



Kendall Church of England
Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

19th June 2026

Newsletter 35 Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and exciting week it has been at Kendall! This week alone, we have enjoyed three class trips, celebrated Rainbow Day, attended a public speaking competition, welcomed 30 visiting trainee teachers, and continued with our Key Stage 2 production rehearsals, which are now well underway.

Thank you to everyone who has sent their well wishes to Mrs French. I am pleased to share that she is now home following her surgery and is recovering well. We all wish her a very speedy recovery and look forward to having her back in school in September.

As we approach the final few weeks of the school year, our calendar becomes increasingly busy with events, trips, performances and celebrations. Please take a few moments to read through this newsletter to ensure you stay up to date with all the latest news and important information.

Rainbow Day

Thank you to everyone in our school community who helped make Rainbow Day such a wonderful celebration. It was fantastic to see so many children dressed in bright, colourful clothing as we came together to create our very own Kendall Rainbow.



Rainbow Day is one of the many ways we celebrate inclusion, diversity and belonging at Kendall. Having visited classrooms and seen some of the thoughtful work produced by the children throughout the day, I am delighted by the way these experiences continue to strengthen our community and promote the values of respect, friendship and understanding for others. Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a school where every child feels valued and included.

Wrap-around Care Update – Kendall After School Club Information

Now open: Fun4Kids is open three afternoons a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) until the remainder of this school year, increasing to five days a week in September. Please, if you haven't done so already, and you think you might use the service in the future, register your child/ren ASAP. Details of how this can be done can be found at the end of this newsletter.



Public Speaking Competition

On Tuesday, Jana, Eli and Stanley from Year 6 represented Kendall at the annual Colchester Youth Speaking Competition in the Town Hall. 10 schools from around Colchester took part and it was fantastic to see our three pupils speaking with such confidence and pride. Jana (our main speaker) presented a brilliant speech on the pros and cons of social media for young people. While the judges were deliberating, the children were able to visit the mayor's parlour and have their picture taken on the balcony above the High Street with the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress. Together the team delivered an excellent speech and should be very proud of their participation.



Year 2 Walk to St Stephen's Church

On Tuesday Year 2 visited St. Stephen's Church as part of our R.E learning exploring the big question 'How do Christians belong to their faith family?'. Reverend Anna took us through what happens during a baptism and we talked about how oil, water and light are all important elements of the service.



Year 3 Harwich Trip

Year 3 went on their school trip to Harwich Docks and it was a fantastic learning experience. During the day, we visited the Ha'penny Pier, the Low Lighthouse, and the High Lighthouse, where we learnt about the history and importance of the port. The children also enjoyed sketching the large cargo ships from the beach, observing how goods are transported around the world.

We had a lovely day, and all the children learnt a great deal about rivers, ports, and the distribution of natural resources. It was an enjoyable and educational visit that brought our geography learning to life.



Free School Meals – Changes from September 2026

The Government has announced an expansion of Free School Meal eligibility from September 2026. From the start of the new academic year, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to receive a free school meal, regardless of household earnings. We believe that this change may mean that many more families at Kendall could now qualify for support. Over the coming weeks, we will be sending further information and an application form to all families. Even if your child already receives free meals in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, we encourage you to complete and return the form as this can help the school access additional funding to support children's learning and wellbeing.

Beat the Street – BBC Radio Essex

On Monday evening BBC Radio Essex featured Colchester's Beat the Street competition on their BBC Sport Extra programme. This included the voices from some of the staff and children who attended the award ceremony earlier this month. You can listen to the feature (from 35 minutes into the episode) here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m002xbcx>

