



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

13th March 2026

Newsletter 24 Spring Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



PTA Easter Egg Art Competition

To celebrate the Easter season, the PTA is delighted to launch our Easter Egg Art Competition! All children are invited to take part by creating their own colourful Easter egg design. Children can colour, paint or collage their egg in any way they like – the more creative the better!

How to enter:

- Decorate your Easter egg design
- Write your name and year group on the back.
- Carefully cut out the egg once it is finished.

Parents are invited to make a £1 voluntary contribution via School Gateway to help support the PTA and raise funds for the school. However, all children are welcome to enter, whether a contribution is made or not. There is a printable template at the end of this newsletter, and a paper copy is being sent home today. We can't wait to see all the egg-cellent creations!

Beat the Street – Go Team Kendall!

1	Kendall Church of England Prima...	315 players	47,630 pts
2	St John's Green Primary School	518 players	39,900 pts ...
3	Hamilton Primary School	256 players	19,400 pts ...
4	St. George's School	242 players	12,810 pts ...
5	St Michael's Primary School an...	208 players	11,410 pts ...

We have made an amazing start to *Beat the Street* and are currently **number one** out of all the schools in Colchester – what a brilliant achievement! Well done to everyone who has taken part so far. It has been wonderful hearing how enthusiastic the children are and seeing our whole school community getting involved in keeping fit and healthy by walking and wheeling around Colchester.

However, there are a couple of big teams just behind us and they are closing the gap quickly! The weekend is a great opportunity to add even more points to our score. If you are out and about, remember to take your card with you and check the map to see which *Beat Boxes* you can tap along your route. Don't forget that if you haven't completed the survey yet, you can earn 100 bonus points for the school.

Keep tapping – and let's stay at the top of the leaderboard!

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 Summer Term 2026 (From 13th April 2026 – 8th May 2026), please make payment of £11.60 (40p per day) via School Gateway under Kendall Tuck Trolley. Payment must to be made no later than **Friday 27th March**, 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 27th March.

After School Clubs – Summer Term 2026

The new Autumn Term After School Clubs are now available to apply for online. The form will close at the end of the school day on **Wednesday 25th March 2026**. All clubs will start during the week beginning **20th April 2026** (with the exception of Jigsaw Puzzles and Traditional Playground Games which are only for 2nd half term). All clubs finish week ending **10th July 2026**. Please complete 1 form per child – do not include multiple children on 1 form. Allocation of clubs will be confirmed during the week beginning **13th April 2026**. Please click on the link below (or copy and paste into your browser) to see all clubs available and submit your applications:

<https://forms.gle/6CEuqwbQDDWQdK34A>

Club	Yr Group	Cost
Football (KS1)	EYFS, Yr 1 & 2	Whole Term £50
Drama	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	Whole term £33
Chess	Yr 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Whole term £44
Jigsaw Puzzles (2 nd half term only)	EYFS, Yr 1 & 2	2 nd Half term only £18
Basketball	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	Whole term £55
Traditional Playground Games (2 nd half term only)	Yr 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	2 nd Half term only £18
Sports Games	EYFS, Yr 1 & 2	Whole term £55
Spanish	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	Whole term £44
Lego/Colouring	EYFS, Yr 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Whole term £33
Football (KS2)	Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	Whole term £55

There will also be an additional Dance Club, run by CGD (Carol Gale School of Dance) on Fridays taking place in our school hall, for all year groups. Please see the letter at the end of the newsletter how to book and make payment direct to the dance school. **Please be aware booking and payment is only available directly to the dance school.**

School Trips and Visiting Workshops

This is your last chance to complete our short survey regarding school trips and visits. Please click on this link: <https://forms.gle/oDoG7AtYHtyPRS6w8> All responses are anonymous.

Wraparound Childcare Update

There are no new updates from Fun4 kids this week as their newly appointed staff undergo training.

Kendall Parent Choir

Our next and final rehearsal will be on Tuesday 24th March 7pm-7:45pm (no children at this one please). The actual service is on Friday 27th March. See you there! From Mrs Mulvey.



Up & Coming PTA Easter Discos



Join Us for Parent & Child Workshops at Kendall!

Please join our Parent and Child Workshops, offering a chance to learn alongside your child in fun, hands-on sessions led by Kendall's subject leaders. Each workshop is suitable for children in Years 1-6. Book via the school office. We look forward to seeing you!

