



Kendall Church of England

Primary School

'We Strive for a Bright and Wonderful Future!'

10th July 2026

Newsletter 38 Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we had the pleasure of inviting parents into school to watch our KS2 summer production of Shrek the Musical Jr. The children were incredible and we certainly have some West End stars in our midst! A special mention to our backstage crew who managed the set changes and props seamlessly with an adult to support and Bradley who single-handedly managed over 100 sound and lighting queues. Without these behind-the-scenes-stars the show wouldn't be possible. Also, an enormous thank you to all of the staff and parents who supported the show to make it such a special occasion for everyone.



After School Clubs – Autumn Term 2026

The new Autumn Term After School Clubs are now available to apply for online (as per School Ping sent earlier in the week). The form will close at the end of the school day on **Friday 17th July 2026**. All clubs will start during the week beginning **14th September 2026**. All clubs finish week ending **11th December 2026**. Please complete 1 form per child – do not include multiple children on 1 form.

Club	Year Group	Cost per Whole Term
Football (KS1)	1 & 2	£55
Chess	2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	£44
Basketball	3, 4, 5, 6	£60
Sports Games	1 & 2	£60
Football (KS2)	3, 4, 5 & 6	£55
Dance (see below for application)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	£44

Allocation of clubs will be confirmed during the week beginning **1st September 2026**. Please click on the link below (or copy and paste into your browser) to see all clubs (apart from dance) available and submit your applications: <https://forms.gle/6CEuqwbQDDWQdK34A>
The Dance Club, run by CGD (Carol Gale School of Dance) on Fridays takes place in our school hall. Please see the letter at the end of the newsletter how to book and make payment direct to the dance school. **Please be aware booking and payment is only available directly to the dance school.**

PTA Survey

Please could you take a few minutes to fill in our PTA survey? It would be so helpful to hear everyone's opinions so we can organise our events for next year. Thanks so much for your time!

<https://forms.gle/55SYUbk2M59Sj719>

Year 6 Leavers' Supplement



On Tuesday 14th July, the Colchester Gazette will be publishing its annual Top-Class supplement. This will feature Year 6 classes from around Colchester including Kendall. Buy your copy at your local newsagents or supermarket.

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! Reading and Library Book Returns

Reminder! No new reading or library books will be issued for the rest of this term. All reading and library books need to be returned to school by **Wednesday 15th July** at the latest. Any outstanding books will be charged for so that we can replace them. We thank you for your understanding with this.

Essex County Council – Early Years and Childcare Parents Survey 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Essex County Council is committed to providing outstanding childcare services. But to help us improve we are conducting our annual survey to see how well our program is working.

If you are a parent or carer of a child aged 0–19 years (or 0–25 years for children with SEND), then **we want to hear from you!**

The survey includes questions about:

- Childcare needs for children aged 0–5 years
- Wraparound care for school-aged children
- Childcare during the school holidays (holiday clubs)
- Your child's experience with starting school

- Where you find information about Essex Services

Your information is valued, and your responses will be treated in strictest confidence and will remain anonymous. We ask that you **do not** include any personal details in this survey, however, if you would like to contact us further about any of the questions asked in this survey, please email us at ccd1@essex.gov.uk. The result of the survey will help Early Years and Childcare teams understand the needs of parents and carers in Essex

The survey will be open until Friday the 31st of July and can be accessed through this link - [Essex Early Years and Childcare Survey for Parents 2026 - Essex County Council - Citizen Space](#) or by scanning this QR code below. Thank you so much for your time.



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.

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!**

PTA Pop-up Bake Sales

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	£67.80
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:		£511.30

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](#).

Holiday Activities

Please see the end of the newsletter for any holiday activities.

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/>

From this week's update:

Why is Turning Off Screens So Hard for Children?

Techno-tantrums – what every parent dreads when asking their child to end a game or activity. Many online activities that children enjoy, such as games, YouTube and (in particular) social media are designed to be engaging, persuasive and grab attention and this is what often makes it particularly frustrating.

