via a musical aptitude test for students who reside within Colchester Borough.

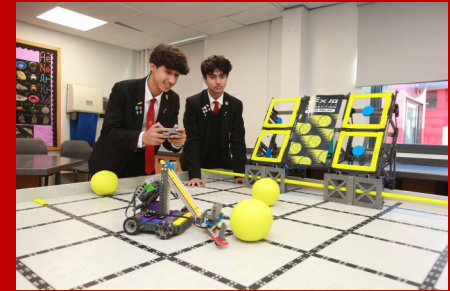
To apply under this criteria, please complete the supplementary information form [here](#) when booking a place.

Please note, the musical aptitude test will take place after school during the week beginning Monday 6th October 2025.

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The Gilberd School



Open Morning Tours

Friday 19th September 2025
9.00am

Tuesday 23rd September 2025
9.00am

(To book a place on one of our open morning tours, please complete the MS Form [here](#))

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**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.

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e-scooters
legally



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be used by
children.**



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