



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

10th October 2025

Newsletter 6 Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Life Space Visits Kendall

This week all of the children visited the Life Space to meet Nancy and Harold (the giraffe) as part of a super start to our Personal Development learning this year. The children learnt about a range of topics from feelings and friendships to decisions and keeping healthy. Many of the children will have seen Nancy and Harold in previous years as part of SCARF Live Online, but this week it was lovely to see them in person. Thank you to all of you who attended the parent session with Nancy this week. I hope you found it useful in supporting your child with their personal development at home.



Twelve Ways to Help Your Child Make Friends

If you missed the information about the excellent parent guide 'Twelve Ways to Help Your Child Make Friends' the link to the video can be found [here](#). We would strongly recommend you watch this video as it will put you in a strong position to help your child/ren navigate their relationships with others as they grow.

Kendall's New Tuck Trolley – Years 1 –6 Starting Autumn 2nd Half Term (4th Nov – 19th Dec 2025)

We're excited to let you know that Kendall's new Tuck Trolley will be running after the half-term break! For the second half of the Autumn Term (32 days), the cost will be **£12.00** (calculated at 40p per day, with two days free!). This will be added to your School Gateway account on Monday 13th October. Please make payment no later than **Monday 3rd November** so your child is all set to enjoy snacks from the very first day back. *Please note that only children who have paid in advance will be able to use the Snack Trolley next half term.* The Tuck Trolley will contain a selection of items each day, all freshly prepared from scratch in the kitchen, for example mini sandwiches, oaty flapjacks, pizza slices, sausage roles, cakes and biscuits! Of course, if you'd prefer, children are welcome to bring in their own snacks instead. A selection of free fruit will continue to be available for all KS1 children (and EYFS have their own snack break as part of their curriculum). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the School Office – we're happy to help!



A THANK YOU from your PTA!

A huge **thank you** to everyone who came along to our PTA AGM on 2nd October – It was lovely to see such great support from parents and staff. We reflected on a busy year of events and are incredibly proud to have contributed **£6,000 towards the school's new ICT suite**, which is already being enjoyed by the children.



Our fantastic new computer suite, with thanks to the PTA

Looking ahead, our fundraising goal for this school year is to raise money for **high ropes, harnesses and guide ropes** to enhance outdoor adventure and learning opportunities for the children. This term, we're kicking things off with our fun **'Dress Like a TTRS Rockstar Day'** for all years! We'll also be bringing back our ever-popular Christmas 'Secret Santa' Gift shop, Christmas Disco and other fundraisers in the run-up to the holidays. Thank you as always for your support – it makes everything we do possible! The PTA Team

Christmas Shopping is Coming to Kendall!!



We're thrilled to announce a special **Christmas Shopping Experience** right here at Kendall – just in time to get ahead on your festive gifting and decorating from the 4th–7th November in the Studio. Thanks to the incredible generosity of a local interior design, homeware, and gift business, clemandcolifestyle.com every item at the event has been donated – which means 100% of proceeds will go directly to our school to support much-needed resources and projects for our students. From beautiful home décor to unique gifts and festive finds, this is the perfect opportunity to shop with heart and purpose while supporting our school community. Mark your calendars, invite your friends, and come along to support this wonderful cause! Let's make this event a festive success for Kendall!

Easy Fundraising

The school has now signed up with [Easy Fundraising](#) a simple way to raise FREE money for our school every time you shop online! **Kendall will even get a bonus £2 for every person who installs our app and signs up to support you throughout October.**



- 1 Open your phone's camera
- 2 Scan the QR Code
- 3 Get the app

It's super easy:

- **Register:** for free at through <https://www.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/kendall-primary-school/> or download the app above. Remember to enable the donations reminder.
- **This month only**, with their Free £2 App-eal, if you register to support us **via their app**, we'll get £2 for every person who installs the app and signs up to support us. **Get the app now and choose to support Kendall Primary School Colchester once installed:**
<https://www.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/kendall-primary-school/?searchSessionId=2b7b71eb-9d06-430b-a1fb-c67e102c4eb9>

