



Kendall Church of England Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

21st November 2025

Newsletter 11 Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 1 Arctic Explorer

On Wednesday Year 1 met a real Arctic Explorer! He told us all about his travels to the Arctic and showed us his clothes and kit. He also shared photos of the animals and the landscape, including icebergs and thick snow. Then we went outside and practised our map reading skills and learnt about compass points.



Year 1 Visit to Colchester Cemetery

This morning Year 2 visited the War Memorial in Colchester Cemetery to lay a poppy cross and think about soldiers who lost their lives during times of conflict. We shared a prayer and looked at the War Graves. Year 2 showed respect throughout our visit.



Maths Week

This year's theme for Maths Week is **Top Trumps!** Please see information about maths week below:

Monday 24th November:

Bring Your Top Trumps to School Day.

All children are invited to bring any Top Trump sets they might have at home to play with their class. Please ensure that packs are named. They will be sent home with your child by the end of the week.



Tuesday 25th November:

Dress as a Rockstar Day.

As many of you know, at Kendall we use Times Tables Rock Stars to support children from the end of Year 1 in learning their times tables. To celebrate Maths Week and raise money for the PTA, children are invited to come into school dressed as a Rockstar on Tuesday 25th November. Donations of £1 will gratefully be received for wearing non-uniform.

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

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

Following the success of the pop-up Christmas gift shop, Mrs Gloc and I have taken the remainder of the decorations and giftware to various Christmas events around Colchester and so far have raised an additional £235.50 bringing the total to **£1313.41!** Thank you to everyone who supported this event. The proceeds will be going towards improving the highropes provision.

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 47 supporters, but we are so excited because together so far we have raised an amazing £264.86!

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.

Wreath Making PTA Event

Kendall Primary School PTA presents



A chance to make your own one of a kind Christmas wreath.
Soak up the seasonal spirit whilst enjoying expert tuition,
and a varied choice of decorations to make your handmade
wreath truly unique.

To complete the experience, a complimentary bottle of
mulled wine is included!

£30.00

1.30pm-3.30pm Sunday 30th November 2025

**Run by Mrs French in The School Hall at
Kendall Primary School**

Places are limited & must be pre-booked by Friday 28th November

Payment in full is required when booking

Please note that this workshop is intended for adults and is not suitable for children.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide childcare or crèche facilities.

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!

Forest School Diary 21st November 2025

EYFS did not have their Forest School session last week due to the non-pupil.

Last week Year 1 made good use of the abundance of fallen leaves we have at the moment in the forest and put together some leaf bouquets, leaf kebabs and also some super hero leaf masks!



This week Year 1 have been getting ready for the Christmas festivities in the woods. Our woodland elves have arrived and are already causing quite a stir hiding from the children amongst the trees in the forest. Who knows what these elves will be getting up to over the coming weeks! Whilst searching for naughty elves, the children came across a grass hopper, the group enjoyed admiring him through a bug viewer.



Year 2 did not have their Forest School session last week due to the non-pupil day.

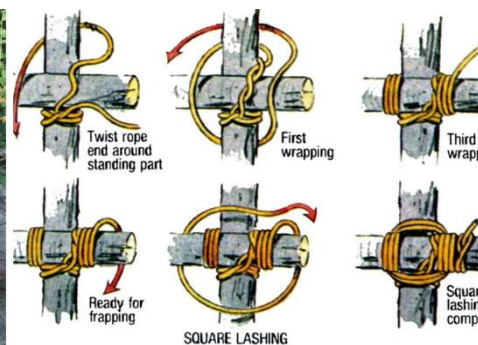
This week Year 3 took to the high ropes taking on the pirate challenge for the very first time. All of the children did exceptionally well considering they had never tried this climb before. Well done to each and every one of the children for once again trying so hard and giving encouragement to one another.



Year 4 continued this week with their Viking long boats. The structure of each boat is complete and looking good. The process of making the sails is fully underway and we hope to attach them next week. The children have really pulled together on this activity and it has been a real team effort.



It was a cold day at Forest School this morning. Year 5 kept warm with a game of Manhunt and settled down to learn a new knot which we used to construct large triangles ready for next week's challenge.



