



## Kendall Church of England Primary School

*'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'*

28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### **Newsletter 12 Autumn Term 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **New Parent Governor**

We are delighted to welcome our new parent governor, Iris Godding, who joins the governing body following an uncontested election. We extend our warmest congratulations on their appointment and look forward to the valuable insight and enthusiasm they will bring to our school community. We are excited to begin working together to support the continued growth and success of our school.

#### **Year 3 Visit to Colchester Castle**

This week Year 3 visited Colchester Castle as part of our Roman topic. We began by visiting the cults underneath the castle to learn all about the Romans and Celts in Colchester. We then explored the museum, built a Roman Villa and took part in chariot racing. The children had an absolutely jam-packed day which also involved walking 3 miles to and from the Castle. Well done year 3!



#### **Rotary Club Art Competition**

I am delighted to say that three of our Year 6 pupils, Gabriel, George and Sylvia have been selected for the finals of the Colchester Rotary Art Competition. The theme of the competition this year was 'Happiness in Nature' and all three children entered photographs that reflected the theme that they took during one of their Forest School sessions earlier in the term. The awards ceremony is this evening and our finalists may find themselves as winners in their category. Their entries can be seen below – we wish them the best of luck!



George



Gabriel



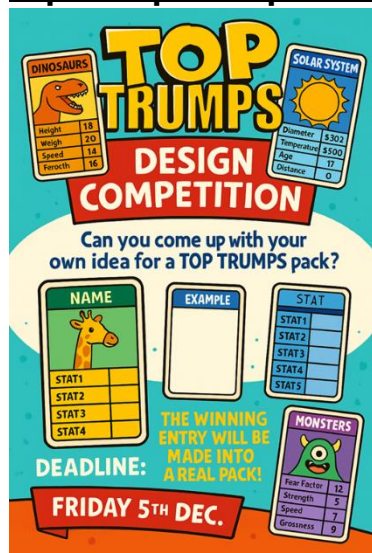
Sylvia

## Maths Week

This week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed playing Top Trumps in their classes as part of our Maths Week celebrations. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the Maths Parent Workshop on Tuesday – we hope you found it informative and fun, especially the opportunity to play maths games with your children. Tuesday was also our maths-themed dress-up day, with pupils invited to come to school as Rock Stars. As you'll see from the Year 2 photograph, we had some incredible outfits! We hope that everyone has enjoyed the activities this week and that they helped promote a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards maths across Kendall.



## Top Trumps Competition



On Tuesday, Mr Barrett-Rodger officially launched our Top Trumps Competition, and children should have brought home their entry form. To round off Maths Week, pupils are invited to design their very own Top Trumps concept. The winning design will be turned into a real printed pack of Top Trumps cards! Entry is free – simply return the completed form by Friday 5th December.

## Kendall Tuck Trolley

If you would like your child (Year 1 to Year 6 only) to access our Kendall Tuck Trolley for the 1st half of the Spring Term 2026 (From 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026), please make payment of £12 (40p per day) via School Gateway under Kendall Tuck Trolley. Payment must to be made no later than **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**, ready for the new term. Only children whose parents/carers have paid in advance will be able to use the Kendall Tuck Trolley next half term. We **will not** be able to accept payments after Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## Free Child First Online Workshops & ACL Courses

Please see the end of the newsletter for the Child First Online Workshops & ACL Courses.

## Eco Schools Update



Our Eco-Council has already been busy this term carrying out an environmental review which has helped us identify 3 topics which we will become the focus of much of our Eco-Council work this year. One of these topics is Energy.

As part of this work, our Eco-Council led their first worship on Wednesday to introduce the idea of carbon to the school community and ways in which we can cut carbon to help protect our planet. We have asked the children to complete 6 challenges over the next 3 weeks to try to cut carbon at home. These are also outlined on the poster and the children will also be bringing a paper copy home. Each classroom will have a poster on display for the children to be able to record how many challenges they have been able to complete at home (final date 18th December). We would also love to hear about how your child has tackled these challenges and would welcome any photographs or comments to support our Eco-Council work. We will use this data to calculate just how much CO2 Savings we made. Thank you for your support!