So far we have 19 supporters! We are so excited! Together we have raised **£17.01!**

New Location for our Harvest Service- C3 Church (CO2 7UW)

We are very excited to be holding our Harvest service at the C3 church on Abbey Fields this year, so that we have a bigger building to fit everyone in! We will still be working closely with St Stephen's, but in order to accommodate our Kendall community at our services, we will be heading to C3! There is parking at the church and if you are walking, and unsure of the way, you can follow us- we will be leaving school at 9:20am. We will still be collecting items for the foodbank up until this day. We love welcoming you to our services and hope you can make it- Friday 17th at 10am.



C3 church on Abbey Fields

Kendall Church of England Primary School Recreation Road Colchester, CO1 2HH
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Headteacher: Mrs. Clare French

Reminder! Join Us for Parent & Child Workshops at Kendall!

This year, we are thrilled to be launching a brand-new programme of **Parent and Child Workshops**, where you'll have the chance to come into school and learn side by side with your child. Each subject leader at Kendall will be running an exciting workshop throughout the academic year – giving you the opportunity to explore the subjects we teach in a fun, hands-on way. We'll begin with an **Art Workshop**, followed by a programme that can be found below—we will be sending out a ping at least a week before each event, so it is important that you hold the date and **sign up quickly to secure your place!** We look forward to welcoming you into school and learning alongside you!

These hour-long workshops will be delivered on a **one child to one parent basis**. Parents may sign up for more than one workshop, so if you have more than one child at the school, you can sign up for a different workshop for each of your children. As the workshops are National Curriculum-based they are suitable for children in Years 1 – 6 and their parent to attend.

Workshop	Date	Time
Art *	24th October 2025	2.00-3.00pm
Maths	25 th November 2025	9.30-10.30am
DT (Design Technology)	22 nd January 2026	9.30-10.30am
Writing	4 th February 2026	9.00-10.00m
French	26 th February 2026	2.00-3.00pm
Reading	6 th March 2026	2.00-3.00pm
RE (Religious Education)	18 th March 2026	2.00-3.00pm
PE (Physical Education)	15 th April 2026	9.00-10.00am
Computing	21 st April 2026	2.00-3.00pm
Science	23 rd April 2026	9.30-10.30am
Geography	28 th April 2026	2.00-3.00pm
History	10 th June 2026	2.00-3.00pm

*Please note change of date for the Art Workshop.

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves – the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We are reviewing our books in school and will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

Forest School Diary 3rd November 2025

EYFS used the bow saw for the very first time during their forest school session, and what a great job they did! The children are working together to make their own version of the rainbow fish, we will keep you updated on our progress over the coming weeks.



Year 1 enjoyed some conker craft during their session this week. The children used a palm drill to make a hole through the centre of the conkers before then threading string through to create autumnal jewellery.



Year 2 kept busy enjoying some conker craft, from snakes to jewellery, the children had fun using their imagination with the conkers. A few of the group also played conkers in preparation for our annual competition that's coming up over the next couple of weeks.



Year 3 finished off their spearheads that they carved using a flint blade to knap soap and the finished results were great. The group then moved onto some stone age art work using charcoal to replicate cave paintings.



This week Year 4 took to the high ropes once more, the challenge was to climb the cargo-net, well done to everyone for trying so hard!



As the smells of wood smoke, vegetable stew and fresh mackerel wafted aromatically from our woodland everyone knew it was time for Year 5's Forest School cook out. The children learned how to gut and prepare the fish, while others peeled chopped and shredded the herbs and vegetables to create a truly delicious and healthy stew as part of their food technology learning.



This week year 6 put their Forest School skills to good use and crafted fairy doors using off cuts of wood and plant pots. We plan to use these to help create our very own fairy land here in the woods.