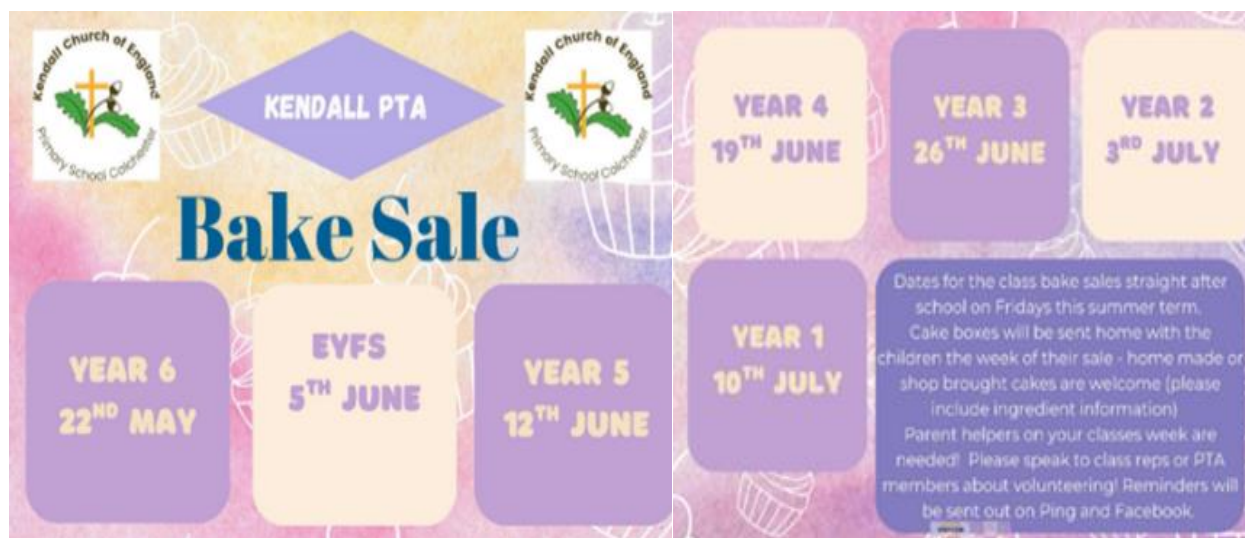


Shrek the Musical Jr – Tickets and Photo Brochures

Incredibly, we have now sold-out tickets for our Thursday evening performance. However, there are still tickets available for our Wednesday evening and Thursday matinee. Photo Brochures are also available to purchase for £8 via School Gateway and make a lovely souvenir of the production.



PTA Upcoming Events



Our much-loved pop-up bake sales have returned this term. Each Friday, a different class is taking 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. 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

Summer Activities and Holiday Camps

Please see the end of the newsletter for lots of holiday clubs/activities from Essex Activate, Summer Sports and Play Camps and Essex Outdoors summer fun activity days and camps.

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.easypundraising.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.

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 19th June 2026

EYFS enjoyed all things snail related during their session. First of all, the children made play snails using seashells, clay and sticks. This was all the inspiration the children needed to then gather up some real snails from the woodland and place them on a makeshift race track to compete against one another. The race was a little slow as you can imagine, although this did not stop the children from thoroughly enjoying cheering the snails along.

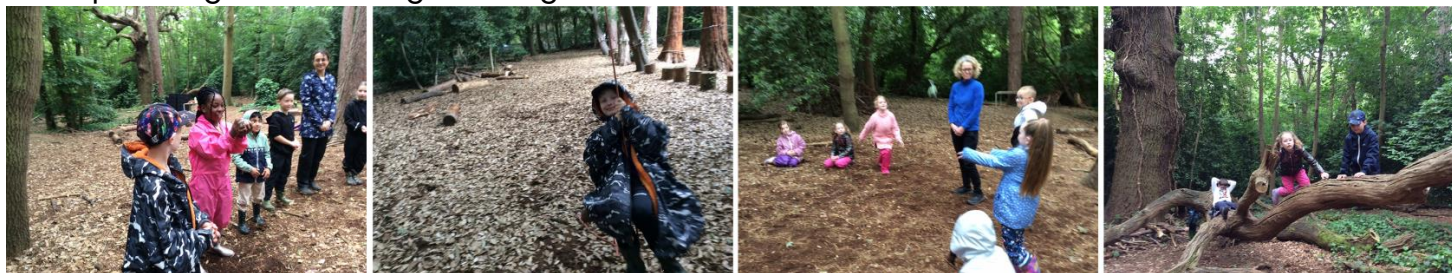


Year 1 took part in water games during their session, which was much appreciated by all, as it was nice to cool off while under the hot sun.

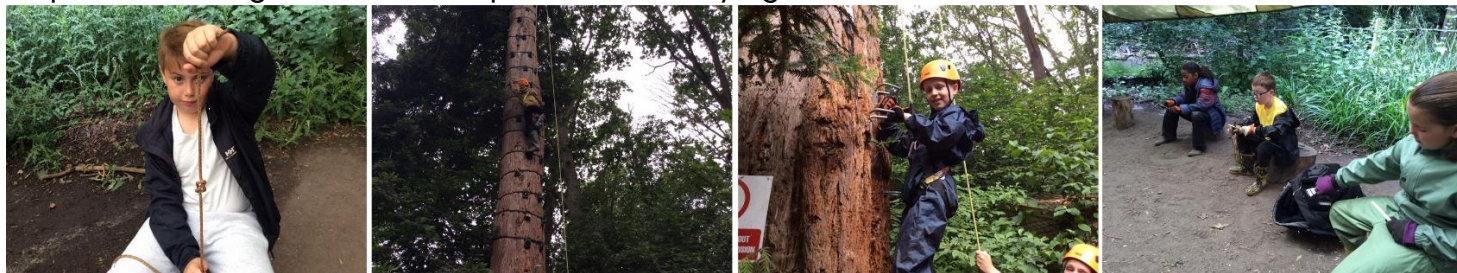


Year 2 did not have a Forest School session this week.

