



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

1st May 2026

Newsletter 29 Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Geography Parent & Child Workshop

Thank you to the families who took part in the geography workshop this week. We took the time to 'think like geographers' and really observe and evaluate our surroundings and develop a sense of place. It was great to share our ideas and ask questions about what we could see.



EYFS Visit to Boydells Farm

EYFS travelled to Boydells Farm on Tuesday for our Fantastic Finish to our topic on farming. We started the day by learning about dairy cows and milking 'Sweetheart' the cow. We took the milk and fed the calves with the help of Farmer Kiley.

We fed the cows potatoes and stroked them. We then went on a tour of the rest of the farm where we learnt about and feeding sheep, goats, ponies and alpacas. Farmer Kiley collected eggs from the chickens and we looked at geese, ducks and even turkeys!

After lunch, we got very hands on with the animals, bottle feeding and holding lambs, holding kittens, kid goats, guinea pigs and rabbits. We also got to hold lots of chicks and meet some of the other chickens, ducks and geese.

We had such an exciting day that some of us even fell asleep on the coach home!



Year 1 Visit to RHS Hyde Hall

Year 1 had a fantastic time at RHS Hyde Hall. We explored the gardens and collected memories for our bookmark. We looked at seeds from around the world and got to examine the different wildlife finds from the garden. We even saw some lovely ducklings being fed by the staff! The gardens were beautiful and we all had a lovely time in the sunshine.



PTA School Uniform Sale!

Do you have any uniform that you don't need any more that is still in good condition? If yes, you can donate it to the PTA uniform sale that we'll be having after school on 22nd May.

At the sale, we'll be selling freshly washed preloved uniform to raise money for the PTA (which pays for lots of the brilliant things our children enjoy like Forest School equipment). It's a great way to get uniform at great prices and also do our bit for the planet 🌍✳️

Dates for the diary:

Drop off uniform outside the office on **Friday 8th May** and **Monday 18th May**.

Uniform sale in the playground after school on **Friday 22nd May**.

Kendall Tuck Trolley

If you would like your child (Year 1 to Year 6 only) to access our Kendall Tuck Trolley for the 2nd half of the Summer Term 2026 (From 1st June 2026 – 17th July 2026), please make payment of £14.00 (40p per day) via School Gateway under Kendall Tuck Trolley. Payment must to be made no later than **Friday 15th May**, ready for the new half 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 15th May.

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.

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
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](#).

For Parents – Switched On to Privacy

Privacy of information online is an area which is growing and growing, but it can also feel overwhelming. The UK Information Commissioner has created a great new portal for parents and caregivers giving support and advice around online privacy with sections on explaining privacy to children, choosing privacy settings, advice on how to start a conversation, case studies and more.

Link: [Kids vs grown-ups: what we really share online](#). (This is the introduction blog post including a few short videos).

Link: [Information Commissioner's Office – Switched On to Privacy](#). (This is the portal).

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 1st May 2026

Last week, EYFS took part in some fun woodland games. They made mud pies in the kitchen, created woodland music using the pots and pans and played in the Forest School Boat!



This week the children in Year 1 made dye using beetroot and turmeric. They then folded a small piece of material and bound it tightly using rubber bands before adding it to the dye. This will be left to sit in the dye overnight to achieve a tie-dye effect.



Year 2 took part in a blindfolded nightline course. Using only their sense of touch to navigate their way across it safely. Some of the children also found time to enjoy playing on the rope swing.



This week, Year 3 practised tying a clove hitch around a tree. This new skill was then used to set up various shelters in the woodland to create a small campsite.



This week, Year 4 took part in our orienteering course in the woodland. The children worked in small groups to locate all the checkpoints using the map provided. Once found, each point was then marked off using the individual orienteering punch attached to each tree. The children demonstrated great teamwork.



Year 5 took part in a spot of orienteering today in the woodland. Working together they used the maps provided to search for all the hidden checkpoints before marking them off on the sheet using the orienteering punch. The children really got stuck into this activity and worked well together.



This week, Year 6 were busy crafting jewellery from elder wood, weaving God's Eyes and making cordage using nettles. A few of the children even found the time to plant some trees.



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: Archie W, Jack H, Bethel O and Jack G



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week: Victor S, Antoni D and Lilly-Rose F

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week: Teddy L, Florence R, Gabriel H, Jack H, Elsie-Rose A, Esther B, Kasandra G, Albie R, Mariam K, Hatice O, Ronnie G, Elowyn RR, Alesha A and George P.

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Tristan** in **4** who received our Writer of the Week award and took home a new stationery set and journal – keep up that good writing!

Maths Awards

KS1 winner: Mason F Yr 1

KS2 winner: Ella W Yr 5

New challenge attached!

Vision Value Leaves

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a leaf for our 'Vision Values' Tree: Jemimah H and Daniel K

Kendall Team Points

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

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

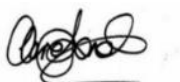
Amazing Attendance? Free Tuck Friday!

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	97.3%	
Year 1	98%	
Year 2	96%	
Year 3	96.1%	
Year 4	97.5%	
Year 5	99.65%	★
Year 6	98%	
Overall Attendance	97.65%	

(Week ending 24/04/2026)

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend!



Clare French
Headteacher

Allergen Check List Last Updated **May 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

Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2026	
May	
Friday 1 st	Fairtrade Non-Uniform Day (Donation £1)
Monday 4 th	Bank Holiday
Friday 8 th to Friday 22 nd	Drop Off Uniform (office)
Monday 11 th to Thursday 14 th	Year 6 SATs
Friday 22 nd	PTA Uniform Sale 3:15pm
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
Thursday 11 th	Year 3 Trip to Harwich
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	
Thursday 2 nd	EYFS Visit to Walton
Friday 3 rd	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

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 4 Trips and Visits and Associated Costs

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	Seaside Visit	Approx £7.50
Year 1	Bridges Workshop	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

Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

This table shows the number of children who use each method of travel to get to school.

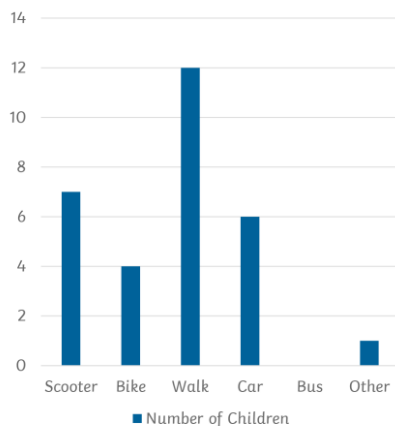
Method of travel	Walk	Car	Bus	Bike	Scooter
Each picture represents 2 pupils	   	 	  	 	   

How many children scooted to school?

If you think you know, write your name and answer on a slip of paper and give it to your teacher. The winner will be announced in two weeks' time. Good luck!

Kendall KS2 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

This graph shows the number of children who use each method of travel to get to school.



How many more children walk than scoot to school?

If you think you know, write your name and answer on a slip of paper and give it to your teacher. The winner will be announced in two weeks' time. Good luck!

Academic Year 2025-2026

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