



Kendall Church of England
Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

16th January 2026

Newsletter 17 Spring Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wraparound Childcare Update

Thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to respond to our Parent Survey about Wraparound Childcare. Your feedback has been invaluable in helping us understand the level of need within our school community. As a result of this information, the school is now working with a third-party childcare provider and a local venue in the hope that we will be able to offer after-school wraparound childcare to all children who require it at Kendall Primary School. The provider and venue are due to meet on 20th January to discuss technical arrangements and contractual matters. At the same time, the process of registering the facility with Ofsted—which is a required step before any wraparound provision can begin—will be initiated. In addition, we are planning to extend our Breakfast Club provision to open from 7.30am (currently 8.00am). We hope this extended provision will be ready to start after the February half term. If you would like to register an initial expression of interest (without commitment) in either the extended Breakfast Club or after-school wraparound provision, please email Mrs Gloc at admin@kendall.essex.sch.uk so that we can gauge likely uptake. In the meantime, we will continue to keep parents informed through weekly updates as we make progress towards establishing our new wraparound childcare provision.

Year 2 Visit to Colchester Roman Circus

On Monday Year 2 visited the Colchester Roman Circus to learn about what Colchester was like as a garrison town during Roman times. We learnt about how the town changed due to the actions of Boudica and how the Romans rebuilt the town. We also learnt how important chariot racing was to the Romans. We definitely wouldn't have wanted to be a charioteer after learning how dangerous the races were! Year 2 represented the school beautifully, displaying excellent behaviour throughout the day.



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 58 supporters, we are so excited because together, in just 3 months, we have raised an amazing £480.06!

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 ♥

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

Relationship and Sex Education Curriculum Review – Parent Survey

The Department for Education has recently updated its national guidance for Relationships, Sex and Health Education. Schools are expected to review their provision to ensure it remains age-appropriate, inclusive and clearly communicated with parents. At Kendall, learning about relationships, wellbeing and staying safe forms part of our wider Personal Development curriculum, supported by our computing curriculum for online safety. Much of this learning is already in place, but the updated guidance gives us the opportunity to review and refine how it is organised and explained to families.

Before making any changes, we would like to hear parents' views. We are inviting all parents and carers to complete a short survey to help us understand what the school does well and how we can communicate this learning more clearly. Please follow this link to let us know your thoughts:

<https://forms.gle/cBPxiUxCzihoueD27>

Forest School Diary 16th January 2026

EYFS ventured to the top woodland during their session. We spoke about boundaries and how they keep us safe while in the forest. The children took a little time to explore their surroundings and enjoy a change of scenery while learning the places that are safe to explore and which are the no-go areas.



Year 1 braved the pouring rain this week during their session and enjoyed activities such as making mud faces using pine cones, leaves and pine needles. They also spent time searching for the longest worm and gathering up as much rain water as they could find. This goes to show that whatever the weather, our Kendall kids are always ready for outdoor adventure!



Year 2 explored some of the remedies used by Mary Seacole during the Crimean War to treat soldiers against illness such as fevers, wounds and stomach upsets. A few of the remedies incorporated plants like lemongrass, ginger, okra and aloe vera. The children also made some lemon and ginger tea to help ease symptoms of a cold. At this time of year, this warming drink packed full of vitamins was good for the soul, too!



This week Year 3 continued with their class history topic by making small Roman shields. These were made using hand tools such as the bow saws and hammers. They will be learning more about the shields, the soldiers who used them and the formations they made in class.



Year 4 took part in an invertebrate hunt this week. Due to the cold weather of late, we were not expecting to find much, but to our surprise, we found lots of different species. All the findings were recorded on the tally chart provided which the children will discuss further when they look at this data in class.



This week, Year 5 had a turn at climbing the high ropes. The children took to the Pirate Challenge and did very well. Good job everyone!



This week, Year 6 worked together to take part in the crate challenge. This is where each group must navigate through the woodland using only 3 plastic crates and 2 wooden planks, without falling off! After a tricky start each group did exceptionally well and even had time to enjoy the rope swing.



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!***

For Parents – Playstation Family App (from Alan Mackenzie)

The Playstation Family App came out in Sept 2025 and it is a great way to help parents set up and manage their children's Gaming experience. Features include:

- Manage playtime.
- Activity report.
- Visibility into what children are playing.

- Approving playtime requests.

On this web page you will find detailed instructions to guide you through setting up a child account, get notified what game your child is playing in real time, approve or decline a request for extra playtime, apply content filters, privacy settings and more. There is also an equivalent for the Xbox. Both can be found below:

- Webpage: [Playstation Family App](#)
- Webpage: [X-Box Family App](#)

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/>

Child First Trust Free Parenting Workshop at Kendall – LAST CALL!