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/>

For Parents – App Safety Settings (from Alan Mackenzie)

With the Online Safety Act now in force it's no surprise to see a lot of focus and scrutiny on tech companies, their features and safety settings being so prominent in the media, particularly safety settings failures. However, that shouldn't detract from the fact that safety settings are important;

they're not perfect and never will be, but they are there for a reason. So this feels like a good time to send you a reminder to the links to information on controls and settings for some of the more popular social media sites, which all have a minimum age limit of at least 13, but which we know many (but by no means all) children at our school have access to. The information comes from the Internet Matters website:

- Discord app settings –
- TikTok parental controls – [HERE](#).
- Snapchat parental controls – [HERE](#).
- Instagram parental controls – [HERE](#).
- Pinterest privacy and safety settings – [HERE](#).
- FaceTime privacy and safety settings – [HERE](#).
- WhatsApp privacy guide – [HERE](#).

ACL Community & Family Learning Courses



The banner features the ACL logo and the word 'Learning' in large, colorful, 3D block letters. Below this, a green box contains the text 'Community & Family Learning Courses' and a dark blue box contains 'Online Courses'.

COURSE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL PARENTAL MENTAL HEALTH	09/10/2025	16/10/2025	09:30	11:30
FL SIBLING RIVALRY	10/10/2025	10/10/2025	12:30	14:30
FL ROUTINES RULE	17/10/2025	17/10/2025	12:30	14:30

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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:

Martha G, Delilah M, Esmae G, Oscar-George B and Cayde N



Headteacher Cups

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

Elijah R, Georgie B and Bea H

Golden Awards

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

Otis B, Zainab T, Robyn B, Jack H, Esther B, Cherechi K, Albie R, Jax W, Nina H, Rory B, Matthew L, Mabel W, Alesha A and Mahmood HK

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Sophie** in **Year 1** who received our Writer of the Week award and took home a new stationery set and journal – keep up that good writing!

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the following children:

KS1: Ruby-Rose L

KS2: Gia K

New Challenge attached!

Vision Value Leaves

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a leaf for our 'Vision Values' Tree:

Lily T, Zosia S and Travis C

Kendall Team Points

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

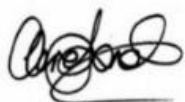
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Amazing Attendance? Free Tuck Friday!

Free Tuck Friday – All classes who have achieved the required attendance of at least 96% are highlighted in green. Well done, **Year 1** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	94.3%	
Year 1	98%	★
Year 2	96.7%	
Year 3	93.1%	
Year 4	94.2%	
Year 5	91%	
Year 6	93.95%	
Overall Attendance		94.5%

