



Kendall Church of England
Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

7th November 2025

Newsletter 9 Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Creative Autumn Afternoons: Parent and Child Art Workshop

Before the half-term break, our school was delighted to welcome families to our Parent and Child Art Workshop. Luckily, the weather turned crisp and autumnal—perfect for a creative afternoon—after the stormy, windy conditions the day before! Parents and children worked side by side, exploring different art techniques, learning about famous artist Andy Goldsworthy, and using his work as inspiration to experiment with their own creative pieces. The workshop also highlighted how we integrate Kagan cooperative learning structures into our practice, encouraging teamwork and communication through art. We were thrilled to see the wonderful final artworks and the joy of families collaborating together. Photos of the afternoon show just how engaged and inspired everyone was! We hope this inspires even more parents and children to join our upcoming workshops throughout the year. Keep an eye on the newsletter for dates and details—you won't want to miss the next creative session!



Our Andy Goldsworthy inspired family art workshop

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

EYFS Road Safety Workshop

On Tuesday EYFS and Year 5 pupils took part in engaging road safety sessions delivered by the Safer Essex Roads Partnership. EYFS pupils with their parents and carers, enjoyed a practical activity using a large-scale road and pavement mat. This helped them learn:

- We must hold hands with a grown-up near roads
- The importance of staying safe around traffic learning to Stop, Look, Listen, Think!

Year 5 pupils participated in a hands-on session designed to build confidence and promote safe, independent travel. They explored:

- The Green Cross Code: Stop, Look, Listen, Think!
- The dangers of distractions like phones, headphones and friends.
- How to identify safer places to cross.

With guidance from trained road safety officers, they practised real-life road crossing skills.



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	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. All parents welcome, regardless of skill. Join in, bring enthusiasm, and delight the children. Email admin@kendall.essex.sch.uk

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

Thank you to all the parents who supported this venture so far, which has taken place 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 **£855.50** so far, which 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 **39 supporters, but we are so excited because together so far we have raised an amazing **£235.52!****

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

Next 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.



Supporting Local and Community Events

St George's PTA are hosting a Laser Light Show tonight Friday 7th November, 5–8pm, with rides, face painting, food, performances, and fireworks by Horizons. Tickets can be purchased via the QR code below or by clicking [here](#) and scrolling down to the bottom of the page to choose 'Kendall Family', 'Kendall Adult' or 'Kendall Child' tickets which will include a £1 donation to our PTA.



Forest School Diary 7th November 2025

EYFS enjoyed many autumnal activities during their Forest School session, these included conker art, leaf art and generally having lots of fun playing amongst the leaves on the woodland floor.



Year 1 made poppies during their Forest School this week as part of Remembrance Day commemorations. We all got to enjoy the freshly fallen leaves and collected a selection of our favourites for the classroom while enjoying the autumnal sights, smells and sounds of our woodland.



Year 2 harvested the pumpkin they planted last year and wow, we were very impressed with it. The children also cleared out their planter ready for the winter and planted bulbs such as daffodils, crocus and tulips that will flourish next spring. As a group we decided to experiment and plant tree seeds including acorns, conkers, and sweet chestnuts to see if they grow.



Year 3 kept busy this week crafting poppies. These were then nailed to wood to form both a wreath and a cross. The children also made Stone Age spears by whittling sticks using a peeler. Great fun was had by all as we used our spears for target practice!



Year 4 have been working hard this week to construct their Viking long boats. Using tools such as the axe to sharpen off support posts and the lump hammer to knock the posts firmly into the ground,

everyone was busy and knew what needed to be done. The group even found time for a spot of tree climbing to unwind after working so hard.



Year 5 had a tricky high ropes challenge this week. Working on the newly adjusted cargo net which Matthew Magpie had set to 'really hard' mode! The children had to climb whilst either holding a captured Forest School's critter or race to its rescue. Both activities took great skill and courage which were both in abundance today. Everyone did amazingly well, so much so that Matthew Magpie will have to try harder to make it even more of a challenge next time!



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

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/>

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: Harrison F, Arthur G, Teddie C and Florence R.



Maths Challenge

Don't forget to enter!

Kendall Team Points

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

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

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, **EYFS** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	96.65%	★
Year 1	99%	
Year 2	98%	
Year 3	93.1%	
Year 4	95.55%	
Year 5	97.2%	
Year 6	95.35%	
Overall Attendance	96.7%	

(Week ending 24/10/2025)

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 1 Trips and Visits and Associated Costs

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
Year 6	London Aquarium/Houses of Parliament	£40 approx

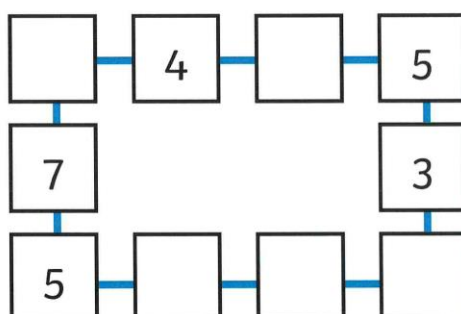
Quarter 2 Trips and Visits and Associated Costs

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 7 th	Kendall Early Bird Christmas Shop 3:15pm-4:15pm
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
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

Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge



Fill in each line so it adds up to 14.

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

Maurice the Magician has chosen four different cards that add up to 20. There is a number from 1 to 8 on each card.



What could the 4 numbers be? There are 7 possibilities.
Can you find them all?

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

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Academic Year 2026-2027

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 = Non Pupil Days



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