



## Kendall Church of England

Primary School

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

5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### **Newsletter 13 Autumn Term 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Rotary Art Competition – Theme: Happiness in Nature**



Last Friday's Rotary Art Competition prize giving ceremony was a tremendous success, with the venue absolutely filled to capacity. Our school was proudly represented by finalists Gabriel and Sylvia, and while George was unable to attend, all performed exceptionally well. We are delighted to share that Gabriel received a 'Highly Commended' recognition, while both Sylvia and George were 'Commended' for their achievements. Throughout the event, the children were impeccably behaved and proved themselves to be outstanding ambassadors for our school. The experience also provided a valuable opportunity for them to explore and appreciate the impressive work produced by other pupils.

#### **Year 5 Ancient Greek Day**

On Tuesday, Year 5 stepped back in time to 490BC to experience life in Ancient Greece. We spent the morning in the 'Agora' making offerings for the temple of Athena and in the afternoon, we took part in the Greek theatre; we performed three plays and enjoyed a Greek feast!



#### **Join Mrs Mulvey's Parent Choir!**

Missed the parent choir practise this week? Mrs Mulvey would love you to come along to Kendall on Monday **15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm (without children)**, to practise a song to sing at the Christmas service on the 19<sup>th</sup> December at C3 church. Sign in at the office where Mrs Mulvey will meet you for a rehearsal in the studio. **See you there!**



#### **Kendall Christmas Post box**

Our Kendall Christmas post box will be in the school hall from next Monday if your child wishes to post any cards for friends. Please ensure they put the child's name and year group clearly on the envelope.

### PTA Wreath Making Workshop

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. Those who attended can now enjoy their own beautifully created wreath while enjoying their complimentary bottle of mulled wine! Supporting our PTA ensures that the school can continue to enhance the educational provision of the children here at Kendall. Many things we do here could not be achieved without your generous donations and the support you give to our PTAs events.



### PTA Upcoming Events

**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!

KENDALL PTA PRESENT...

**CHRISTMAS DISCO**

**EYFS AND KSI: 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**

### 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.



### **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!

| <b>Workshop</b>          | <b>Date</b>                    | <b>Time</b>  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 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  |

### **YMCA Winter Holiday Club at St Stephen's Church**

Please see the flyer/information for the YMCA Winter Holiday Club at St Stephen's Church.

### **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 £385.85!**

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

### **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.



## Free Child First Online Workshops & ACL Courses

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

## 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.

## 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**.

## 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!**

## Forest School Diary 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Operation Christmas is well underway in the forest as EYFS are busy making snowman decorations. We look forward to sharing these with you once they are ready to bring home.



Year 1 have been busy with Christmas decorations this week as they have been painting pine cones and covering them with glitter and sparkles.





The children in Year 2 began putting together Christingles during Forest School. These are being crafted using natural resources found here in the woodland, and of course, hand tools. They are coming along nicely and are sure to look fantastic once complete.



Year 3 have joined in the Christmas fun this week and started to craft wooden decorations. The children are working hard to have them complete over the coming weeks.



Year 4 have now completed the Viking long boats they had started previously, the sails are up and looking fabulous. The children were able to enjoy a nice hot chocolate drink as a reward for their wonderful efforts during this project.



This week Year 5 all travelled back in time to explore the myths of Ancient Greece. We explored the Minotaur's cave and avoided Medusa's glare by covering our eyes and finding our way using touch and feel. Once we had navigated our way back to the 21st century we spent some time making Christmas decorations.





Year 6 worked hard this week as they continued building their shelters. Each shelter is unique in its design this year and we have all shapes and sizes! The next step is to ensure the shelters are as weatherproof as possible.



### **For Parents – Sharenting**

For a multitude of different reasons the advice we give to children and young people is to be careful with what they're sharing online, including images. This can be anything from protecting your privacy to very serious harms such as blackmail including sextortion. For example, an article in the Guardian refers to a report from the NSPCC where nearly 1 in 10 parents say their child has been blackmailed online and the National Crime Agency are receiving around 110 reports of sextortion each month. That education we give to children and young people extends to parents, caregivers, schools and anyone else that may share data, such as images, of children. We must be mindful of the potential uses of that data. The Irish Data Commission has recently released a short (40 seconds) light-hearted but serious video about the risks of sharenting along with some useful advice. You can see the video and advice [HERE](#) and you can read the Guardian article [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/>

### **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: Penelope O, Rosie EB, Riley G and Ivy-Mae H



### Headteacher Cups

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

Oli J, Vincent H and Jesse E

### Golden Awards

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

Albie HP, Alba H, Quinlan MF, Damian S, Amelia G, Ruby-Rose L, Ivy B, Thomas DJ, James D, Cayde N, Antoni D, Honor S, Bethel O, Archie W

### Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Thomas** in **Year 3** who received our Writer of the Week award and took home a new stationery set and journal – keep up that good writing!

### Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the following winners!

KS1 Winner: Martha G

KS2 Winner: Willow L

New challenge attached at the end of the newsletter!

### Vision Value Leaves

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

Brian E, Gracie C and Morgan C

### Kendall Team Points

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

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

### 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               | 94%    |   |
| Year 1             | 98%    |   |
| Year 2             | 99%    | ★ |
| Year 3             | 95.3%  |   |
| Year 4             | 96.35% |   |
| Year 5             | 98.3%  |   |
| Year 6             | 96.9%  |   |
| Overall Attendance | 96.85% |   |

(Week ending 28/11/2025)

Have a lovely weekend!



