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Primary School

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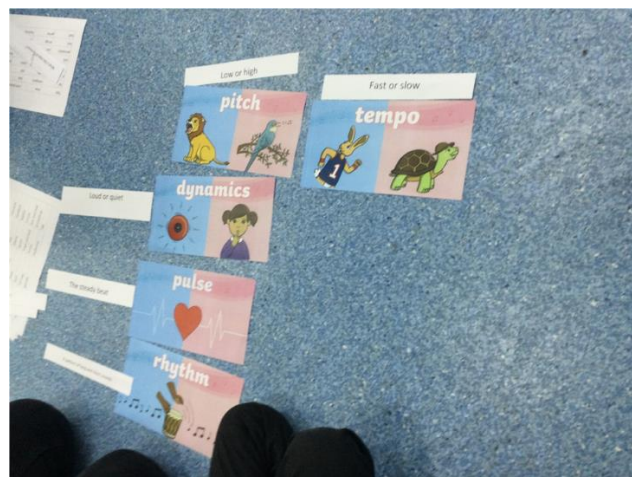
Dear Parents and Carers,

Goodbye Mrs Crick!

As many of you know, Mrs Crick's time with us at Kendall is coming to an end after many wonderful years as a much-valued member of our school community. Throughout her time here, Mrs Crick has supported children right across the school with such care and dedication, and has inspired our Key Stage 2 pupils through her French teaching. Alongside this, she has given so much beyond the classroom, running our hugely popular chess and Spanish clubs, which have been enjoyed by so many children over the years. Mrs Crick will be with us until the end of this half term, before beginning an exciting new role in learning support in Braintree, closer to home. We are incredibly grateful for all she has given to our school and the difference she has made to so many children's lives. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike, and we send her our warmest wishes for every happiness and success in this next chapter.

Mrs Porter's Music Parent & Child Workshop

On Monday this week, we were joined by some children and their grown-ups at our Music Workshop. They listened to and appraised a piece of music, learnt about some of the musical elements taught in school e.g., pitch, pulse, tempo, dynamics and explored rhythm using simple notation. Their paired rhythm compositions were fantastic! Thank you very much to all those that attended – we hope that you enjoyed the session.



10 Reads

Children are expected to have completed **10 reads** by Friday 5th June 2026.

Wrap-around Care Update – Kendall After School Club Information

Fun4Kids

We are pleased to remind parents about *Fun4Kids*, the new wraparound childcare and after-school provision launching soon. While many families initially expressed interest, registrations so far have been lower than anticipated. To help Fun4Kids plan staffing and provision effectively, we encourage all parents who may wish to use the service – even on an occasional or ad-hoc basis – to register their interest as soon as possible. Registering now does not commit you to regular bookings, but it will help ensure the provision can run successfully and meet the needs of our families. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for further information on the sessions available and how to register.



Rainbow Day – Wednesday 17th June 2026

On Wednesday 17th June, we will be holding our annual Rainbow Day to celebrate equality, diversity and inclusion.

At Kendall, Rainbow Day forms part of our wider Personal Development curriculum. The day helps children to understand that although people may have different backgrounds, experiences or families, everyone deserves kindness, respect and inclusion. Activities are carefully planned to be age-appropriate and focus on themes such as friendship, belonging and celebrating what makes each of us unique.

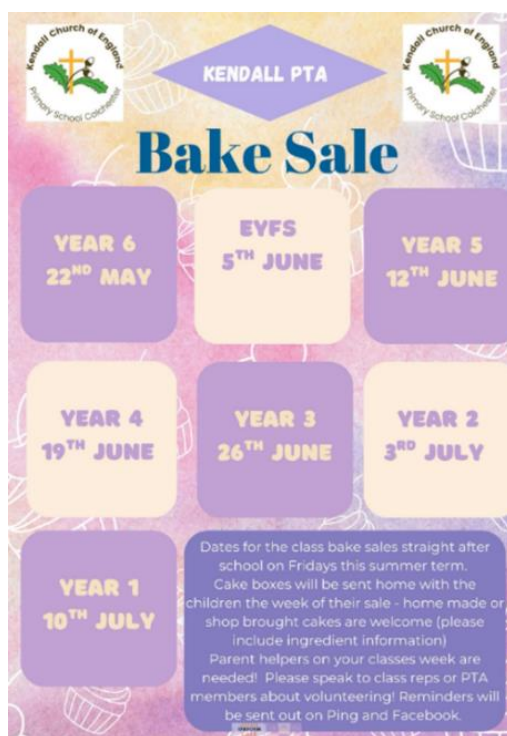
During the day, many classes will share an age-appropriate text linked to these themes. Older children will also learn about the history of Pride and individuals who have helped shape greater understanding of equality and inclusion.

