



Kendall Church of England
Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

8th May 2026

Newsletter 30 Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wrap-around Care Update – Kendall After School Club Information

We are near the closing stages of being able to open the new After School Club at the ECL on Recreation Road, serving the children of Kendall CE Primary School. Whilst we do not have a firm opening date, we are hoping to open before the end of this school year. We can now register children onto our booking system, so this document has been created to give parents some information about us, how the club will operate, and how to secure their children's place in the setting.



About Us

Fun 4 Kids is a family run business that began in June 2005 at St Michael's Primary School. Since then we have grown steadily, providing childcare for six schools in and around Colchester.

We are Ofsted registered. All of our staff are DBS checked, hold Paediatric First Aid Certificates and have safeguarding training to the appropriate levels. All our staff have the required level of childcare qualifications and skills, or are working towards them. All staff regularly attend training and workshops to ensure their skills and knowledge are up to date.

Your children's welfare and development are at the heart of our practice, so we follow the Play-work Principles, offering indoor and outdoor play whilst encouraging them to express themselves in their own unique ways, at their own pace, in a play focused environment. This involves lots of toys, games, crafts and activities.

Children are actively involved in the running of their club, giving them a real sense of ownership. They help create the weekly snack menu, suggest topics and activities that they find interesting, and help to decide the rules for behaviour that they want to abide by. We pride ourselves on our ability to create great relationships with our schools, all our children, and their families.

How We Operate

We will collect the children from Kendall when the school day finishes, safely walking them to the ECL, located roughly 100 meters from the school. This is known as a 'walking bus'. For safety and security, we will not be able to collect children that finish later than the normal school day, e.g a child that attends a school-based club finishing later than 3.15pm.

The room at the ECL will already be set up into different areas, comprising of that day's optional activities, toys, books, art tables etc, so after a short circle time to discuss the agenda that day, the children will be ready to play.

We provide a healthy snack to keep the children going until their dinner at home. We tailor the snack to the children attending that day, but there is always a selection fruit and vegetables on offer. Where appropriate, we invite children to help with the preparation of the snack, promoting their independence through responsibility, further creating a sense of ownership for the club. The After School Club will operate between 3:15pm – 6:00pm, as a single session length, although children can be collected at any time during the session. We understand that it isn't ideal for all families, but operating a single session length helps us to retain reliable and competent staff, ensuring the long-term stability of the club.

Our bookings system works the same way a nursery or preschool does, utilising 'Booking Pattern' and 'Ad-hoc Only' bookings.

Booking Pattern – £18.50 per session

Parents decide which days they want a permanent place for their child e.g. Wednesday After School Club. We secure those sessions for the child until either the day they leave school, or parents give a months' notice to permanently change/cancel the session/s. If a child cannot attend one of their sessions, the session is **not** refundable. Booking Patterns are billed monthly in advance, and must be paid before the 1st of each month. We can accommodate a **limited** number of flexible booking patterns for **shift workers**. We offer a 10% discount on additional sibling's Booking Patterns for the sessions which at least two of them attend.

Ad-hoc Only – £20.50 per session

We take Ad-hoc Only bookings for children who **do not** require a regular Booking Pattern, however, we do require that the child is fully registered on our booking system before the day they attend.

We aim to keep bookings just short of total capacity each day, so we can help when a registered parent needs childcare at short notice. Ad-hoc bookings **can** be placed on top of a Booking Pattern, and are **charged at the normal Booking Pattern rate**, rather than the Ad-hoc Only rate.

A one off registration fee of £25 is normally charged per child, however, this fee will be **waived** for any child registered on our booking system **before 1st June 2026**. You **do not** need a regular Booking Pattern to register on the system.

You can **start the registration process** by visiting our website

(<https://fun4kidscolchester.co.uk/contact-us>), clicking the '**Contact Us**' button under the **Kendall** heading, and filling out the enquiry form. We will follow up your enquiry with either a phone call or email within two business days, and send you the link to complete your registration form. Please add the domains @nurseryinbox.com and @fun4kidscolchester.co.uk to your allowed list on your email so that any responses from us do not land in your Junk folder.

Alternatively, if you have any questions, you can call us on **07944648731**, or email us at info@fun4kidscolchester.co.uk.