## 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         |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| DT (Design Technology)   | 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026  | 9.30–10.30am |
| Writing                  | 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2026  | 9.00–10.00m  |
| French                   | 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 | 2.00–3.00pm  |
| Reading                  | 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2026     | 2.00–3.00pm  |
| RE (Religious Education) | 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2026    | 2.00–3.00pm  |
| PE (Physical Education)  | 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2026    | 9.00–10.00am |
| Computing                | 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2026    | 2.00–3.00pm  |
| Science                  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026    | 9.30–10.30am |
| Geography                | 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026    | 2.00–3.00pm  |
| Music                    | 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2026      | 9.30–10.30am |
| History                  | 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2026     | 2.00–3.00pm  |

## Christmas Events at St Stephen's Church

For events at St Stephen's Church over the festive period, please see the posters at the end of this newsletter.



## Secret Santa Gift Shop

Tuesday 2nd December - Friday 5th December at lunch times. (While stocks last)

Children are able to visit and buy a ready wrapped gift, label and bring it home on the same day for someone special.

lots of different gifts to choose from.  
cash only and to be brought in by the children.



KENDALL PTA PRESENT...

# CHRISTMAS DISCO

**EYFS AND KS1: 5-6.15PM**  
**KS2: 6.30-8PM**

£2.50 PER CHILD  
£6 FAMILY OF 3  
(PLEASE PAY ON THE DOOR)

SWEETS, DRINKS, GLOW STICKS AND MORE AVAILABLE ONCE INSIDE...PLEASE DON'T FORGET YOUR MONEY FOR THESE!

## 12TH DECEMBER 2025



**FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER - £1  
DONATION**

*Non-uniform /  
Christmas jumper  
day!*



Proceeds raised will be put towards the upgrades of forest school and high ropes equipment. Thank you for your support!



## Easy Fundraising

The school has now signed up with [Easy Fundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kendall-primary-school/) 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 49 supporters, but we are so excited because together so far we have raised an amazing £309.04!**

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

## 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> December 7-7:30pm (without children)**, the drive gates will be open if you wish to drive down, to practise a song to sing at the Christmas service on the 19<sup>th</sup> December at C3 church. See you there!

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

## Pre-loved drum kit for sale

We are selling our drum kit with stool (see below) for £60.00. If you are interested in purchasing this from the school, please contact Mrs Gloc in the office. Thank you.



## 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 **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

## **Forest School Diary 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

EYFS have begun the process of crafting wooden snowman decorations. These may take a few weeks to put together but once finished we look forward to sharing them with you. In between Christmas crafting the children enjoyed exploring the woodland and having fun.



Year 1 have been keeping active in line with their class topic and have been playing Arctic Bingo. They worked well in small teams searching high and low around the forest for all things Arctic.



Year 2 were supported by the Forest School team last week on their visit to the cemetery which we covered in last week's newsletter.

Year 3 enjoyed their second week climbing the Pirate Challenge during their high ropes session. Once again, a great effort from all of the children who did their absolute best to achieve their goals.



It was a chilly one for Year 4 this week, but like all true Forest Schoolers they didn't let that hold them back from working hard on the sails for their Viking long boats. We hope to have the sails complete and ready to hoist next week, then we plan to sail off through the woodland!



It was a lot warmer in our woodland this week, which made Year 5's latest challenge a little easier. We finished making our triangles using square lashings, then joined the frames together to make a really impressive pyramid tunnel. We managed to create a new Forest School record for the longest structure ever constructed in our woodland. Unfortunately, this record didn't last long, as the tunnel collapsed like a line of dominoes! Much laughter followed as the team tried to repair the framework!