Workshop	Date	Time
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

Mrs. Mulvey has been busy planning a fantastic, hands-on RE workshop where children can excitedly say, "Mum/Dad, come and see what we're doing!" and we still have 5 spaces left! This special session is designed as an interactive experience for parents and children to explore and create together. It's a wonderful chance to step into your child's school world, enjoy quality time, and maybe learn

something new — no homework required! Mrs. Mulvey would love to welcome more parents to join the fun. If you can spare the time, please sign up — your child will cherish having you there! 😊

Forest School Diary 13th March 2026

This week in Forest School, EYFS constructed houses for the three little pigs. This was carried out using different materials found in the woodland such as sticks, leaves and bricks. The children proved they are great builders as we had houses of all different shapes and sizes. A few of the children enjoyed a spot of snake catching as you will see from our photos!



Year 1 spent their session in the playground this week due to the high winds. They enjoyed many activities such as shell art, bark rubbing and planting apple pips to name a few.



Year 2 kept themselves busy in Forest School this week. They took part in various activities such as planting into welly boots to decorate our woodland fence, cutting wood with the bow saw in preparation to make wooden flowers for our wildlife area and taking part in an experiment to see if we can germinate avocado seeds under different conditions.



This week Year 3 created a biome in a bottle. The children layered the bottles up with gravel, sand, soil and leaves, then added things like grasses, weeds and moss. These were then sealed tightly and placed in a suitable location in the woodland. The children will be sure to check up on them often to monitor progress.



Year 4 took part in climbing the leap of faith and the cargo net this week. Many of the children progressed and challenged themselves to beat their previous achievements.



This week, Year 5 began work on their full size shadoof. Firstly, they gathered up suitable sticks – then they got to work cutting them to size before tying them together. This activity will take a few weeks to complete but the children have made a great start!



This week, Year 6 had a misty start to their session and we all agreed it felt a little chilly. So, to keep warm the children got stuck into some much-needed woodland management. They helped with jobs such as clearing pathways, our hedgehog area, the fire circle and replacing barriers and boundaries. The children were wonderful helpers and made big improvements around the woodland.



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!***

Essex Outdoors Holiday Activities

Exhilarating school holiday activity days for children age 8+ during. Please see flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information from Essex Outdoors holiday activities.

For Parents – YouTube Kids (From Alan McKenzie)

One of the biggest frustrations I hear from parents of younger children is that the content on YouTube Kids is too childish or the content isn't what their children want to watch. The end result is that only a tiny minority of young children use YouTube Kids, with the majority on the main YouTube site. A feature that has been within YouTube Kids for years, but so very few parents know about, is called 'Parent Allowlisting'. This does a number of things, but one of the most important and useful is that parents can keep their younger children within the safer environment of the Kids app, and parents can approve individual videos from the main YouTube service to that particular child's YouTube Kids account. This keeps younger children away from the dreaded recommender algorithms and allows parents to moderate what their children can or cannot see.

I have linked a short video which is on YouTube to explain what Parent Allow listing is and how it's used: [YouTube Kids Parent Allow Listing](#)

For Parents – What is Monetisation (From Alan McKenzie)

Monetisation is how content creators earn money through social media and video-sharing platforms, with some creators using dishonest practices to receive more activity on their posts. Internet Matters have put together a brilliant information guide and you can find the link below.

Link: [For Parents – What is Monetisation?](#)

For Parents – Starting the Conversation (From Alan McKenzie)

The Family Online Safety Institute (FOSI) have produced a great new, simple guide aimed at helping parents start those conversations which can be very difficult. This is specifically for young people rather than teenagers as it covers online dating safety, digital consent and boundaries.

Link: [For Parents – Starting the Conversation with Young People.](#)

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/>

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 reached 63 supporters! We are so excited because together, in just 3 months, we have raised an amazing amount of money.

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

Let's see if we can make it 70 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 ♥

Key Policies for Parents

We thought it would be useful to provide parents with quick links to some of our key policies in our weekly newsletter. Therefore, please find our **Attendance Policy** [HERE](#). Please find our **Homework Policy** [HERE](#). Please find our **Administering Medicines Policy** [HERE](#). Please find our **Mobile Phone Policy** [HERE](#). Please find our **Uniform Policy** [HERE](#). Please find our **Food Policy** [HERE](#). Please find our **Behaviour Policy** [HERE](#) and finally our **Parent Helper – School Trip Policy** [HERE](#). A link to our school webpage that has all of our statutory policies uploaded can be found [HERE](#). **Dressing for Forest School** [HERE](#).

Safety on the School Road

Please note that, as indicated by road signs, parents must not drive on the road accessing Kendall, Scarlett's, and ECL at any time. The landowner, local businesses, and the school have worked together to reduce congestion and improve safety for children. Stopping on the private road may result in a penalty notice. To request a free parking pass for the Port Lane Recreation Ground car park (usable at drop-off and pick-up times), please contact the school office.

Food Bank Vouchers

Please don't forget that the school is an agent for food bank vouchers. Please speak in confidence to a member of the school office or Mrs French if you need to use this service.

