



Kendall Church of England
Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

12th December 2025

Newsletter 14 Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A separate letter will be sent home this evening containing your child(ren)'s Google Classroom login details. These will be needed only in the unlikely event of a sudden school closure. As part of our Incident Management and Continuity Planning, we want to ensure that any unexpected disruption has as little impact as possible on your child's learning. For this reason, the login information has also been recorded in your child's reading record. Should the school need to close, staff would not be available to answer queries about access, so it is important that you make a note of these details and keep them in a safe place.

EYFS and KS1 Nativity

EYFS and KS1 have been wowing their grown-ups with this year's Nativity 'The Inn-Spectors'. The children have all worked incredibly hard performing 4 times this week, with excellent singing, dancing and acting. Thank you for your support helping children to learn lines, providing costumes and coming to watch.



The Nativity photograph will be in the Colchester Gazette Nativity supplement on Tuesday 16th December!

Afterschool Chillout – Update

We are aware that several families have been affected by the sudden and unexpected suspension of Afterschool Chillout's Wrap Around Care offer and have been monitoring the issue very carefully. Afterschool Chillout has not yet resumed, and communication from the provider has been very limited, based on the fact that they have been told very little about the revised timescales themselves. The school has discussed this at length with governors, who recognise the impact on families and are exploring options for wrap-around care. We are currently assessing demand and the feasibility of using school spaces for such provision. Any school-run service would take time to set up, with the earliest likely start being September 2026, although we are also exploring external

providers who might operate sooner. To help governors make informed decisions, **we ask all parents to complete [this short questionnaire](https://forms.gle/nrhjBnEJ53sDukAh7)**. We are asking all parents to complete it—even if you do not plan to use the service—because using school spaces for wrap-around care will affect existing afterschool clubs and activities, such as sports, drama, dance, KS2 production work, PTA events, and more. Governors need a clear picture of demand and potential impact before proceeding. Thank you for your support and for completing the questionnaire **no later than the last day of term: Friday 19th December 2025**, which can be found here: <https://forms.gle/nrhjBnEJ53sDukAh7>

Jingle Bells Christmas Week Menu

Please see our Christmas Dinner Menu for the last week of term further in the newsletter. Remember if you have not placed an order for the Christmas dinner, taking place on the last day of term, your child will need to bring in a packed lunch from home.

Christmas Service

We warmly invite you to attend our Christmas Service on Friday 19th December at 10am which will be held at the C3 Church, Ypres Rd, Colchester CO2 7FD. We hope to see you there!

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 **15th December at 2.30pm (without children)**, to practise a song to sing at the Christmas service on the 19th December at C3 church. Sign in at the office where Mrs Mulvey will meet you for a rehearsal in the studio. **See you there!**



Essex Library Winter Reading Challenge



What is the Winter Reading Challenge?

The Winter Reading Challenge is a fun activity put together by Essex Library Service for children aged 0-12. It encourages children and families to keep reading over the winter and to visit their local library.

Children are invited to complete 6 challenges from a list of 12 reading and creative activities, and it's **FREE** to take part. Their mission is to help some friendly animals that work in different professions across Essex!

How can my child take part?

Visit your [local library](#) to sign up. Your child will:

- Receive their Challenge sheet
- Choose 6 challenges to complete (from a list of 12)
- Earn a sticker for each challenge they complete
- When they've completed 6 challenges, they will receive a certificate and they will be able to enter our prize draw – with the chance to win bigger prizes such as Kindles, book tokens and toys

When?

The challenge starts on Saturday 10th January and runs through to the end of the February half term on 22nd February. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the Essex Library Service [website](#) to check. Head to your local library this winter and sign up! You can find out more about the challenge on the [library website](#) and if you have any questions, please ask staff in the library.

First Site Holiday Fun

Please see the end of the newsletter for the First Site Holiday Fun during the Christmas Holidays.

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 5th January 2026 – 13th 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 **today**, (Friday 12th 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 today.

PTA Upcoming Events



Kendall Church of England Primary School Colchester

KENDALL PTA

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 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

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.



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

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 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
Music	18 th May 2026	9.30–10.30am
History	10 th 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.**

Thank you to our 49 supporters, we are so excited because together, in just 2 months, we have raised an amazing £407.78!

This is FREE money– it doesn't cost you a penny!

Let's see if we can make it 60 supporters – with 210 children at the school, I know we can do it!

Please – if you have not joined yet – do so – it is making such a difference to the quality of resources we can provide for your children ♥

Forest School Diary 12th December 2025

The children in EYFS worked hard to finish off their wooden snowmen during their session. Adding on fluffy scarves to keep them warm, the finished results were rather cute and cheerful looking.



Year 1 are in full Christmas mode this week and are thoroughly enjoying the activities here in the woodland. From making Christmas pudding decorations to putting together Santa's sleigh, there was something for everyone to enjoy.



Last week Year 2 continued to make Christingles. These have been made using small wooden rounds which the children have painted orange to represent the satsuma. Other resources used are sticks, red ribbon and colourful wooden beads.



Year 3 worked on finishing their wood slice decorations this week. The children are looking forward to bringing them home to hang in pride of place upon the Christmas tree. A few of the group worked together to build a shelter in the woodland and the children took inspiration after seeing how good the Year 6 shelters were looking.