This week Year 6 continued working on building their shelters. After a few minor issues with the initial structural designs, we are pleased to report that they are now progressing nicely and taking shape.



### **Protect Neurodivergent Children from Scams in Games – Advice for Parents**

As we all know, neurodivergent children can be amongst those most vulnerable online, therefore more likely to become victims of things like scams. Those with ADHD, autism or other divergent ways of thinking might not recognise when someone intends to do harm. Internet Matters have put together a brand new free guide for parents which explores how neurodivergent children's unique traits can leave them open to scams, particularly in games. You can download the free guide [\*\*HERE\*\*](#).

### **Gadget Gift Guide for Parents**

Christmas can be an exciting time when many children are given new devices and gadgets. Ireland's online safety charity, CyberSafeKids, have put together a brand new guide for parents and carers covering:

- The benefits and risks of popular smart devices and toys.
- What you can do to make them safer.
- Age recommendations
- And more.

You can download the guide [\*\*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/>

### **Shopping Scams – keeping safe online**

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 to be wary of before purchasing items from such a site.

### **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: Joshua D, Basir H and Theo K



### Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week:  
Enys RR, Arbab K and Jaygo D

### Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week:  
Liam G, Teddy L, Noah F, Brooke S, Kalani S, Joris S, Gia K, Izzie VE, Hatice O, Riley P, Riley G, Josie J, Teddy H and Millie H

### Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Lotus** in **Year 4** who received our Writer of the Week award and took home a new stationery set and journal – keep up that good writing!

### Maths Challenge

Don't forget to enter!

### Vision Value Leaves

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a leaf for our 'Vision Values' Tree:  
Ben D, Reggie G, James F and Bradley G

### Kendall Team Points

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

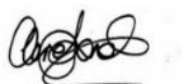
| Elm | Ash | Birch | Yew |
|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| 1st | 4th | 2nd   | 3rd |

### 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 1** for having the best attendance this week!

|                    |        |        |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| EYFS               | 98.3%  |        |
| Year 1             | 99.1%  | ★      |
| Year 2             | 95.4%  |        |
| Year 3             | 92.65% |        |
| Year 4             | 91.25% |        |
| Year 5             | 98.7%  |        |
| Year 6             | 84.9%  |        |
| Overall Attendance |        | 94.35% |

(Week ending 21/11/2025)



Clare French  
Headteacher

## Allergen Check List Last Updated **November 2025**

| Allergen                  | Currently allowed in school |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Nuts                      | <b>No ✗</b>                 |
| Peanuts                   | <b>No ✗</b>                 |
| Sesame seeds              | <b>Yes ✓</b>                |
| Celery                    | <b>Yes ✓</b>                |
| Cereals Containing Gluten | <b>Yes ✓</b>                |
| Crustaceans               | <b>Yes ✓</b>                |
| Eggs                      | <b>Yes ✓</b>                |
| Fish                      | <b>Yes ✓</b>                |
| Lupin                     | <b>Yes ✓</b>                |
| Milk                      | <b>Yes ✓</b>                |
| Molluscs                  | <b>Yes ✓</b>                |
| Mustard                   | <b>Yes ✓</b>                |
| Soya                      | <b>Yes ✓</b>                |
| Sulphur dioxide           | <b>Yes ✓</b>                |

