



Kendall Church of England
Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

13th November 2025

Newsletter 10 Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Visit to London SEALIFE Aquarium and The Houses of Parliament

On Wednesday, Year 6 had a super early start with a 6am coach to London. It was a long journey but we finally made it in time for our tour around the Houses of Parliament. We were lucky to be able to go into the House of Lords and see the throne where King Charles sits each year at the state opening of parliament.

After crossing Westminster bridge, we were entertained by the London SEALIFE Aquarium where we saw a whole host of creatures. It was a wonderful day and Year 6 proudly represented our school with excellent behaviour.



10 Reads

As we are not in school this Friday, our 5 reads for each week will be counted next Friday when we will be looking for a total of 10 reads. Thank you for your support.

Reminder! Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2026

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 10 November 2025**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2026. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2026**.

Join Us for Parent & Child Workshops at Kendall!

We're delighted to launch our new Parent and Child Workshops, giving you the opportunity to learn alongside your child in fun, hands-on sessions led by Kendall's subject leaders. Each hour-long workshop focuses on a different subject from the National Curriculum and is suitable for children in Years 1–6. Parents can attend more than one workshop, allowing families with multiple children to take part in different sessions. Please hold the dates and sign up quickly when each event is announced to secure your place!

Workshop	Date	Time
Maths	25 th November 2025 (Full)	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

Join Mrs Mulvey's Parent Choir!

Missed the Harvest Festival? Mrs Mulvey announced a new Parent Choir—no auditions, just fun! Rehearsals are relaxed, preparing one song per term for C3 Church services at Christmas and Easter. Mrs Mulvey would love you to come along to Kendall on the **3rd December 7–7:30pm** (without children) to practise a song to sing at the Christmas service on the 19th December at C3 church. See you there!

Kendall's Christmas Shopping Experience – 4th–7th November

A huge thank you to all the parents/carers who supported this venture which took place last week. Thanks to our Vice Chair of Governors, Esther Feltham and the generosity of her friend who donated items from her online retail business, [Clem and Co](#). We have raised an incredible **£1077.91**! This will help the school to upgrade the climbing handholds on the Josie Tree.

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!

It's super easy:

- **Register:** for free at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kendall-primary-school/> or download the app above. Remember to enable the donations reminder.
- **Get the app now and choose to support Kendall Primary School Colchester once installed.**

We have 45 supporters, but we are so excited because together so far we have raised an amazing £249.86!

Let's see if we can make it 50 supporters – with 210 children at the school, I know we can do it!

Parent Governor Vacancy

This half term we are running Parent Governor elections to fill an unexpected vacancy. If you would like to put yourself forward for this role, please contact Mrs Gloc by email admin@kendall.essex.sch.uk If you are interested, but are not sure what it means, you can learn more about being a school parent governor and what the commitments are by visiting:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/knowledge-centre/the-parent-governor-role/>

If you would like to have an informal discussion about what the role entails at Kendall without making a commitment, please contact the school office and we can arrange a mutually convenient time for this to take place.



Forest School Diary 13th November 2025

EYFS used their fine motor skills to create pumpkin hedgehogs, this was accomplished using the hammer to bash sticks into the pumpkins. The group also made time to create a leaf storm by throwing handfuls of leaves up into the air and watching them whirl back down again.



Year 1 Forest School for this week will be in next week's newsletter.

Year 2 did not have their Forest School session last week.

This week Year 3 used their Forest School skills to craft jewellery from elder wood. This was done by using a palm drill to hollow out the soft, white, pithy core before threading string through the middle.



This week Year 4 continued with their Viking long boat construction and are making great progress. Individual designs for the sail are also underway and coming along nicely.



We had our second session on the cargo net challenge this week. Many soft creatures were rescued and climbing times beaten. With the sun shining and squirrels racing through the trees, it was an amazing time to be in our woodland.



It's that time of year again where Year 6 begin to build shelters in the woodland. The group got themselves into working parties and began to gather resources in preparation. So far, the children have made a great start and we look forward to seeing how the shelters progress over the coming weeks.



Colchester Foodbank

Please see the end of the newsletter for all the opening days and times for the Colchester Foodbank.

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](#).

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 – Cyberbullying Advice

Children being bullied online, particularly in games and via messaging apps, remains one of the top concerns of many parents and their children. Internet Matters have a range of guides and articles to support parents and carers which I have listed below:

- Talking to children and conversation tips for ages 6-10, 11-13, 14-17 and vulnerable children - [HERE](#)
- What is cyberbullying and what are the signs - [HERE](#)
- Helpful ways to prevent cyberbullying - [HERE](#)
- How to deal with cyberbullying - [HERE](#)
- Parents experiences of cyberbullying - [HERE](#)
- Useful resource - [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: Eleanor T and Ivy B



Maths Awards

Congratulations to everyone who received a Maths Award in this week's Celebration Assembly.

Maths Challenge

KS1 winner: Ruby-Rose L

KS2 winner: Flo W

New challenges attached!