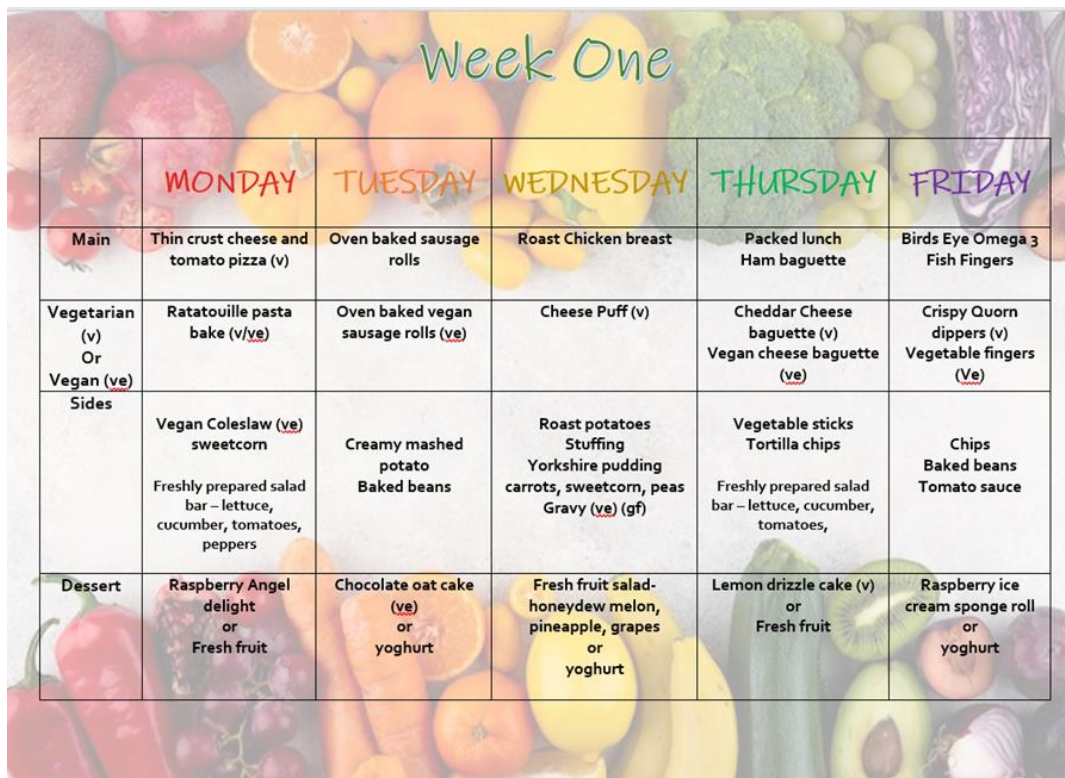
(Week ending 03/10/2025)



Clare French
Headteacher

Allergen Check List Last Updated October 2025

Allergen	Currently allowed in school
Nuts	No ✗
Peanuts	No ✗
Sesame seeds	Yes ✓
Celery	Yes ✓
Cereals Containing Gluten	Yes ✓
Crustaceans	Yes ✓
Eggs	Yes ✓
Fish	Yes ✓
Lupin	Yes ✓
Milk	Yes ✓
Molluscs	Yes ✓
Mustard	Yes ✓
Soya	Yes ✓
Sulphur dioxide (sometimes known as sulphites)	Yes ✓



	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)	Cheese Puff (v)	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

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
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
Friday 24 th	Parent & Child Art Workshop 2pm-3pm
Monday 27 th –Friday 31 st	Half Term Break
November	
Monday 1 st	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 5 th	Year 1 Phonics & Reading Parent Information Event 9am-10am
Wednesday 12 th	Year 6 Visit to SEALIFE Aquarium & Houses of Parliament
Friday 14 th	Non-Pupil Day
Monday 17 th	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 18 th	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 25 th	Parent & Child Maths Workshop 9:30am-10:30am
Tuesday 25 th	Dress as a TTRS Rockstar Day
December	
Tuesday 2 nd	Year 5 Ancient Greek Day
Tuesday 2 nd	PTA Secret Santa Gift Shop
Wednesday 3 rd	PTA Secret Santa Gift Shop
Thursday 4 th	PTA Secret Santa Gift Shop
Friday 5 th	PTA Secret Santa Gift Shop
Tuesday 9 th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 9:30am & 2:30pm
Friday 12 th	PTA Discos EYFS & KS1: 5pm-6:15pm KS2: 6:30pm-8pm
Friday 19 th	PTA Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19 th	Christmas service
Friday 19 th	Children's Christmas Dinner
Friday 19 th	Last Day of Term

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 = Schooldays

 = School holidays

 = Bank holidays

 = Weekends

 = Non-Pupil Days

Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

Some green and orange autumn leaves are put into this repeating pattern.



If the pattern continues, will the 10th leaf be orange or green?

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

Raspberries cost £3 per punnet,
blackberries £2 per punnet and
strawberries £1.50 per punnet.



Simon spends £12. How many punnets of each fruit might he have picked?

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!