



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

26th June 2026

Newsletter 36 Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start this week's newsletter with a huge congratulations to a very special member of our school community. I am delighted to share that Kim Barnetson has been awarded an MBE for her services to education and early years. As a school we have worked with Kim on many community projects over the years including the community gardens, the campaign to reduce our school road traffic and now as part of our Early Years Best Practice Room for Essex County Council. As well as this, I know that Kim has been a childminder for many Kendall children, both past and present, who will want to join us in congratulating Kim.

Reminder! Sports Day Monday 29th June 2026

This week you would have received a Sports Day leaflet via School Ping with all the details you need to know about Sports Day on Monday 29th June. We would like to remind you to send your child to school in normal school uniform. If it is forecast to be a very hot day, please provide a hat and sunscreen for your child. They must have their full PE kit with them on the day. We look forward to seeing you there for the fun sport's activities/races and the family picnic lunch in the school playground.

Hot Weather

We are very fortunate at Kendall to have so many rooms with air conditioning. However, there are some sensible precautions you can take to support your child for being hot-weather-ready. Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle, sunhat and sun cream in school if you wish for them to reapply it during the day.

One of the hottest times of the day is during lunch time and particularly in the school hall. For this reason, I would strongly recommend that you do not pack any chocolate items (including chocolate biscuits) in your child's packed lunch as these can get very messy!

Reminder! No Battery-Operated Bikes or Scooters in School

We would like remind to all parents/carers: children should not bring battery-operated bikes, scooters, or similar devices to school. For safety reasons, these items must remain at home and should not be brought onto school premises. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all pupils.

Year 5 Visit to Beth Chatto Gardens

On Friday 19th June, Year 5 visited Beth Chatto Gardens to learn all about plants. We spent time admiring the beautiful gardens, we potted some herbs and spent a long time pond dipping! The sun was shining and we had a great day.



EYFS Pirate Day!

Yesterday, EYFS was taken over by a band of fearsome pirates! As our fabulous finish to our learning on pirates, we held a Pirate Day. The children came in dressed as pirates, we sang sea shanties in the outside classroom, went on treasure hunts, walked the 'plank', made maps, ships, hats and eyepatches and learnt about famous historical pirates. It was an 'arr'-some day!



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.



Kendall Tuck Trolley – Autumn 1st Half Term 2026 (Year Groups as from September)

If you would like your child, who will be in Year 1 to Year 6 in September 2026 (current EYFS children will be eligible from September as Year 1's) to access our Kendall Tuck Trolley for the 1st half of the Autumn Term 2026 (From 2nd September 2026 – 23rd October 2026), please make a payment of £15.20 for Year 1 to Year 5 and £13.60 for Year 6 (40p per day) via School Gateway under Kendall Tuck Trolley. Payment must to be made no later than **Friday 10th July**, ready for the new 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 10th July.

Children's Commissioner, Rachel de Souza's The Big Future Survey

Rachel's job is to hear from all children and young people in England. As the Children's Commissioner, she has launched this survey so children and young people can share their views on what it is like to be a child or young person in England today. She will take their views to the Government to help make life better for children. Everything shared in the survey will be kept private. Participants do not have to answer any question if they do not want to. There are no right or wrong answers—just honest ones. To find out more, visit the Children's Commissioner's [website](#). **Please encourage your children to [take part](#)!**

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. This week, you will have received a letter via School Ping and a hard copy sent home with your child, with instructions to apply to check eligibility for Free School Meals. Even if your child already receives free meals in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, we encourage you still apply, as this can help the school access additional funding to support children's learning and wellbeing.

Shrek the Musical Jr – Tickets and Photo Brochures

Incredibly, we have now sold-out of tickets for our evening performances. However, there are still tickets available for our 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



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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	£110.50
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	£85.70
Yr 5	Friday 12 th June 2026	£135.95
Yr 6	Friday 22 nd May 2026	£111.35
GRAND TOTAL SO FAR:		£443.50

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](https://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-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 26th June 2026

EYFS designed their own pirate pictures onto material, these were then attached to a stick to create flags. The children then acted out pirate stories while walking the plank. A few children took cover from the sun by hiding out in a shelter.



Year 1 linked in their classroom topic of transport into the woodland and crafted small boats. These were built using wooden resources found on the woodland floor to make the boat and a small piece of paper was used to for the sail. Luckily all boats sailed with no trouble at all once put into water.



Year 2 enjoyed taking part in water games during their Forest School session, which was much appreciated by the children in order to cool off during the hot weather.



This week year 3 explored the woodland in search of critter of the week, had fun playing on the rope swing, and cooled off with some fun water games to finish off the session.



This week Year 4 enjoyed cooling off playing water games in the woodland and tree climbing on the dragon tree. A few of the group also found time to play on the rope swing.



This week year 5 took a closer look at plants and put them into categories of ferns, mosses, angiosperms and gymnosperms. We spoke about different conditions plants and creatures need to live and adaptions they make to survive.



Year 6 took great delight in getting one another wet while playing water games this week, although all agreed it was nice to cool off under such hot conditions. We then took a walk to the top woodland where it is much cooler and enjoyed playing on the rope swing.



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: Bonnie-Rose H, Reuben H, Enku D, Elijah W and Harry D



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week: Jana F, Eli S and Stanley E

Golden Awards

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Gold Award in assembly this week: James F, Jack G, David A, Teddie C, Olivia N, Dexter S, Freddie B, Darcy N, Basir HK, George H, Jaiden W, Nayel H, James C, Sereen F, Neve B and Arabella O

Writer of the Week

Congratulations to **Willow** in **Year 5** who received our Writer of the Week award and took home a new stationery set and journal – keep up that good writing!

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the following winners:

KS1: Arlo S

KS2: Willow L & Penelope O (joint winners)

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 **EYFS** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	98.35%	★
Year 1	93.3%	
Year 2	95.65%	
Year 3	97.9%	
Year 4	93%	
Year 5	97%	
Year 6	97%	
Overall Attendance	96.05%	

(Week ending 19/06/2026)

Have a lovely weekend!

UB Rodger

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	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:

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Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2026	
June	
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	£1
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

Five teams compete in a football tournament. Every team must play all of the other teams.

Twinkl Rovers
Mathschester United
Addington Stanley
Totalham Hotspur
Less Than City

How many matches will be played altogether?

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

Kendall KS2 Fortnightly Maths Challenge

A football match begins at 14:45. The game lasts 90 minutes. There is a 16 minute half-time break and 3 minutes of extra time.



At what time does the match finish?

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

Academic Year 2025-2026

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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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holiday clubs, fun activities and food across Essex and Thurrock!

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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