Vision Value Leaves

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

Joshua D, Hatice O and Isla P

Kendall Team Points

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

Elm	Ash	Birch	Yew
1st	3rd	4th	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 6** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	95%	
Year 1	98.3%	
Year 2	98.35%	
Year 3	92.65%	
Year 4	98.25%	
Year 5	98.7%	
Year 6	98.7%	★
Overall Attendance	97.15%	

(Week ending 07/11/2025)



Clare French
Headteacher

Allergen Check List Last Updated November 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	Yes ✓

Week 1	MONDAY (meat free) Week 1	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Thin crust margherita pizza (v)	Oven baked sausages	Oven roasted chicken breast	Chicken and vegetable curry	Birdseye Omega 3 fish fingers
Vegetarian (V) Or Vegan (Ve)	Vegetable pasta cooked with fresh herbs and garlic in a tomato sauce (ve)	Veggie sausages Vegan sausages (v) (ve)	Cheese puff (v0 VE)	Vegetable and lentil sweet potato curry (ve)	Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (ve)
Sides	Sweetcorn Vegan coleslaw	Creamy mashed potatoes, garden peas, vegan gravy (ve)	Roast potatoes, stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, carrots, peas, sweetcorn, vegan gravy	50/50 rice Warm naan bread	Chips Baked beans
Freshly prep salad bar	Tomatoes, Iceberg lettuce, cucumber,			Tomatoes, Iceberg lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes	Tomatoes, Iceberg lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes
Dessert	Strawberry angel delight or fresh fruit	Iced chocolate brownie or fresh fruit	Honeydew melon, pineapple and grapes or yogurt	Apple crumble and custard or yogurt	Iced sponge cake 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

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 2 Trips and Visits and Associated Costs

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	No trips	
Year 1	Arctic Explorer	£7.70
Year 2	Roman Circus	£5
Year 3	Colchester Castle	£6
Year 4	French Day	TBC
Year 5	Ancient Greek Day	£21
Year 6	Charter Hall (Shrek the Musical)	£11.75

Dates for your Diary

	Autumn Term 2025
November	
Friday 14 th	Non-Pupil Day
Monday 17 th	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 18 th	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 19 th	Year 1 Arctic Explorer
Tuesday 25 th	Parent & Child Maths Workshop 9:30am-10:30am
Tuesday 25 th	Dress as a TTRS Rockstar Day
Tuesday 25 th	Parent Evening Consultations 3:30pm-6pm
Wednesday 26 th	Parent Evening Consultations 5:30pm-8pm
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
Wednesday 17 th	Year 6 Charter Hall 'Shrek the Musical'
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
	Spring Term 2026
January	
Monday 5 th	First Day of Spring Term
Thursday 15 th	Year 4 Swimming Session 1
Thursday 22 nd	Year 4 Swimming Session 2
Thursday 22 nd	Parent & Child DT (Design Technology) Workshop 9:30am-10:30am
Wednesday 28 th	Writing Parent Information Event 9am-10am
Thursday 29 th	Year 4 Swimming Session 3
Thursday 29 th	Year 4 PGL Parent Information Event 5pm-6pm
February	
Wednesday 4 th	Parent & Child Writing Workshop 9am-10am.
Thursday 5 th	Year 4 Swimming Session 4
Thursday 12 th	Year 4 Swimming Session 5
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 26 th	Year 4 Swimming Session 6
Thursday 26 th	French Parent & Child Workshop 2pm-3pm
March	

Tuesday 3 rd	Parent Evening Consultations 3:30pm-6pm
Wednesday 4 th	Parent Evening Consultations 5:30pm-8pm
Thursday 5 th	Year 4 Swimming Session 7
Friday 6 th	Reading Parent & Child Workshop 2pm-3pm
Thursday 12 th	Year 4 Swimming Session 8
Wednesday 18 th	RE Parent & Child Workshop 2pm-3pm
Thursday 19 th	Year 4 Swimming Session 9
Friday 20 th	PTA Easter Discos EYFS/KS1: 5pm-6:15pm KS2: 6:30pm-8pm
Thursday 26 th	Year 4 Swimming Final Session
Friday 27 th	Easter Service
Friday 27 th	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 30 th – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays

Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

Sadiq saw 13 legs outside of his window.



How many creatures could he have seen?

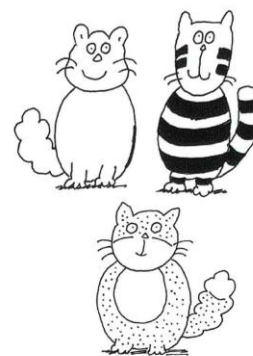
If you think you know, write your name and answer on a slip of paper and post it into the correct box on the table. The winner will be announced in two weeks. Good luck!

Kendall KS2 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

Kieron has three cats.
Each is a different weight.

The first and second weigh 7 kg altogether.
The second and third weigh 8 kg altogether.
The first and third weigh 11 kg altogether.

What is the weight of each cat?



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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Colchester Foodbank – Opening Times 2025

Helping local people in crisis with compassion and care

Brightlingsea

 Wednesday, 10am – 12:30pm
 Brightlingsea Town Hall

Central (St Peter's Church Hall – New Venue)

 Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 11am – 1pm
 St Peter's Church Hall, North Hill, Colchester CO1 1DZ

Greenstead

 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 10am – 12 noon
 Colchester Credit Union, 7 The Centre, Hawthorn Avenue CO4 3PX

Monkwick

 Friday, 11am – 1pm
 St Margaret's Church Hall, Stansted Road (off Mersea Road) CO2 8RA

Myland

 Friday, 8:30am – 12 noon
 Myland Parish Hall, Mile End Road CO4 5DY

New Town

 Monday 7:30pm – 8:30pm | Thursday 11am – 1pm
 St Stephen's Church Centre, Canterbury Road, Colchester CO2 7RY

Rowhedge

 Monday, 4pm – 6pm
 Mariners Chapel, Chapel Street CO5 7JS

Tiptree

 Thursday, 2pm – 4pm
 United Reformed Church, Chapel Road CO5 0HP

Tollgate – Main Foodbank Hub

 Monday to Saturday, 10am – 2pm
 Unit 3 Tollgate Retail Park, Stanway, Colchester CO3 8RG

Wivenhoe

 Tuesday, 11am – 1pm
 Wivenhoe Congregational Church, High Street CO7 9AB