To help us celebrate, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform. Each class has been allocated a colour to help us create a “Kendall Rainbow”.

Year 6 – Red
Year 5 – Orange
Year 4 – Yellow
Year 3 – Green
Year 2 – Light Blue
Year 1 – Dark Blue (Indigo)
EYFS – Purple (Violet)

We hope the children enjoy taking part in the day and learning more about the importance of kindness, inclusion and respect for others.

PTA Upcoming Events



PTA Friday Bake Sales Are Back – starting this week! 🏠

Our much-loved pop-up bake sales return this term—get ready for sweet treats for a great cause! Each Friday, a different class will take the lead by donating cakes or biscuits (homemade or shop-bought—just make sure ingredients/allergens are clearly labelled). Boxes and details will be sent home the week before your class's sale. To make it all run smoothly, we need **parent volunteers** to help at the stalls, and we're hoping some of our fabulous Year 6s will pitch in too. Cakes usually sell out in just 10–15 minutes, so it's a quick and easy way to support the school! **All funds go to exciting projects** like our new high ropes challenge – the crate stack!

The Challenge: Last year, we raised an amazing **£701.60**—let's beat it! If we do, the whole school earns **an extra 30 minutes of playtime** in the last week of term. We'll keep a running total in the newsletter so you can track our progress! Thanks for baking, buying, and being brilliant!

Year Group	Date of stall	Money raised so far...
EYFS	Friday 5 th June 2026	£TBC
Yr 1	Thursday 10 th July 2026	£TBC
Yr 2	Friday 3 rd July 2026	£TBC
Yr 3	Friday 26 th June 2026	£TBC
Yr 4	Friday 19 th June 2026	£TBC
Yr 5	Friday 12 th June 2026	£TBC
Yr 6	Friday 22 nd May 2026	£TBC
GRAND TOTAL SO FAR:		£TBC

Colchester & East Essex Cricket Club – Dynamos Cricket (Girls Only Sessions)

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information for the Dynamos Cricket – girls only sessions.

Firstsite Holiday Fun Free Activities

All information for Firstsite free activities for the May half term can be found at the end of the newsletter.

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
History	10 th June 2026	2.00–3.00pm

Online safety information from Alan MacKenzie:

Information for all settings: New resources about online hate and misogyny on the 'Kids online safety' website

Together with the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), we have published new resources on the ['Kids online safety' website](#) to help parents and carers understand and get support dealing with online misogyny. This [new section](#) is designed to help families and give them more confidence in talking to their children about what they're doing and experiencing online.

The updated content includes:

- what misogyny is
- why you should talk to your child about misogyny
- spotting the signs of misogyny
- how you can support your son or daughter

For Parents – Is Your Child Prepared for their First Phone?

It's a question that so many parents struggle with, balancing the positives, the negatives, the need, cost and so much more. The problem with such a question is that there is no one-size-fits-all answer. Darren Laur has written a really useful article for parents, within the article he uses the acronym PREPARED which takes away the complexity and allows parents to make decisions based on their own circumstances:

P – Purpose.

R – Responsibility.

E – Empathy and respect.

P – Perception of risk

A – Adaptability and resilience.

R – Regulation.

E – Executive functioning.

D – Digital discernment.

The article is a really good read.

Link: [Is your child PREPARED for their first phone?](#)

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/>

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.

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 22nd May 2026

Last week EYFS crafted fishing rods. Firstly, the children used a peeler to whittle their stick before then attaching string and pine cones. Many of the group then practised their balancing skills on the tight rope walk.



This week the children in year 1 constructed bridges of all different shapes and sizes using items found in the woodland. These bridges were then put to good use as the children used them to get around in the woodland.



