



Kendall Church of England Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

27th March 2026

Newsletter 26 Spring Term 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the children, staff (especially Mrs Mulvey) parents (especially the parent choir) and the C3 church for coming together this morning for the most uplifting of Easter Services. We were so pleased to have so many people join us to celebrate Easter together.



Beat the Street – Keep Going Team Kendall!

1	Kendall Church of England Prima...	367 players	233,180 pts
2	Home Farm Primary School	656 players	188,900 pts
3	Highwoods Community Primar...	605 players	167,610 pts
4	St John's Church of England Vo...	311 players	162,930 pts
5	St John's Green Primary School	736 players	149,820 pts

We have been amazed at the number of children and parents at Kendall who have been playing Beat the Street. We are significantly in the lead and have almost passed the quarter of a million points milestone. For a single-form entry school playing against much bigger schools this is incredible.

Over the Easter break is a perfect opportunity to get outside, keep active and collect those Beat the Street points. If you haven't already, make sure you complete the survey for a free 100 points and download the app. That way you'll be able to collect gems (and even more points) as you walk and wheel around Colchester.

Beat the Street are also hosting a series of events over Easter including a cycle workshop, St Helena Hospice Hero Fun Run and C3 Church Fun Day. These are all free and give you a chance to get extra points. Find out more by visiting: <https://beatthestreet.me/colchester/events/>

PTA Easter Egg Colouring Competition Winners!



Thank you to all children who entered our fun Easter Egg art competition this year. We had some fantastic entries! Thank you to the PTA who provided the prizes and had the difficult job of judging the winners and the runners up. Thanks also to all those who donated £1.00 to the PTA, we raised £27. Congratulations to the winners, as follows:

Year	1 st Place	Runner Up
EYFS	Liam G	Ameylia W
Year 1	Alpha Katherine S	Quinlan MF
Year 2	Morgan C	Martha G
Year 3	Kassandra G	Isabelle D
Year 4	Nina & Belle S	Dexter EB
Year 5	Emelia T	Matilda G
Year 6	Millie H	Orlagh Rose T

Get Caught Reading Winners!

So many children were caught reading and I know the staff and children had a great time looking at all the places you got caught in! Congratulations to the following winners: EYFS Bonnie-Rose H, Year 1 Brooke S, Year 2 Dexter S, Winifred G, Year 4 Ella LH, Year 5 Peyton E and Yr 6 Bradley G.



Reminder! Pupil Contact Record Sheet

This week your child will have brought home their pupil Contact Record Sheet. To ensure we have all the correct and up to date information, which is legally required in case of an emergency, please check all the details, amend if necessary, sign and date anywhere on the sheet and return to the school office by **Friday 17th April 2026**, even if no changes are necessary. Thank you.

New Summer Term Menus

We're excited to introduce our new **Summer Term School Dinner Menu**. Please see the end of the newsletter for Week 1 starting after the Easter holidays.

Wraparound Childcare Update

Fun4 kids are hiring! See below for more information...

A graphic for a job advertisement. It features the text 'WE'RE HIRING' in large blue letters. Below it, in smaller blue text, is 'Level 2+ Childcare Practitioner for the role of Deputy Manager in our up and coming after-school club at Kendall.' To the left of the text are three colored squares: yellow, green, and red. To the right is a red rectangle. Below the main text is a yellow box with the contact information: 'Contact cathy@fun4kidscolchester.co.uk for an application pack!'. There are also some small colored triangles scattered around the text.

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Practitioner for the role of
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Contact cathy@fun4kidscolchester.co.uk
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Please see job description at the end of the newsletter and please pass this information on to anyone you think could be interested in the role.

Easter Events

Please see a range of Easter events in the community at the end of the newsletter.

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
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

Forest School Diary 20th March 2026

Taking inspiration from Year 2, the children in EYFS decided to put together their own Easter garden. Working together the children added soil, moss, grasses and anything else interesting that they could find into a large tuff tray. They finished their creations off with some flowers and of course a cross. Great job!