Reminder! No Chocolate Spread in Home Packed Lunches

Please remember that chocolate spread is not allowed in packed lunches due to the risk it poses to children with nut allergies. Details are in our prospectus and the [School Dinner page of our website](#).

Happy Birthday!

Please join us in saying happy birthday to: Joshua A, Arlo S, Naeto K and Dylan S



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week: Perrie H, Connor B and Noah F

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week: Jesse E, Zainab T, Jacob C, Mason F, Penelope E, Ruby-Rose L, Joshua D, Rosie EB, Rory B, Leon K, Frankie B, Polly R, Mirella S and Orlagh Rose T

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Sylvie** in **Year 2** who received our Writer of the Week award and took home a new stationery set and journal – keep up that good writing!

Maths Awards

Don't forget to enter!

Kendall Team Points

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

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

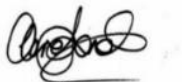
Amazing Attendance? Free Tuck Friday!

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	91%	
Year 1	97.65%	
Year 2	90%	
Year 3	95.9%	
Year 4	91.65%	
Year 5	100%	★
Year 6	88.35%	
Overall Attendance		93.5%

(Week ending 06/03/2026)

Have a lovely weekend!



Clare French
Headteacher

Allergen Check List Last Updated March 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 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 vegan <u>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 3 Trips and Visits and Associated Costs

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	Farm Visit	£23
Year 1	Hyde Hall	£19.50
Year 2	Library	No cost
Year 3	Colchester Zoo	£19.70 (£12.70 with Gold Card)
Year 4	Siege of Colchester	No cost
Year 5	Ancient Egyptian Day	£21
Year 6	Local Geographical Field Trip – OS mapping	TBC

Dates for your Diary

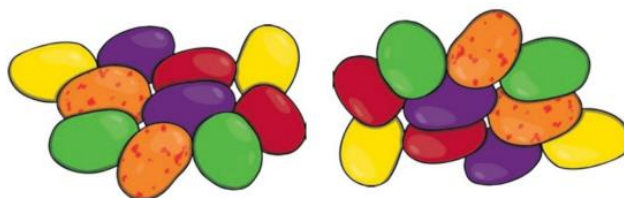
March	
Wednesday 18 th	RE Parent & Child Workshop 2pm–3pm
Thursday 19 th	Year 3 Colchester Zoo Visit
Thursday 19 th	Year 4 Swimming Session 9
Friday 20 th	PTA Easter Discos EYFS/KS1: 5pm–6:15pm KS2: 6:30pm–8pm
Thursday 26 th	Year 4 Swimming Final Session
Friday 27 th	Easter Service at C3 Church 10am
Friday 27 th	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 30 th – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2026	
April	
Monday 13 th	First Day of Summer Term
Tuesday 28 th	EYFS Boydells Farm Visit
Wednesday 29 th	Year 1 Hyde Hall Visit
May	
Monday 4 th	Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th to Thursday 14 th	Year 6 SATs
Friday 22 nd	Year 6 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th	Half Term Holiday
June	
Friday 5 th	Rainbow Day
Friday 5 th	EYFS Bake Sale 3:15pm
Friday 12 th	Year 5 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Friday 19 th	Year 4 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Friday 26 th	Year 3 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Monday 29 th	Sports Day
July	
Friday 3rd July	Year 2 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Thursday 9 th	KS2 Production 7pm
Friday 10 th	KS2 Production 1:30pm & 7pm
Friday 10 th	Year 1 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Thursday 16 th	Year 6 Treat Trip
Friday 17 th	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9:30am
Friday 17 th	Last Day of Summer Term

Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge



I have 20 jelly beans and eat an odd number of them?



How many jelly beans could be left?

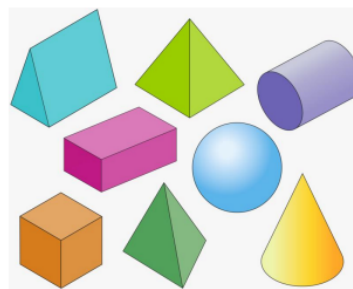
If you think you know, write your name and answer on a slip of paper and post it into the correct box on the table. The winner will be announced in two weeks' time.

Good luck!

Kendall KS2 Fortnightly Maths Challenge



What if there were two 3D shapes in a bag and the total number of faces added up to 10?



Which two shapes could it be?
How many solutions can you find?

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' time.

Good luck!