Kind Regards, Catherine Joyner FdA, Fun 4 Kids Owner

Non-Uniform Day for The Fairtrade Foundation

Thank you to all those who donated on our non-uniform day to help raise money for The Fairtrade Foundation. We raised £126 which will be sent to the charity to help support smallholder farmers and agricultural workers in developing countries across Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, and the Caribbean. The charity works to secure these farmers better trading conditions, higher incomes, safe working conditions, and the ability to invest in their communities. As a Kendall community we can make a difference.

Reminder! Kendall Tuck Trolley

Reminder! 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.

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**.

PTA Upcoming Events

KENDALL PTA

SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

Please bring outgrown good condition school uniform clothes for donation to the office collection box on:
Friday 8th May
Monday 18th May
(please remove / cross out name tags where possible)

Uniform sale to take place 22nd May on the KS2 playground during the year 6 bake sale.

KENDALL PTA

Bake Sale

YEAR 6 22 ND MAY	EVFS 5 TH JUNE	YEAR 5 12 TH JUNE
YEAR 4 19 TH JUNE	YEAR 3 26 TH JUNE	YEAR 2 3 RD JULY
YEAR 1 10 TH JULY	Dates for the class bake sales straight after school on Fridays this summer term. Cake boxes will be sent home with the children the week of their sale - home made or shop brought cakes are welcome (please include ingredient information) Parent helpers on your classes week are needed! Please speak to class reps or PTA members about volunteering! Reminders will be sent out on Ping and Facebook.	

FITC Academy Holiday Camps 'Discount Codes'

As your child attends a partner School to us at FITC Academy, we would like to offer every student at Kendall a **15% discount** off of the Football Camps we are running this May Half Term. At FITC, we understand the importance of children staying active, being social and having activities to do over the school holidays, so wherever we can help, we will. At the end of this letter, you will find attached details of our upcoming Football Camps that we are hosting during the Easter Break in Kelvedon, Witham and Braintree. All of our camps run for 4 days between the 26th-29th May 2026. As well as this, we also have a Goalkeeper Specific day camp in Braintree on the 29th May 2026. To take advantage of this offer, all you need to do is simply click on the below link and type in discount code GXN248 <https://fitc-academy.classforkids.io> This code will only be active until 11th May 2026, so please book on fast to take advantage. I have also attached our development centres for those children who are looking for some extra weekly football sessions. We hope to see you there! Many thanks, Nicky, FITC Academy

Essex Outdoors

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter from Essex Outdoors regarding their school holiday activities for children aged 8+.

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](#).

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.

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:

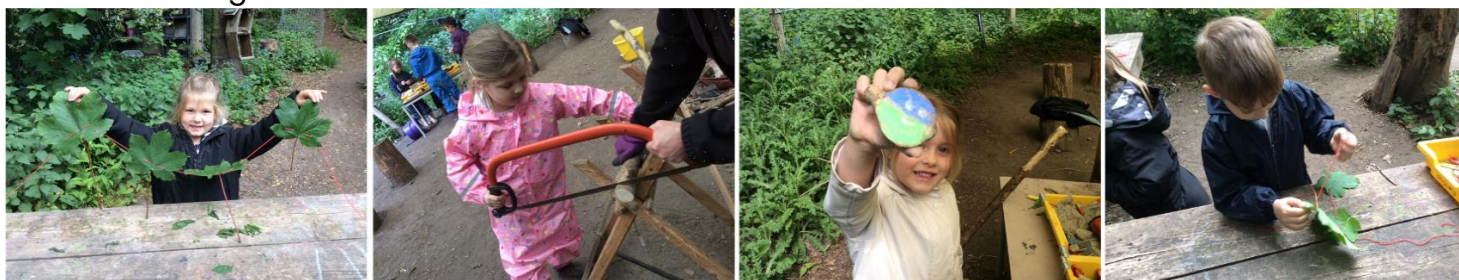
- **Register:** for free at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kendall-primary-school/> or download the app above. Remember to enable the donations reminder.
- **Get the app** now and choose to support **Kendall Primary School Colchester** once installed.

