



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

17th April 2026

Newsletter 27 Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Trips and Visits – Response to the Parent View Questionnaire

Thank you to all parents who responded to our recent consultation regarding school trips and visits. We are very grateful for the time you took to share your views, particularly around notice periods, themes, cost and frequency. Many thoughtful points were raised, along with some helpful requests for clarification.

We are pleased that the large majority of parents are happy with the frequency, type and overall cost of trips and visits. However, we understand that some parents are concerned that, when contributing, they may be covering the cost for families who are unable to pay. We would like to clarify that this is not the case. By law, no child can be prevented from attending a curriculum trip during school hours if their parents are unable to contribute. For this reason, all contributions must be labelled as voluntary. Where there is a shortfall, it is the school that meets the cost from its core budget—not other parents.

While this ensures fairness and inclusion, it does place increasing pressure on school finances. Any shortfall means we must divert funds from other areas, resulting in difficult decisions such as reduced learning support or fewer curriculum resources. The school does not make any profit from trips and visits.

To improve transparency, we will begin providing clearer cost breakdowns for trips so that parents can better understand how contributions are calculated.

Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions, we may have to curtail or cancel trips. This has become more common in recent years due to tightening budgets. For example, a planned Year 6 musical theatre workshop and visit to see *Matilda* in the West End (the year we put this show on as our KS2 End of Year Production) had to be cancelled due to insufficient deposits paid. Some parents may also be aware of other more recent cancellations or reductions.

Despite these challenges, we are grateful that the overwhelming majority of parents continue to support these opportunities, recognising their value in enriching children's learning and broadening their cultural experiences.

It may be surprising to know that the school incurs the greatest financial loss during our Visiting Expert days. Although these take place on-site and do not involve transport costs, they are resource-intensive and involve specialist staff and consumable materials. Examples include the Year 6 Maya Day, the Year 5 Ancient Greek and Egyptian Days, the Year 3 Stone Age Day and the Year 1 Arctic Explorer Day. We strongly encourage parents to continue supporting these events, as they are particularly at risk if contributions decline.

In terms of planning and budgeting, we publish a schedule of trips and visits at the end of each newsletter and on the school website. We aim to provide one experience each term that complements the curriculum. While some activities are free, others may exceed the suggested budget of £20 per quarter. Over the course of a year, this averages approximately £80, excluding the Year 6 residential trip to PGL.

To support forward planning, we hold a Parent Information meeting about the Year 6 PGL residential in January, when children who would be going are still in Year 4. This gives families well over a year to prepare and budget.

We hope this provides clarity around our approach to trips and visits and addresses the concerns raised. Thank you again for your continued support in helping us provide these valuable experiences for all our pupils.

Goodbye Mrs Nixon

At the end of last term, we said a fond farewell to Mrs Nixon, a valued member of our LSA team. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication, care and support she has given to so many children over the years. Her positive impact on our school community has been significant, and she will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils alike.

PE Parent & Child Workshop

On Wednesday, parents were invited to take part in a PE workshop alongside their child. The session began with an overview of the PE curriculum, including the range of sports and physical activities covered across each year group. Following this, everyone participated in a mini sports day, where they competed in a variety of round-robin activities similar to those experienced by the children during the school's sports day. It was a fantastic opportunity for parents to gain insight into PE at Kendall, while also enjoying quality one-to-one time with their child. The event was filled with energy, teamwork and plenty of fun for all involved.

Beat the Street – Keep Going Team Kendall – we are still smashing it!

1	Kendall Church of England Prima...	374 players	407,930 pts
2	Home Farm Primary School	673 players	298,760 pts
3	St John's Church of England Vo...	327 players	288,230 pts
4	Highwoods Community Primar...	626 players	248,200 pts
5	Braibrick Primary School	601 players	225,940 pts

Well done to everyone who continued to 'Beat the Street' over the Easter break. Not only are we currently top of our leader board, we also have the most points of any school in Colchester. This is an amazing achievement for a small school like Kendall. However, it's not all over yet! We are now in the final week of the competition which means that all points collected this week are **DOUBLED!** Make sure you are out there walking, cycling and scooting to keep team Kendall ahead. What's more, you can now sign into your account and complete the final survey for a bonus

100 points. You can also play if you join the Kidical Mass Bike Ride this Saturday: -



Reminder! Pupil Contact Record Sheet

Before Easter your child took 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 (or give to Mrs French or Mrs Smith in the morning on the school gate) by **Monday morning, 20th 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 2.

Wrap Around Care – Update

Fun4Kids have appointed a new Manager and Playworker, who have now started and are currently completing their training. This will ensure they are fully prepared to run the after-school childcare provision for Kendall once it opens. At the same time, the company that manages their booking system is in the process of setting Kendall up on their system. As soon as this is complete, Fun4Kids will provide the school with all the necessary information. We will then share this with parents so you can register your child and select the days they will attend each week. Fun4Kids are also currently looking to appoint a Deputy Manager. If you are interested in this role, or know someone who might be, please contact cathy@fun4kidscolchester.co.uk for an application pack.

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
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

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](#).

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/>

Reminder: Forest School Clothing

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

Forest School Diary 17th April 2026

Before the Easter break, the children in EYFS took part in an Easter Egg Hunt around the woodland. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the children as they searched high and low, to make sure there were no eggs left behind.