| Week<br>1                             | MONDAY (meat free)<br>Week 1                                                       | TUESDAY                                                        | WEDNESDAY                                                                                   | THURSDAY                                            | FRIDAY                                              |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Main                                  | Thin crust<br>margherita pizza (v)                                                 | Oven baked sausages                                            | Oven roasted chicken<br>breast                                                              | Chicken and vegetable<br>curry                      | Birdseye Omega 3 fish<br>fingers                    |
| Vegetarian<br>(V)<br>Or<br>Vegan (Ve) | Vegetable pasta<br>cooked with fresh<br>herbs and garlic in a<br>tomato sauce (ve) | Veggie sausages<br><br>Vegan sausages<br>(v) (ve)              | Cheese puff (v0 VE)                                                                         | Vegetable and lentil<br>sweet potato curry<br>(ve)  | Quorn dippers (v)<br><br>Vegetable fingers (ve)     |
| Sides                                 | Sweetcorn<br>Vegan coleslaw                                                        | Creamy mashed<br>potatoes,<br>garden peas, vegan gravy<br>(ve) | Roast potatoes, stuffing,<br>Yorkshire pudding,<br>carrots, peas, sweetcorn,<br>vegan gravy | 50/50 rice<br>Warm naan bread                       | Chips<br>Baked beans                                |
| Freshly<br>prep salad<br>bar          | Tomatoes, Iceberg<br>lettuce, cucumber,                                            |                                                                |                                                                                             | Tomatoes, iceberg<br>lettuce, cucumber,<br>tomatoes | Tomatoes, iceberg<br>lettuce, cucumber,<br>tomatoes |
| Dessert                               | Strawberry angel<br>delight<br>or fresh fruit                                      | Iced chocolate brownie<br>or fresh fruit                       | Honeydew melon,<br>pineapple and grapes or<br>yogurt                                        | Apple crumble and<br>custard<br>or yogurt           | Iced sponge cake<br>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](mailto: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                                  |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>December</b>            |                                                   |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | Year 5 Ancient Greek Day                          |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | PTA Secret Santa Gift Shop                        |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | PTA Secret Santa Gift Shop                        |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>   | PTA Secret Santa Gift Shop                        |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>     | PTA Secret Santa Gift Shop                        |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>     | EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2:20pm                        |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>    | EYFS & KS1 Nativity 9:30am & 2:20pm               |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>    | PTA Discos EYFS & KS1: 5pm–6:15pm KS2: 6:30pm–8pm |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> | Year 6 Charter Hall 'Shrek the Musical'           |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | PTA Christmas Jumper Day                          |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | PTA Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation)            |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | Christmas service                                 |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | Children's Christmas Dinner                       |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | Last Day of Term                                  |

## Dates for your Diary Continued

|                                                         |                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                         | <b>Spring Term 2026</b>                                       |
| <b>January</b>                                          |                                                               |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>                                  | First Day of Spring Term                                      |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>                               | Year 4 Swimming Session 1                                     |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>                               | Year 4 Swimming Session 2                                     |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>                               | Parent & Child DT (Design Technology) Workshop 9:30am-10:30am |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>                              | Writing Parent Information Event 9am-10am                     |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>                               | Year 4 Swimming Session 3                                     |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>                               | Year 4 PGL Parent Information Event 5pm-6pm                   |
| <b>February</b>                                         |                                                               |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>                               | Parent & Child Writing Workshop 9am-10am.                     |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>                                | Year 4 Swimming Session 4                                     |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>                               | Year 4 Swimming Session 5                                     |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>       | Half Term Holiday                                             |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>                               | Year 4 Swimming Session 6                                     |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>                               | French Parent & Child Workshop 2pm-3pm                        |
| <b>March</b>                                            |                                                               |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                 | Parent Evening Consultations 3:30pm-6pm                       |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>                               | Parent Evening Consultations 5:30pm-8pm                       |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>                                | Year 4 Swimming Session 7                                     |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>                                  | Reading Parent & Child Workshop 2pm-3pm                       |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>                               | Year 4 Swimming Session 8                                     |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>                              | RE Parent & Child Workshop 2pm-3pm                            |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>                               | Year 4 Swimming Session 9                                     |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>                                 | PTA Easter Discos EYFS/KS1: 5pm-6:15pm KS2: 6:30pm-8pm        |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>                               | Year 4 Swimming Final Session                                 |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>                                 | Easter Service                                                |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>                                 | Last Day of Spring Term                                       |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April | Easter Holidays                                               |

## Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

Sadiq saw 13 legs outside of his window.