This week year 3 took part in a fun Forest School game called "Hot egg". This is where we play catch with an egg that is wrapped in a nest made with leaves. Good listening, communication and quick reaction skills are needed to be a successful player at this game and lots of laughs were had by all as runny egg yolk began flying through the air. The session was finished off with some down time on the rope swing and climbing the dragon tree.



This week year 4 took part in their second session of climbing the Josie tree. The children also enjoyed a spot of whittling and brushed up on their knot tying skills.



This week year 5 glazed their clay tiles started previously. Once completed, we gathered up some sycamore seeds and put them to good use crafting with them.



This week year 6 cooked nettle crisps on the fire. This was a group effort as some of the children harvested them, others washed them, whilst others prepared the fire and kept a watchful eye to make sure they were cooked correctly. The nettles were then seasoned to taste using salt, vinegar and chilli flakes-yummy! A few of the children also found time to begin putting together a shelter in the woodland which they will continue next time.



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: Amaiya A, Peyton E and Mahaut DJ

Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week:
Albie R, Nina H and Zainab T



Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week:

Sophie D, Ryan M, Quinlan MF, Alpha Katherine S, Albert MB, Eleanor VZ, Isabelle D, Wesam F, Ching C, Dexter EB, Mahaut DJ, Jack E, Rudi B and Gabriel FB

Writer of the Week

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

Maths Challenge

Don't forget to enter!

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 4** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	98%	
Year 1	97.65%	
Year 2	94%	
Year 3	96.95%	
Year 4	98.7%	★
Year 5	96.7%	
Year 6	97%	
Overall Attendance		96.95%

(Week ending 12/06/2026)

Have a lovely weekend!



Lewis Barrett-Rodger
Deputy Headteacher

Allergen Check List Last Updated **June 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	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	
June	
Thursday 25 th	EYFS Pirate Day
Friday 26 th	Year 4 River Walk
Friday 26 th	Year 3 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Monday 29 th	Sports Day
Tuesday 30 th	Year 1 Bridges Workshop
July	
Thursday 2 nd	EYFS Visit to Walton
Friday 3 rd	Year 2 Bake Sale 3:15pm
Friday 3 rd	PTA Summer Discos KS1: 5pm–6:15pm/ KS: 6:30pm–8pm
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:

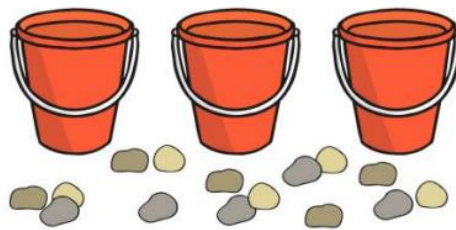
Year Group	Quarter 1 Sept–Nov	Quarter 2 Nov–Feb	Quarter 3 Feb–May	Quarter 4 May–July
EYFS	NA	NA	Farm Visit	Seaside Visit
Year 1	Musical Workshop	Arctic Explorer	Hyde Hall – all about plants!	Colne Valley Railway
Year 2	Local Geography Walk	Colchester Cemetery – Colchester as an Army Town	Library Visit 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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FUN4KIDS Wrap around childcare

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.

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Essex ActivAte is the name for the exciting holiday activity and food clubs delivered by Active Essex! During school holidays, club providers across the county offer free clubs for eligible primary and secondary children, giving them the chance to get active, make friends, learn new skills, and support their wellbeing. The programme also offers:

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking and much more!
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Activities run by qualified, local club providers
- ✓ Family support, resources and guidance
- ✓ Discretionary paid and paid for spaces

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Step 1 – Open the email and click the green button

This voucher will come from hello@holidayactivities.com

Step 2 – Select *Continue with email* and log in/sign up

After selecting *Continue with email*, you will be asked to enter your email address. If you do not have an account, you will be asked to sign up

Step 3 – Making a booking

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