This week, Year 1 explored both the top and bottom woodland to investigate and identify new leaf growth on the trees. They gathered up various leaves and ticked them off on the identification chart provided.



Year 2 did not take part in Forest School on Friday before the Easter Holidays due to our Easter service.

Year 3 did not have their Forest School session this week due to staff training,

This week Year 4 used their Forest School skills to put together some weaving looms. These were made in various shapes and sizes using an assortment of foliage found in the woodland. Once completed, we hung them up in the woodlands for a touch of decoration.



Year 5 have made good progress with the shaduf they have been making recently in the woodland. The children have worked together to overcome any structural difficulties they have been faced with. We hope to put them to the test next week using our Forest School Pond.



This week we welcomed Year 6 back into the woodland for another high ropes session. The sun was shining which made it all the more enjoyable for everyone who took part.



Easy Fundraising

[Easy Fundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kendall-primary-school/) 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.**

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: Lilia C, Stanley E, Bradley G and Georgie B



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week: Lyla M, Rory B and Elijah A

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week: Connor B, Ivy-Mae H, Isabella B, Brooke S, Noah EE, Isla P, Joshua A, Flo P, Georgie B, Cayde N, Emilia T, Mabel W, Ben D and Monica B

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Mirella** in **6** who received our Writer of the Week award and took home a new stationery set and journal – keep up that good writing!

Maths Awards

Congratulations to the following winners: **KS1 winner:** Ruby-Rose Y2, **KS2 winner:** Bea Y6
New challenge attached!

Kendall Team Points

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

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

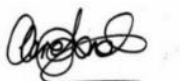
Amazing Attendance? Free Tuck Friday!

Free Tuck Friday – All classes who have achieved the required attendance of at least 96% are highlighted in green. Well done, **Year 3** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	90.35%	
Year 1	90.7%	
Year 2	94.7%	
Year 3	98.25%	★
Year 4	92.7%	
Year 5	96.7%	
Year 6	95.65%	
Overall Attendance	94.05%	

(Week ending 27/03/2026)

Have a lovely weekend!



Clare French
Headteacher

Allergen Check List Last Updated April 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 Two

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Macaroni cheese	Creamy chicken and mushroom pasta bake	Roast chicken breast	Packed lunch chicken baguette	Birds Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers
Vegetarian (v) Or Vegan (ve)	Vegetarian quesadillas with sweetcorn and cucumber summer salad	Vegetable and sweet potato pasta bake	Cheese puff (v)	Cheddar Cheese baguette (v) Vegan cheese baguette (ve)	Crispy Quorn dippers (v) Vegetable fingers (Ve)
Sides	Sweetcorn Freshly prepared salad lettuce, cucumber tomatoes	Garlic bread Sweetcorn Freshly prepared salad lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes	Roast potatoes, Stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, carrots, sweetcorn, peas gravy (ve) (gf)	Vegetable sticks Tortilla chips	Chips Baked beans Tomato sauce
Jacket potatoes	Served Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday with a choice of cheese, beans, tuna mayo or vegan cheese				
Dessert	Eton mess with strawberry meringue or fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fruit flapjack or fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit salad - honeydew melon, pineapple, grapes or yoghurt or fresh fruit	White chocolate chip sponge cake (v) or fresh fruit	Vegan ice cream and raspberry sauce (ve) or fresh fruit or yoghurt

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

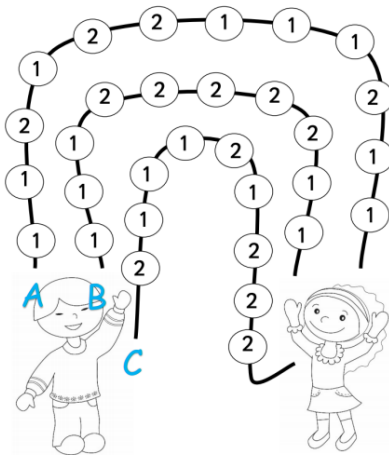
Quarter 3 Trips and Visits and Associated Costs

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

Summer Term 2026	
April	
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



These 2 friends want to meet but they can't find the way.

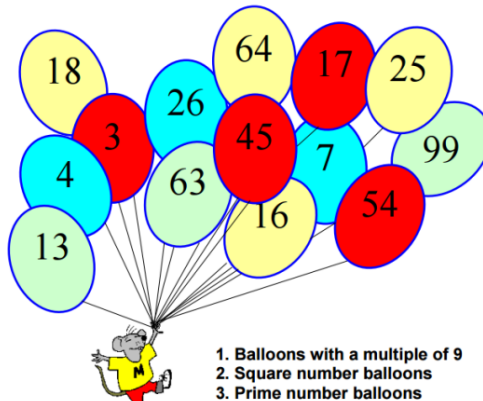
Which path adds up to 15, A, B or C?

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 at the end of the week.

Good luck!

Kendall KS2 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

The clues in this puzzle tell you what balloons fly away.



1. Balloons with a multiple of 9
2. Square number balloons
3. Prime number balloons

Which balloon is 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 at the end of the week.

Good luck!

Academic Year 2025-2026

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= Weekends

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