How many creatures could he have seen?

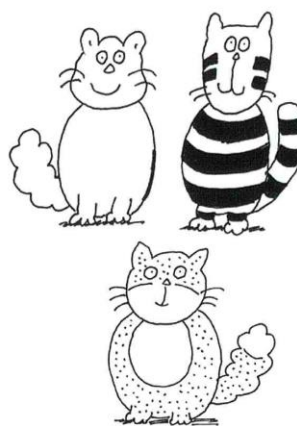
If you think you know, write your name and answer on a slip of paper and post it into the correct box on the table. The winner will be announced in two weeks. Good luck!

## 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!

## Academic Year 2025-2026

| September 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    | October 2025  |    |    |    |    |    |    | November 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    | December 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|
| M              | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  | M             | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  | M             | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  | M             | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |   |   |
|                |    |    |    |    |    |    |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |
| ✕              | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 6             | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | ✕             | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 8             | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |   |   |
| 8              | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 13            | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 10            | 11 | 12 | 13 | ✕  | 15 | 16 | 15            | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |   |   |
| 15             | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 20            | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | ✕             | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 22            | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |   |   |
| 22             | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 27            | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    | 24            | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 29            | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |   |   |
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## Academic Year 2026-2027

| September 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | October 2026  |    |    |    |    |    |    | November 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | December 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| January 2027   |    |    |    |    |    |    | February 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    | March 2027    |    |    |    |    |    |    | April 2027    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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# St Stephens Christmas services and events



Pray for peace  
at your local  
churches this  
Christmas

*Wishing you a very happy Christmas!*

You are most welcome to join us at any of the events shown.

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| <p><b>30<sup>th</sup> November</b><br/>Meny Church   St Margaret's   2:00 - 4:00 PM   per booking requested, children accompanied by an adult. £2 requested donation per family.</p> <p><b>5<sup>th</sup> December</b><br/>Colne Endeavour Carol Concert   St Margaret's   7:30 PM</p> <p><b>6<sup>th</sup> December</b><br/>Christmas Hub   St Stephen's   10:00AM - 12:00 noon</p> <p><b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b><br/>Christmas Meny / Tree decorating service   St Stephen's   10:15 AM<br/>Silver Oyster Christmas Fayre   St Margaret's<br/>1:00 - 4:00 PM   Open Church and Carol Singing from 3:00 PM</p> <p><b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b><br/>Christmas Hub   St Stephen's   10:00 AM - 12:00 noon<br/>New Town Carol Singing   St Stephen's<br/>4:45 PM starting at St Stephen's, end at the Odd One Out Pub around 7pm for soup and more singing.</p> <p><b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b><br/>Abbeygate Concert Band Christmas Concert   St Stephen's 2:00 PM</p> | <p><b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b><br/>St Leonard's Carol Service (with bell ringing from 7:00 PM)   St Leonard's   7:30 PM</p> <p><b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b><br/>Christmas Hub   St Stephen's   10:00 AM - 12:00 noon<br/>Breakfast with Father Christmas, pre booking requested<br/>A Christmas Carol by Candlelight<br/>St Stephen's   £6.50 per adult   6:30 PM   Doors open at 5:00 PM</p> <p><b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b><br/>Joint Carol Service with the Boosted Methodist Silver Band<br/>Wimpole Road   6:30 PM</p> <p><b>24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve</b><br/>Christingle Service   St Stephen's   2:00 PM<br/>Crib Service   Wimpole Road   4:00 PM<br/>Candlelight All Age Nativity Service   St Margaret's   4:30 PM<br/>Midnight Communion Service   St Stephen's   11:00 PM</p> <p><b>25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day</b><br/>Christmas Day Celebration with Holy Communion and Christmas continental breakfast   St Margaret's   10:15 AM</p> |
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## ★ CHRISTMAS @ THE HUB ★

COME ALONG TO THE HUB FOR THE USUAL FUN WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS:

**6TH DECEMBER - MAKE TREE DECORATIONS AND WRITE A LETTER TO FATHER CHRISTMAS**

**13TH DECEMBER - COLLECT YOUR LETTER REPLY FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS, MINI CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE**

**20TH DECEMBER - BREAKFAST AND MEET&GREET WITH SANTA! (BOOKING REQUIRED)**

PLEASE DO COME ALONG BETWEEN 10 AND 12.PM AND KICK START THE FESTIVE SEASON WITH US AT ST STEPHEN'S!