This week Year 1 set off on an Easter hunt around the woodland searching for hidden chicks, eggs and even hot cross buns. They completed the task by placing them into the correct basket.



Last week in the woodland Year 2 made Easter gardens to remind them of the Easter story. The finished results were very pretty as you can see from our photos. The children enjoyed the activity so much, that some of the children wanted to create an even bigger garden. Well done Year 2!



Woodland adventures for Year 3 this week included whittling sticks that could be used as skewers, toasting hot cross buns over the open fire, and gathering together as many lady birds as physically possible to create a small lady bug garden.



This week Year 4 spent their time being creative, crafting items such as a bow and arrow, story sticks, and crochet to make bracelets. The children even found time to sit and enjoy a hot cross bun.



Year 5 took part in climbing this week. Many of the children pushed their limits to climb higher than they had previously, and should be extremely proud of themselves.



This week Year 6 were very lucky as they were able to enjoy a tasty Easter treat of hot cross buns. They were toasted over the open fire and were absolutely delicious. Many of the group even toasted theirs over small fires built and lit by themselves.



Reminder: Forest School Clothing

Our guide, ***How to Dress for Forest School***, can be found [here](#) and it is also available on our website.

WhatsApp Now Allows Under 13's (by Alan McKenzie)

WhatsApp has been a significant concern for many schools, particularly chat groups where predominantly low-level issues suddenly escalate. Last week, in another completely unexpected move, WhatsApp announced that children under 13 can now use WhatsApp via 'Parent-Managed Accounts'. Essentially these are accounts set up by the parent on the child's device, but managed from the parent's device. As well as no access to AI within WhatsApp and no ads there are parent management features which include:

- Contact management – parents can choose who can contact their child and which chat groups they can join. Children cannot join groups without parents approval. Messages from unknown contacts are sent to the parent first for approval.
- Activity notifications – parents can view their child's activity such as when a child adds a new contact or if disappearing messages are turned on. Parents will also be notified if their child blocks or reports a contact.

Link – [**Introducing parent-managed accounts on WhatsApp.**](#)

Link – [**How to set up a parent-managed account.**](#)

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/**](https://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/)

Easy Fundraising

Easy Fundraising is 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.**

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: Oli J, Willow L, Jude W, Noah W, Izzie VE, Victor S, Zainab T, Jax W, Jayden B, Monica B and Jaiden W



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week: Quinlan MF, Amelia G and Florence W

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week: Travis C, Olivia W, Vincent H, Sophie SI, Oli J, Lily T, Gracie C, Winifred G, Amaiya A, Zihao X, Penelope O, Scarlett V, Harrison F and Arabella O

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Boyd** in **EYFS** 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: **Yew!**

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

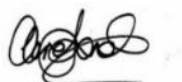
Amazing Attendance? Free Tuck Friday!

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	88.7%	
Year 1	79%	
Year 2	81.65%	
Year 3	89.35%	
Year 4	89%	
Year 5	97.3%	★
Year 6	91%	
Overall Attendance	88%	

(Week ending 20/03/2026)

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 One					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Thin crust cheese and tomato sweet pepper pizza (v)	Cottage pie topped with cheese	Roast Chicken breast	Packed lunch fresh baked Ham baguette	Birds Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Vegetarian (v) Or Vegan (ve)	Ratatouille pasta bake (v/ve)	Veggie cottage pie topped with vegan cheese	Cheese puff (v)	Cheddar Cheese baguette (v) Vegan cheese baguette (ve)	Crispy Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (Ve)
Sides	Vegan coleslaw (ve) Sweetcorn Freshly prepared salad lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes,	Carrots, green beans, Gravy (ve) (gf)	Roast potatoes, stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, carrots, sweetcorn, peas gravy (ve) (gf)	Vegetable sticks Tortilla chips	Chips Baked beans Tomato sauce
Jacket potatoes	Served daily with a choice of cheese, beans, tuna mayo or vegan cheese				
Dessert	Fruit cocktail and cream or Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Waffle with chocolate sauce (v) or yoghurt or fresh fruit	Fresh fruit salad-honeydew melon, pineapple, grapes or yoghurt	Lemon drizzle cake (v) or Fresh fruit	Chocolate ice cream sponge roll or yoghurt 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