This week Year 4 enjoyed their time climbing the high ropes. All of the children have grown in confidence and this was evident watching them climb – well done to everyone!



This week Year 5 have been crafting Christmas decorations in the woodland. Some made snowmen, others chose to make small wooden trains. We will finish with our crafting next week in time for the Christmas break.



This week Year 6 kept busy working on their shelters using resources such as sticks, bark and moss to fill in any gaps or potential leak hazards. Next week we will put all shelters to the weatherproof challenge!



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!***

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 **15th January 2026**.

e-Safety For Parents - Updated Android Controls

From the beginning of December 2025 Google is releasing new and updated parental controls for Android devices. These include:

- Set the amount of screen time that can be spent on a device each day to help establish healthy habits.
- Set downtime schedules to automatically lock the device at night to ensure restful sleep without distraction.
- Control app usage by limiting time spent on specific apps, or blocking apps entirely.
- Add more time by granting extra minutes when a time limit is reached, or to extend a scheduled break.

You can find further details about these updates on the Google blog [HERE](#) and Internet Matters have a handy Android guide for parents which you can find [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: Cole K, Lily T, Noah F, Belle S and Mim M



Maths Challenge

Don't forget to enter!

Kendall Team Points

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

Elm	Ash	Birch	Yew
2nd	4th	3rd	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 5** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	95.35%	
Year 1	98%	
Year 2	96.65%	
Year 3	93%	
Year 4	98.65%	
Year 5	99%	★
Year 6	94.65%	
Overall Attendance		96.5%

(Week ending 05/12/2025)

Have a lovely weekend!

Clare French
Headteacher

Allergen Check List Last Updated December 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 ✓

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	£5.50
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 – Next Week

	Autumn Term 2025
December	
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	PTA Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation)
Friday 19 th	Christmas service at C3 church (Abbey Fields) 10am
Friday 19 th	Children's Christmas Dinner
Friday 19 th	Last Day of Term

Dates for your Diary – Spring Term

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

Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

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.

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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

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Academic Year 2026-2027

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First Site Holiday Fun

Firstsite Holiday Fun

December Holidays
Tue 23 Dec, Sat 27 Dec
Tue 30 Dec, Sat 3 Jan

Activities take place at:
Firstsite
Lewis Gardens, High St
Colchester, Essex
CO1 1JH

FREE

Make
Free creative art activities
10:00am - 2:30pm

Move
Free fun sport and social activities
10:45am - 11:45am
& 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Canteen
Free freshly made hot meals for all the family
11:45am & 1:00pm

Our Holiday Fun activities are for families facing economic challenges or who require additional support during the school holidays, including those that qualify for benefit-based free school meals.

- Advanced booking is essential for Move activities and Canteen
- Activities most suitable for 4-11 years, but all ages welcome
- Caregivers are required to stay on site throughout the activities
- Menus and lists of activities available at www.firstsite.uk

How to book

Early bird tickets will be available from 9am Tue 16 Dec.

More tickets will be released three days in advance of each session.

Limited spaces available, offered on a first come first served basis.

If you can no longer attend your booking, please let us know as soon as possible by calling 01206 713700. If you contact us 24 hours before the event your space can be made available for another family.

Thank you!

Book online at firstsite.uk or call 01206 713700

Scan the QR code to book

How to find us

Firstsite, Lewis Gardens
High Street, Colchester CO1 1JH

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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.

30th November Mewy Church St Margaret's 2:00 - 4:00 PM <i>per booking requested, children accompanied by an adult. £2 requested donation per family.</i> 5th December Colne Endeavour Carol Concert St Margaret's 7:30 PM 6th December Christmas Hub St Stephen's 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon 7th December Christmas Mewy / Tree decorating service St Stephen's 10:15 AM Silver Oyster Christmas Fayre St Margaret's 1:00 - 4:00 PM Open Church and Carol Singing from 3:00 PM 13th December Christmas Hub St Stephen's 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon New Town Carol Singing St Stephen's 4:45 PM starting at St Stephen's, end at the Old One Out Pub around 7pm for soup and more singing 17th December Abbeygate Concert Band Christmas Concert St Stephen's 2:00 PM	19th December St Leonard's Carol Service (with bell ringing from 7:00 PM) St Leonard's 7:30 PM 20th December Christmas Hub St Stephen's 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon Breakfast with Father Christmas, <i>per booking requested</i> A Christmas Carol by Candlelight St Stephen's £8.50 per adult 6:30 PM Doors open at 5:00 PM 21st December Joint Carol Service with the Rotted Methodist Silver Band Wimpole Road 6:30 PM 24th December - Christmas Eve Christingle Service St Stephen's 2:00 PM Crib Service Wimpole Road 4:00 PM Candlelight All Age Nativity Service St Margaret's 4:30 PM Midnight Communion Service St Stephen's 11:00 PM 25th December - Christmas Day Christmas Day Celebration with Holy Communion and Christmas continental breakfast St Margaret's 10:15 AM
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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 20th 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
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Stephen's

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

Christingle Service



Welcome to all on the
Christmas Eve, 24th 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
(28th Jan, 4th, 11th, 25th Feb and 4th, 11th and 18th 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
or Jackie (07732 122688) Jackie@childfirsttrust.org.uk

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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

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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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Community & Family Learning Courses



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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