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)<br>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)<br>Or<br>Vegan (Ve) | Roasted vegetable pasta bake<br>(v) (ve)           | Vegetable parcel (ve)                          | Cheese puff (v) (ve)                                                                          | Veggie bolognese topped with <u>vegan cheese</u> (ve) | Quorn dippers (v)<br>Vegetable fingers (ve)               |
| Sides                              | Cheese or vegan cheese<br>Baked beans<br>Sweetcorn | Mashed potatoes, Peas, <u>vegan gravy</u> (ve) | Roast potatoes, stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, carrots, peas sweetcorn, <u>vegan gravy</u> (ve) | Veg sticks<br>Garlic bread                            | Chips<br>Baked Beans<br>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](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)<br>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>            |                                                    |
| 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 at C3 church (Abbey Fields) 10am |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | Children's Christmas Dinner                        |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | Last Day of Term                                   |

## Dates for your Diary – Spring Term

|                                                         | Spring Term 2026                                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <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                                               |

## Holiday Activity Club Session – Book Using your Wonde Voucher



**YMCA Winter Holiday Club 2025**

**Location:** St Stephen's Church Centre, Canterbury Road, CO2 7RY

**4 sessions available to book:**

**22nd Dec, 10am-2pm: Holiday Club**

**22nd Dec, 2.30-3pm: Collect a free hamper full of goodies for the family!**  
(Please book this session so we know how many to make)

**23rd Dec, 10am-2pm: Holiday Club**

**23rd Dec, 3-5pm: Festive family fun! Crafts, drinks & nibbles for the whole family**  
(parent/carer must attend with their child/ren)

**FREE for qualifying families:**

**Please book using your WONDE voucher**  
(click the link on your voucher & select your club)

**Or click here:**  
[HolidayActivities](https://www.holidayactivities.org.uk)

**If you have any queries, please contact us:**  
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[holidayclubs@ymcaessex.org.uk](mailto:holidayclubs@ymcaessex.org.uk)





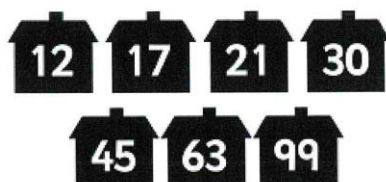



# Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

Can you help Father Christmas' reindeers?



They have already delivered presents to the houses with even numbers. Which houses haven't had their presents delivered?



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

Each of the pictures has a value between 1 and 4. They are added to make the column and row totals.

|                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
|  |  |  |  | = 10 |
|  |  |  |  | = 9  |
|  |  |  |  | = 11 |
|  |  |  |  | = 10 |
| = 13                                                                                | = 12                                                                                | = 9                                                                                 | = 6                                                                                 |      |

What is the value of the snowman?

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  |    |
|                |    |    |    |    |    |    |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |               |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |               | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| X              | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 6             | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | X             | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |               | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |    |
| 8              | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 13            | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 10            | 11 | 12 | 13 | X  | 15 | 16 |               | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 15             | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 20            | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | X             | 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 |    |    |    |    |
| 29             | 30 |    |    |    |    |    |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| January 2026   |    |    |    |    |    |    | February 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | March 2026    |    |    |    |    |    |    | April 2026    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 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  |    |
|                |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4             |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |               |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |               |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 5              | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 2             | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 2             | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |               | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 12             | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 9             | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 9             | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |               | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 19             | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 16            | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 16            | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |               | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 26             | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    | 23            | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |    | 23            | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |               | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |
|                |    |    |    |    |    |    |               |    |    |    |    |    |    | 30            | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| May 2026       |    |    |    |    |    |    | June 2026     |    |    |    |    |    |    | July 2026     |    |    |    |    |    |    | August 2026   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 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  |    |
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## Academic Year 2026-2027

| September 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | October 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | November 2026 |    |    |    |               |    |    | December 2026 |    |    |               |               |    |    |
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| 7              | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 12           | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 9             | 10 | 11 | 12 | <del>13</del> | 14 | 15 | 14            | 15 | 16 | <del>17</del> | <del>18</del> | 19 | 20 |
| 14             | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 19           | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | <del>16</del> | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20            | 21 | 22 | 21            | 22 | 23 | 24            | 25            | 26 | 27 |
| 21             | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 26           | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    | 23            | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27            | 28 | 29 | 28            | 29 | 30 | 31            |               |    |    |
| 28             | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |    |              |    |    |    |    |    |    | 30            |    |    |    |               |    |    |               |    |    |               |               |    |    |

| 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/>Merry Church   St Margaret's   2:00 - 4:00 PM   <i>pre booking requested, children accompanied by an adult. £2 requested donation per family.</i></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   10:00 AM - 12:00 noon</p> <p><b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b><br/>Christmas Mess / 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<br/>around 7pm for wrap 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)<br/>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 <i>pre booking requested</i><br/>A Christmas Carol by Candlelight<br/>St Stephen's   6:30 PM   Doors open at 5:00 PM</p> <p><b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b><br/>Joint Carol Service with the Rusted 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   6:30 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<br/>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

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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