



Kendall Church of England Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

24th April 2026

Newsletter 28 Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Computing Parent & Child Workshop

Earlier this week, we were delighted to welcome parents into school for our Computing Parent Information Event. This gave families the opportunity to learn more about how computing is taught at Kendall alongside their children. We began by exploring the importance of e-safety, focusing on how we support children to stay safe online and develop as responsible users of technology. The session then moved into coding, where children proudly demonstrated their learning—from giving simple instructions, to using block-based coding, through to programming in Python. We finished with a fun typing challenge, with everyone testing how quickly and accurately they could type the alphabet. Thank you to all the parents who attended. We hope you found the session both enjoyable and informative, and that it gave you a helpful insight into computing at Kendall.

Science Parent & Child Workshop

On Thursday we held another Parent and Child workshop. This time it was science. First, we used the Kagan strategy 'Quiz, Quiz, Trade' to explore and practise the scientific vocabulary related to our materials topics across the school. Children and parents then worked side by side to investigate which material would be best to protect Humpty Dumpty when he fell off his wall! After talking about fair testing, we explored different materials to protect our eggs, showing creativity and enthusiasm. Some eggs survived the fall!



Kendall Eco-Council

On Friday 1st May we will be holding a non-uniform day and encouraging everyone to wear their own clothes to school in exchange for a £1 donation for the Fairtrade Foundation. Donations can be made using the link on School Gateway. The Fairtrade Foundation works to ensure all around the world, the people who grow, pick, stitch and make the things we buy are paid fairly and have safe working conditions. Fairtrade exists to push for the rules that make fairness the norm, not the exception.

We will be leading a worship to explain the principles of Fairtrade.

We really appreciate your support and hope all the pupils will have fun helping us to raise money for the Fairtrade Foundation.



Beat the Street – We did it!

Camulodunum Cohort Schools - Total Points
1st - Kendall Church of England Primary School
2nd - St John's Green Primary School
3rd - Hamilton Primary School

Camulodunum Cohort Schools - Average Points
1st - Kendall Church of England Primary School
2nd - Cherry Tree Academy
3rd - Montgomery Infant School and Nursery

Beat the Street has now come to an end and we're delighted to share that Kendall has been crowned double winners in the Camulodunum Cohort, achieving both the highest total points and the highest average score. An incredible effort from our whole community saw us reach over half a million points through walking, cycling and wheeling. Thank you to everyone who took part and contributed. What a fantastic example of teamwork and determination!

If your child completed the Beatie Challenge, please send in their completed [challenge sheet](#) so we can present them with their certificate. You can download and print the challenge sheet [here](#).

Well done, Team Kendall!

Wrap Around Care – Update

Fun4Kids are interviewing for a Deputy Manager this week and are aiming to open later in the summer term. They are just finalising the work required to get the electronic booking system up and running. I would like to thank parents for their patience while the school and Fun4Kids have been working to get this provision up and running.

PTA Meeting



The poster is for the Kendall PTA meeting. It features a yellow and blue background. At the top, there are two circular logos for Kendall Church of England Primary School Colchester. In the center, a yellow diamond contains the text 'KENDALL PTA'. Below this, the text reads: 'Our next PTA meeting is WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL 3.30 PM AFTER SCHOOL (CHILDREN WELCOME)'. Further down, it says: 'whether you've ideas, want to be more involved, would like to find out what goes on behind the activities / events or you're happy to help please do come along everyone is welcome!'. Below that, it says: 'If you are unable to make the meeting and have anything you'd like to share then please send a message, get in touch at school or email kendallpta@hotmail.com Thank you!'. At the bottom, there are two icons of hands holding a heart, and the text 'PTA.... Doing it for the kids!'.

KENDALL PTA

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PTA.... Doing it for the kids!

Join Us for Parent & Child Workshops at Kendall!

Please join our last few Parent and Child Workshops of the year, 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
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/>

The Hidden Dangers of Pinterest – White Hatter (from Andrew Hall)

Pinterest tends to fly under the radar. Unlike Instagram or TikTok, it has never attracted the same level of public concern, it's older, it's built around image collections, and most parents consider it benign, if they think about it at all. That perception is the problem. The White Hatter, a Canadian digital safety organisation, published a blog post recently after supporting two families whose children had shared intimate images via Pinterest's direct messaging feature. In both cases, the parents had no idea the platform had a messaging function. It's a broader pattern worth raising with parents. Platforms that present as visual or creative tools like Pinterest, VSCO, Tumblr, Lemon8, Canva, Amino, often include messaging features that aren't obvious. The question worth considering isn't "what app is my child using?" but "what can that app actually do?" This article is a short, practical read: <https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/post/what-parents-didn-t-know-about-pinterest-matters-for-all-caregivers>

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 24th April 2026

EYFS used cereal, threaded onto string to make bird feeders. These were then hung up in the woodland to give our resident birds a tasty treat.