Year 6 did not have their Forest School session due to the non-pupil day this week.

Reminder: Forest School Clothing

We learn outside all year round, and **all children take part in Forest School in all weather conditions**. Recently, many **children have been arriving without adequate clothing** for the **freezing temperatures**, and several are not wearing hats, scarves or gloves. Some children without waterproofs are also not bringing a spare change of clothes, resulting in them staying in cold, wet clothing for the rest of the day. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately. Our guide, ***How to Dress for Forest School***, can be found [here](#) and it is also available on our website. We want every child to enjoy Forest School—not be cold, wet and miserable. **Thank you for your cooperation.**



There is no such thing as bad weather – only the wrong clothes!

Second hand musical instruments for sale

We are selling our electric guitar with amp and drum kit with stool (see below) for £60.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing either of these from the school, please contact Mrs Gloc in the office. Thank you.



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Headteacher: Mrs. Clare French

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**.

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 – Shopping Scams

Every year hundreds of thousands of people here in the UK fall victim to fraud when buying something online. With Christmas and Black Friday sales rapidly approaching, fraud and scams will be significantly on the increase. **GetSafeOnline** has a plethora of information to help with this such as:

- Information on purchase scams [HERE](#).
- Online buying tips [HERE](#).
- Scam website checker [HERE](#).

One piece of advice that is not reflected in these pages is related to the legitimacy of the company. Particularly on social media such as Instagram ads can often be seen for things like clothing and gifts which look interesting and unique. When clicking on the ad to take a closer look, tapping on the 3 dots on the top right and tapping on 'open in external browser' allows you to see more information about the company. If it is an unfamiliar company, it is good to know the details of that company before making a purchase. Often such websites have no company details, no contact details (apart from a web form), and either no reviews or perfect reviews. These are all red flags and you should be wary of purchasing items from such a site.

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: Mila J, Archie N, Lenny O, James F and Othon SG



Maths Awards

Don't forget to enter!

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 2** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	97.9%	
Year 1	96.7%	
Year 2	99.2%	★
Year 3	93.5%	
Year 4	99.15%	
Year 5	96.6%	
Year 6	97.4%	
Overall Attendance		97.1%

(Week ending 14/11/2025)

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 2	MONDAY (meat free) Week 2	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Baked jacket potato	Creamy chicken pie topped with pastry	Oven roasted chicken breast	Pasta bolognese topped with cheese	Birdseye Omega 3 fish fingers
Vegetarian (V) Or Vegan (Ve)	Roasted vegetable pasta bake (v) (ve)	Vegetable parcel (ve)	Cheese puff (v) (ve)	Veggie bolognese topped with <u>vegan cheese</u> (ve)	Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (ve)
Sides	Cheese or vegan cheese Baked beans Sweetcorn	Mashed potatoes, Peas, <u>vegan gravy</u> (ve)	Roast potatoes, stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, carrots, peas sweetcorn, <u>vegan gravy</u> (ve)	Veg sticks Garlic bread	Chips Baked Beans peas
Freshly prep salad bar	Tomatoes, iceberg lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes		-	Tomatoes, iceberg lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes	Tomatoes, iceberg lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes
Dessert	Fruit cocktail and cream or yoghurt	Homemade shortbread or fresh fruit	Honeydew melon, pineapple and <u>grapes</u> or yogurt	Chocolate Oat <u>cake</u> or yogurt or fresh fruit	Strawberry ice cream sponge roll or yogurt 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	
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?

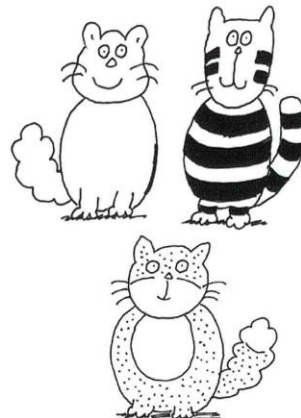
If you think you know, write your name and answer on a slip of paper and post it into the correct box on the table. The winner will be announced in two weeks. Good luck!

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