**NOT TO BE MISSED!**

Charles Dickens's

# A Christmas Carol

by Candlelight

Read by Mr Anthony Roberts  
With musical accompaniment by Jamie Cunliffe

FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS • FREE PARKING

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025**  
**6.30pm (doors 5.00pm)**  
**St. Stephen's Church**  
Canterbury Rd, Colchester CO2 7RY

Tickets £6.50 per adult  
(accompanying under 16s free)



Order here: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-stephens-church-fundraiser](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-stephens-church-fundraiser)  
THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR OUR CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS

St Stephen's Church Center

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

## Christingle Service



Welcome to all on the  
Christmas Eve, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
starts at 2pm,  
St Stephen's Church, Canterbury Road

## Family Support and Parent Workshops

**Child First Trust**

# Parenting Workshop

This **8-week, fully funded**, course is offered to parents from all Child First Schools at **NO COST**

Venue: **KENDALL PRIMARY SCHOOL**, Recreation Road, Colchester, CO1 2HH

8 Sessions, term time, from Wednesday 21st January 2026 1pm-2.45pm  
(28<sup>th</sup> Jan, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb and 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March)



A great chance to meet new people, share ideas and support each other.  
For more information, or to book your place, please contact school or text  
Amanda (07772 268691) [Amanda@childfirsttrust.org.uk](mailto:Amanda@childfirsttrust.org.uk)  
or Jackie (07732 122688) [Jackie@childfirsttrust.org.uk](mailto:Jackie@childfirsttrust.org.uk)

**Child First**

## THRIVING FAMILIES ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Please join us for our two 'Thriving Families' online workshops

Communicating & Connecting With Your Child & Understanding and Managing Behaviour

FULLY FUNDED for you by Child First Trust.

Places are available on a first come, first served basis. These 90 minute workshops are being offered to parents and carers from Child First schools.

**How does it work?**

- ✓ Communicating and Connecting with Your Child Monday 1 December at 1pm
- ✓ Understanding and Managing Behaviour Thursday 11th December at 10am

For more information, or to book your place, please contact  
Amanda Rowe

Contact Amanda 07772 268691 [amanda@childfirsttrust.org.uk](mailto:amanda@childfirsttrust.org.uk)  
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## Zones of Regulation Online Course

This engaging two-week course is designed to give parents and carers valuable insight into the Zones of Regulation framework. You will learn practical strategies to help children and young people:

- Recognize and understand their emotions
- Develop self-regulation skills
- Build resilience and emotional intelligence
- Strengthen communication and relationships

**Date: 02/12/2025 Time: 09:45 - 11:45**

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| COURSE TITLE                        | VENUE       | START DATE           | START TIME | END TIME |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------|----------|
| FL ZONES OF REGULATION              | ONLINE LIVE | 02/12/2025 (2 WEEKS) | 09:45      | 11:45    |
| FL UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING ANGER | ONLINE LIVE | 4/12/2025 (2 WEEKS)  | 19:00      | 21:00    |
| FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS            | ONLINE LIVE | 10/12/2025           | 19:00      | 21:30    |
| FL UNDERSTANDING DYSLEXIA           | ONLINE LIVE | 10/12/2025           | 12:30      | 14:30    |
| FL ROUTINES RULE                    | ONLINE LIVE | 12/12/2025           | 12:30      | 15:00    |

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