Year 2 whittled sticks using a peeler. These were then decorated with various colours to represent the children's feelings. We came across a striking green caterpillar that we think could have been a popular hawk-moth.



This week Year 3 took on climbing the Josie tree for the very first time. This is not an easy tree to climb, however, there were many children that made it to the very top. Well done to the whole class for trying so hard.



Year 4 enjoyed their session this week crafting with pine cones and the seeds from a London plane tree. The children really used their imagination and made everything from caterpillars to spiders with them. We finished off the session with some fun on our rope swing.



Year 5 played a game of catch the egg this week during Forest School. The children began by making the egg as safe as possible, using natural resources such as leaves and grass to build a nest around it. They then formed a circle and played catch with it. This took quick reaction skills in order to keep the egg safe.



This week the children in year 6 enjoyed some much-needed down time in the woodland, taking part in rope swing fun and tree climbing.



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: Sylvie R, Albie R, Freddie B and Leon K.



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week: Monica B, Migah S and Oscar M.

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, Elwyn RR, Alesha A and George P.

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Albert** in **2** who received our Writer of the Week award and took home a new stationery set and journal – keep up that good writing!

Vision Value Leaves

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a leaf for our 'Vision Values' Tree: Lylah M, Daniel K and Ruby-Rose L

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the following winners:

KS1: Adrian G

KS2: Zara EE

New challenge attached!

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 6** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	95.65%	
Year 1	95.3%	
Year 2	96%	
Year 3	96.35%	
Year 4	95%	
Year 5	94.35%	
Year 6	99%	★
Overall Attendance	95.95%	

(Week ending 15/05/2026)

Have a lovely half term break!



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 25 th to Friday 29 th	Half Term Holiday
June	
Friday 5 th	EYFS Bake Sale 3:15pm
Thursday 11 th	Year 3 Trip to Harwich
Friday 12 th	Year 6 Crucial Crew
Friday 12 th	Year 5 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Wednesday 17 th	Rainbow Day
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
Wednesday 8 th	KS2 Production 7pm
Thursday 9 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:

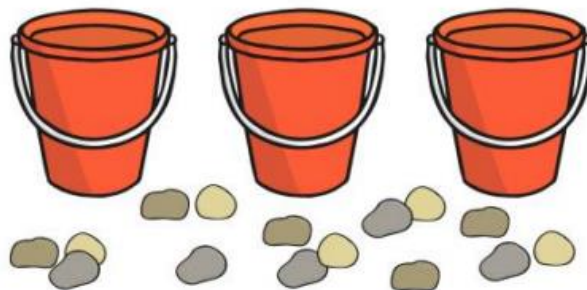
Year Group	Quarter 1 Sept–Nov	Quarter 2 Nov–Feb	Quarter 3 Feb–May	Quarter 4 May–July
EYFS	NA	NA	Farm Visit	Seaside Visit
Year 1	Musical Workshop	Arctic Explorer	Hyde Hall – all about plants!	Colne Valley Railway
Year 2	Local Geography Walk	Colchester Cemetery – Colchester as an Army Town	Library Visit 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	£20.17
Year 6	Treat Trip (Bowling)	Free

Kendall KS1 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

Put 15 rocks in 3 buckets. Each bucket must have 3 more rocks than the one before.



How many rocks will there be in the last bucket?

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

John bought a car for 200 pounds.
He then sold it for 300 pounds.
He bought it back for 400 pounds. He sold it again for 500 pounds.



How much did he make or lose overall?

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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New mates
New style**

GIRLS ONLY SESSIONS

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MONDAYS 5:45PM - 6:45PM
STARTING 1ST JUNE FOR 8 WEEKS
AGES 8 - 11

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**Firstsite
Holiday Fun**
May Holiday 2026
Sat 23 May, Tue 26 - Sat 30 May

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

How to book

Early bird tickets will be available from 9am Tue 19 May.

More tickets will be released three days in advance of each session.

Limited spaces available, offered on a first come first served basis.

If you can no longer attend your booking, please let us know as soon as possible by calling 01206 713700. If you contact us 24 hours before the event your space can be made available for another family.

Thank you!

How to find us

**Firstsite, Lewis Gardens
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FUN4KIDS Wrap around childcare

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.