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: Elsie-Rose A, Isabella B and Matilda G



Headteacher Cups

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

Michael O, Noah EE and Andre I

Golden Awards

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

James F, Gracie H, David A, Oscar-George B, Morgan C, Lilia C, Freddie B, Dylan S, Ching C, Belle S, Mahaut DJ, Eleanor T, Darcy R and Monica B

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Jack** in **Year 1** 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:

Migah S and Tadiwa M

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 6** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	93.7%	
Year 1	95.65%	
Year 2	97.35%	
Year 3	96.6%	
Year 4	98%	
Year 5	93%	
Year 6	99%	★
Overall Attendance	96.2%	

(Week ending 09/01/2026)

Have a lovely weekend!

Clare French
Headteacher

Allergen Check List Last Updated **January 2026**

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 1	MONDAY (meat free) Week 1	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Thin crust margherita pizza (v)	Oven baked sausages	Oven roasted chicken breast	Chicken and vegetable curry	Birdseye Omega 3 fish fingers
Vegetarian (V) Or Vegan (Ve)	Vegetable pasta cooked with fresh herbs and garlic in a tomato sauce (ve)	Veggie sausages Vegan sausages (v) (ve)	Cheese puff (v0 VE)	Vegetable and lentil sweet potato curry (ve)	Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (ve)
Sides	Sweetcorn Vegan coleslaw	Creamy mashed potatoes, garden peas, vegan gravy (ve)	Roast potatoes, stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, carrots, peas, sweetcorn, vegan gravy	50/50 rice Warm naan bread	Chips Baked beans
Freshly prep salad bar	Tomatoes, Iceberg lettuce, cucumber,			Tomatoes, iceberg lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes	Tomatoes, iceberg lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes
Dessert	Strawberry angel delight or fresh fruit	Iced chocolate brownie or fresh fruit	Honeydew melon, pineapple and grapes or yogurt	Apple crumble and custard or yogurt	Iced sponge cake or fresh fruit

Please let us know what you would like to see on our school dinner menu.
We would love to hear your ideas! Email us: admin@kendall.essex.sch.uk

Schedule of Trips and Visits 2025/2026

Budgeting £20 a quarter (£80 a year – or approximately £2 a term-time week) should cover the cost of trips. Where a trip is more expensive, for example £40, we will always try to make sure that over the academic year, the cost for all 4 Quarters comes to no more than £80 for the trips and visits we organise. Sadly, with school funding being at an all-time low in real terms, the school is financially unable to subsidise trips and visits to the extent it has done in the past. If we do not receive enough contributions to cover the cost, we will reluctantly have to cancel trips or visitors to the school. We are hoping to run the following trips next year, but these are subject to provider availability:

Year Group	Quarter 1 Sept–Nov	Quarter 2 Nov–Feb	Quarter 3 Feb–May	Quarter 4 May–July
EYFS	NA	NA	Farm Visit	Seaside Visit
Year 1	Musical Workshop	Arctic Explorer	Hyde Hall – all about plants!	Colne Valley Railway
Year 2	Local Geography Walk	Colchester Cemetery – Colchester as an Army Town	Library Visit and Synagogue Visit	St Stephen's Church
Year 3	Stone Age to Iron Age History Day	Colchester Castle – Roman History	Colchester Zoo – Rainforest	Harwich and Felixstowe Docks – Geography Field Trip
Year 4	West Stow – Anglo-Saxons	Swimming & French Feast Day	Siege of Colchester – Historic Walk	River Colne – Geography Field Trip
Year 5	Henry Moore Foundation Art Trip	Life in Ancient Greece Day – History Experience	Life in Ancient Egypt Day – History Experience	Explore Nature Day (Beth Chatto depending on availability)
Year 6	PGL Bawdsey Manor (residential) London Aquarium/Houses of Parliament	Mayan History Day	Local Geographical Field Trip – OS mapping	Crucial Crew and Treat Trip

Quarter 2 Trips and Visits and Associated Costs

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	No trips	
Year 1	Arctic Explorer	£7.70
Year 2	Roman Circus	£5.50
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 – Spring Term

	Spring Term 2026
January	
Thursday 22 nd	Year 4 Swimming Session 2
Thursday 22 nd	Parent & Child DT (Design Technology) Workshop 9:30am-10:30am
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

Dates for your Diary – Spring Term (continued)

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



What is the difference between the largest digit and the smallest digit in the number 2026?

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



If you add all the digits of 2026 you get a total of 10.

What will be the next year where all the digits add up to 10?

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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