Academic Year 2025-2026

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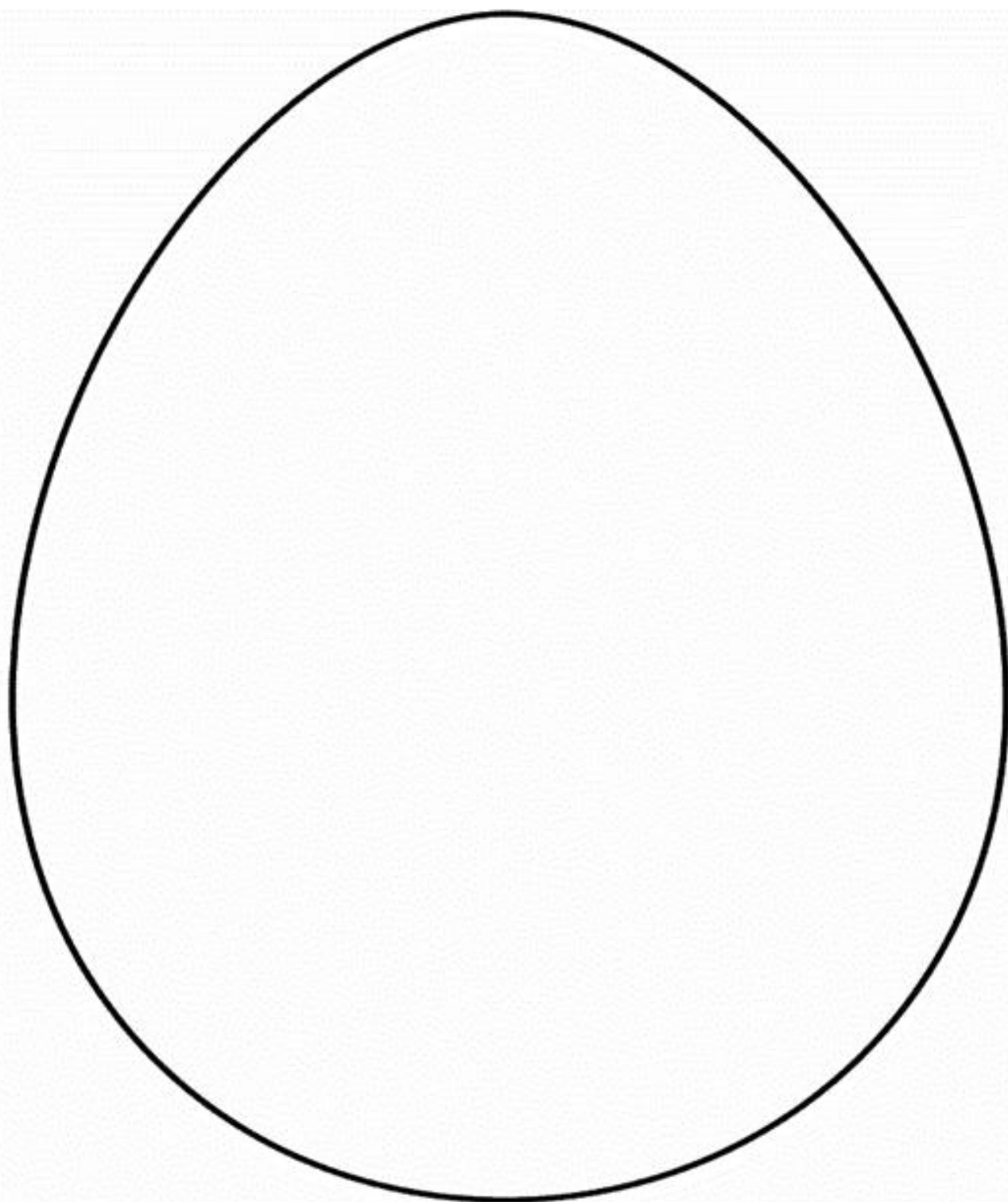
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated,
Please note, two non-pupil days are yet to be allocated.



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- Carefully cut out the egg once it is finished and hand it into the school office



Carol Gale School of Dance

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We are pleased to invite pupils at Kendall Primary School to our summer term dance club sessions:

Friday 24th April to 10th July 2026 3.15-4.15pm.

There are only a limited amount spaces available so please contact Stacey on 07725597775 before making payment.

Open to children in reception to year 6 at Kendall Primary.

Any children who are allowed to walk home on their own please make us aware that they will not be collected by a parent using the contact details below.

The class is £44 for 11 weeks up to the Summer Holidays.

Secure your child's place now by messaging first to check availability, then paying the full, non-refundable amount to:

Carol Gale School of Dance

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Please put your child's full name and year group in the payment reference & send a message or email to Stacey to confirm payment.

Kind regards

Stacey Taylor

Principal of the Carol Gale School of Dance

A photograph of four children wearing white Petzl helmets and climbing a large wooden structure. The child in the foreground is a girl with blonde hair, wearing a yellow t-shirt and blue shorts, smiling and holding a wooden pole. Behind her are three other children, also smiling and climbing. The background shows green foliage and trees.

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