Forest School Diary 8th May 2026

EYFS enjoyed various activities during Forest School from chilling out in the hammock to creating a small farm using sticks and leaves. A few of the children found the time for a story while hiding out in the shelter.



Year 1 used sycamore leaves to practise leaf threading, these were then hung up in the woodland to make decorations. The children then used the bow saw to cut small rounds of wood that were then decorated using chalk.



Year 2 used the small magnifying glasses to examine plants close up. The children were able to spot things like the veins, hairs, and even the micro bugs resting on the leaves.



This week in the woodland Year 3 indulged themselves into many activities such as whittling to create story sticks, hapa zome art and weaving Gods eye creations. A small group of the children began to construct a shelter using sticks and logs found on the woodland floor.



Year 4 took part in a woodland treasure hunt this week, finding natural items that feature in the woodland at this time of the year. The group then used elder wood to craft jewellery such as necklaces and bracelets.



This week Year 5 enjoyed a spot of bird watching in the woodland and were able to identify many different species such as the great tit, robin, black bird and more. The children also enjoyed crafting woodland confetti using fun leaf cutters.



Year 6 did not have their Forest School session this week due to Bank Holiday Monday.

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: Jacob C, Ryan M, James C, Miles O and Sophie SY



Maths Awards

Don't forget to enter!

Kendall Team Points

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

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

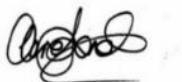
Amazing Attendance? Free Tuck Friday!

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

EYFS	98.35%	★
Year 1	96.7%	
Year 2	95%	
Year 3	97.9%	
Year 4	95.3%	
Year 5	96.35%	
Year 6	93%	
Overall Attendance	96.1%	

(Week ending 05/05/2026)

Have a lovely 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 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 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

Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2026	
May	
Monday 11 th to Thursday 14 th	Year 6 SATs
Monday 18 th	PTA Uniform Sale Drop Off (outside office)
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.

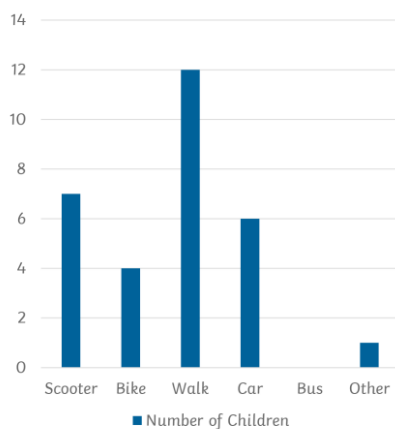
Method of travel	Walk	Car	Bus	Bike	Scooter
Each picture represents 2 pupils	   	 	  	 	   

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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MAY CAMPS 2026

VENUES

BRAINTREE CAMP
(Braintree Leisure Centre)

WITHAM CAMP
(Witham Recreation Ground)

KELVEDON CAMP
(Kelvedon Academy)

BOOK NOW



A DAY AT CAMP



WARM UP/BALL MASTERY

Once all the players have arrived, we will start the day with a ball mastery warm up along with some activation drills. This will get the players mentally and physically ready for the day ahead.

TECHNICAL COACHING

For this part of the day we focus on making learning and developing fun. We run lots of professionally designed practices to coach the children many of the attributes in football. This will be via drills, challenges, competitions and games.

MATCHES/TOURNAMENTS

We will then split into age and physicality relevant groups (while taking friendship groups into account) and start our tournament. We will play round robin games, keeping track of all the bonus points earned throughout the day.



A DAY AT CAMP

WHAT WE COACH

Ball manipulation, dribbling, turning, tricks and skills, running with the ball, passing, first touch, shooting, 1v1's, attacking, defending, goalkeeping and more.

FUN ACTIVITIES

Football Tennis
Kick Up Challenge
Cross Bar Challenge
Competitions
Player Relevant Challenges (Such as Saka/Salah)

PRIZES/TROPHIES

Every player who attends a FITC camp will receive a developmental certificate and a medal. There will be trophies on offer for players of the camp and we will also hand out lots of prizes.




AMAZING ADVENTURES ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Exhilarating school holiday activity days for kids age 8+

Water sports, high ropes, zip wire, archery, bushcraft and more at four centres.

BRADWELL • DANBURY • HARLOW • MERSEA

Essex County Council

£40

PER DAY

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