Year 1 took part in many activities during their session this week, from digging to planting trees here in the woodland. Everyone was busy having fun in the glorious sunshine.



Year 2 started to build the small wooden rounds that had been cut and painted previously, ready to turn into flowers for our wildlife garden. They also began to plant a mixture of small trees around the woodland.



This week Year 3 enjoyed playing sensory games. They wore blindfolds to navigate their way along a night line walk, in order to safely overcome any obstacles using just their sense of touch.



Year 4 also enjoyed joining in with the blindfold games this week; great fun was had by all. The children all agreed that using only a few of your senses can be a little tricky.



This week we tested our Egyptian Shadoofs. Swapping the great River Nile for our wildlife pond, we dunked our bucket, and through the power of levers and fulcrums, raise the filled bucket clear of the water. We learned this was harder than it appeared and soon came to appreciate the necessity of choosing the correct materials and tying very strong knots!



This week, Year 6 were extremely lucky as they got to spend the whole day in the woodland taking part in an adventure day. They enjoyed various activities such as the high ropes, hapa zome, a blindfolded nightline walk, and our new orienteering course.



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: Darcy N



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week:
Mason F, Liam G and Nayel H

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week:
Nylah D, Liam G, Milana G, Oscar M, Martha G, Adrian G, Cooper L, Izzie VE, Alex D, Jayden B, Andre I, Honor S

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Jack** in **5** 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!

Vision Value Leaves

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a leaf for our 'Vision Values' Tree:
Tristan T, Flo W and Jacob C

Kendall Team Points

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

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

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 2** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	93.3%	
Year 1	97.65%	
Year 2	99.3%	★
Year 3	98.25%	
Year 4	97.3%	
Year 5	97.3%	
Year 6	94.65%	
Overall Attendance	96.85%	

(Week ending 17/04/2026)

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 ✓

	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 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 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

Quarter 4 Trips and Visits and Associated Costs

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	Seaside Visit	Approx £7.50
Year 1	Colne Valley Railway	TBC
Year 2	St Stephens Church	Free
Year 3	Harwich and Felixstowe Geography Field Trip	£16
Year 4	River Colne Geography Field Trip	Free
Year 5	Exploring Nature at Beth Chatto Gardens	Approx £20.50
Year 6	Treat Trip (Bowling) & Crucial Crew	Free & 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	
Friday 1 st	Fairtrade Non-Uniform Day (Donation £1)
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 5 Trip to Beth Chatto Gardens
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

Join in for free, nature-themed activities and crafts including:

- Pond dipping
- Bug hunting
- Tree trails
- Making nature's colour palette
- Using a solar telescope

...and much more!



→ Drop in activities 11am – 4pm



Enjoy the outdoors around Flatford for the day.
There will be something for all the family!

River Stour Trust boat trips are free for children under 14 when accompanied by £8.00 fare paying adult.
There is a charge of £6.00 for use of the National Trust car park for non-members.
Call Field Studies Council Flatford Mill on 01206 297110 for more details.

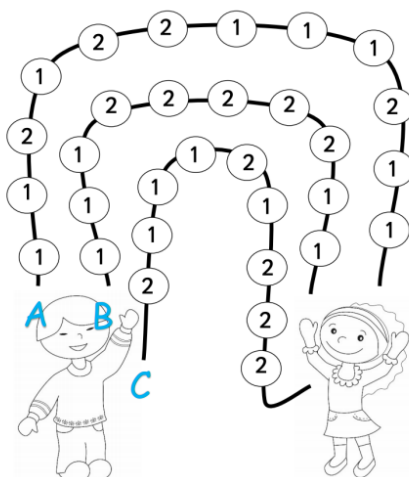


Flatford Nature Day

Tuesday 26th May 2026

Visit Flatford for our May half-term Nature Day

Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge



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

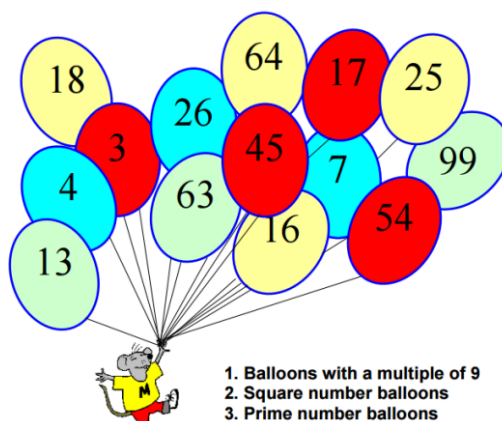
Which path adds up to 15, A, B or C?

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

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025						
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 = Schooldays

 = School holidays

 = Bank holidays

 = Weekends

 = Non-Pupil Days

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