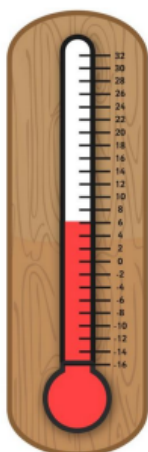
Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	Farm Visit	£23
Year 1	Hyde Hall	£19.50
Year 2	Library	No cost
Year 3	Colchester Zoo	£19.70 (£12.70 with Gold Card)
Year 4	Siege of Colchester	No cost
Year 5	Ancient Egyptian Day	£21
Year 6	Local Geographical Field Trip – OS mapping	TBC

Dates for your Diary

March	
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



Look at the temperature on these 2 thermometers.

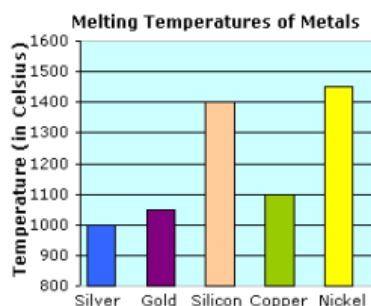


What is the difference between the two temperatures?

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

Here are the melting temperatures for 5 metals.



What is the mean average melting temperature of these 5 metals?

Hint: to work out the mean average, add up all of the values and divide by the number of metals (5).

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!

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 = Non-Pupil Days

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 = Non Pupil Days

Please note: two non-pupil days are yet to be allocated



Deputy Manager - Fun 4 Kids at Kendall

We are excited to be opening a brand new after school club to support the families of Kendall School, and we are looking for a **Deputy Manager** to join our team.

This is a fantastic opportunity for a passionate childcare practitioner to help shape a new setting and make a real difference to children's experiences.

The club will be based at the **ECL Centre on Recreation Road**.

About the Role

The Deputy Manager is essential in supporting the day to day running of the club, working closely with the Manager and wider team to create a safe, engaging, and nurturing environment for the children, and acting as deputy DSL.

You will support children's independence and emotional development, planning and delivering activities that reflect children's individual needs and interests, whilst promoting positive behaviour using encouragement and reinforcement.

About You

We require a warm and caring person, who is enthusiastic about working with children. You must be observant and able to use initiative, whilst being able to communicate confidently with children, staff and parents.

A Level 2 or 3 childcare qualification is desirable, however, we will consider applicants with relevant experience.

Hours & Pay

- Monday to Friday, 2:45pm – 6:00pm (term time only, paid evenly across 12 months, providing a consistent monthly income).
- £14.14 - £13.42 per hour, depending on qualification.

How to Apply

For a full job description and application form, please email cathy@fun4kidscolchester.co.uk

Safeguarding Statement

Fun 4 Kids is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All staff are expected to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check (or be registered with the DBS Update Service), and provide two satisfactory employment references.



Easter Crafts

ACL Colchester

Join us to have fun as a family and improve communication and wellbeing through creative activities.

Date: 02/04/2026

Time: 09:30 - 11:30 or 13:00 - 15:00



Scan the QR code, or Visit our website aclessex.com and type "Easter" in the 'Find a course...' box



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The holidays are fast-approaching

Are you *looking* for something for your child to do during this time?

Why not sign them up to one of our Bikeability Courses.

- Chelmsford
- Harlow
- Witham
- Colchester
- Uttlesford



Please see below the link to book Easter holiday courses:
<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

Firstsite Holiday Fun

April Holiday 2026

Sat 28 Mar, Tue 31 - Sat 4 Apr
Tue 7 Apr - Sat 11 Apr

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

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28th March – 11th April

Easter Egg Trail

Explore the garden to find hidden wooden
eggs, stamp their location on your map, and
enjoy a prize at the end.
Standard garden admission applies.



Book online
www.bethchatto.co.uk/courses



(Link for magazine <https://anyflip.com/btwyj/phjk/>)

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