It's often a difficult one, what is right for one family may not be good advice for another, but an article in The Conversation piqued my curiosity because it gives parents some options to consider, so I think it's worth sharing with your parents as there may be something here that they haven't considered.

Link: [why is turning off screens so hard for children?](#)

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.

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 10th July 2026

EYFS spent their session exploring the woodland to see what creatures they could spot. Meanwhile some of the group made small mud castles using plant pots for a mould.



The children in Year 1 took a walk to the top woodland this week to seek a little shade from the sun. Relaxing on the hammock, exploring the dragon tree and having fun on the rope swing made for a lovely afternoon.



Year 2 have begun crafting themselves necklaces. This has involved using the hand tools such as the bow saw and palm drill.



Year 3 continued with their weaving this week. The children came up with some great ways and methods and tried various techniques such as weaving between the trees here in the woodland.



Year 4 did not have their Forest School session this week due to the Shrek dress rehearsal.

Year 5 enjoyed various Forest School activities this week such as climbing the Josie tree, practising their knot tying skills and crafting with resources found in the woodland.



This week, Year 6 had their turn at climbing the Josie tree in the woodland. All of the children did extremely well, considering this is a rather tricky tree to climb. Well done to everyone! During climbing, the group enjoyed whittling sticks and weaving God's Eye creations.



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: Thomas D, Jack E, Millie H and Polly R



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week:
Alpha Katherine S, Joshua D and Mim M

Golden Awards

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

EYFS Whole Class, Jacob C, Matilda T, Kaine O, Elijah R, Thomas DJ, Kaciee-May G, Dylan S, Ella LH, Lotus L, Josie J, Meena V, Teddy H and Bea H

Maths Challenge

Don't forget to enter!

Kendall Team Points

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

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

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 3** for having the best attendance this week!

EYFS	91.3%	
Year 1	94.7%	
Year 2	92.7%	
Year 3	97.2%	★
Year 4	96%	
Year 5	94%	
Year 6	94%	
Overall Attendance	94.3%	

(Week ending 03/07/2026)

Have a lovely weekend!



Lewis Barrett-Rodger
Deputy Headteacher

Allergen Check List Last Updated **July 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:

admin@kendall.essex.sch.uk

Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2026	
June	
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

Autumn Term 2026	
September	
Tuesday 1 st	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 2 nd	Children back to school
Wednesday 2 nd	Year 6 Parent Information Event 3:30pm
Thursday 3 rd	Year 5 Parent Information Event 3:30pm
Friday 4 th	Year 4 Parent Information Event 3:30pm
Monday 7 th	Year 6 PGL Residential
Monday 7 th	Year 3 Parent Information Event 3:30pm
Tuesday 8 th	Year 2 Parent Information Event 3:30pm
Wednesday 9 th	Year 1 Parent Information Event 3:30pm
Thursday 10 th	EYFS Tapestry Parent Information Event 3:30pm
Friday 11 th	Year 5 Henry Moore Studios & Gardens Visit
Tuesday 15 th	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 17 th	Year 3 Stone Age Day
Friday 25 th	Year 1 Drumming Workshop (tbc)
Tuesday 29 th	Year 4 West Stow Visit
October	
Monday 19 th	Individual School Photos (AM)
Friday 23 rd	Harvest Service at C3 Church 10am
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th	Autumn Half Term Holiday

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	£3.60
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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Carol Gale School of Dance

Stacey Taylor: 07725597775

staceyitaylor@icloud.com

We are pleased to invite pupils at Kendall Primary School to our Autumn term dance club sessions:

Friday 18th September to 11th December 2026 3.15-4.15pm.

There are only a limited amount spaces available so please contact Stacey on 07725597775 before making payment.

Open to children in year 1 - 6 at Kendall Primary.

Any children who are allowed to walk home on their own please make us aware that they will not be collected by a parent using the contact details below.

The class is £44 for 11 weeks up to the Christmas Holidays.

Secure your child's place now by messaging first to check availability, then paying the full, non-refundable amount to:

Carol Gale School of Dance

04-03-33

61757849

Please put your child's full name and year group in the payment reference & send a message or email to Stacey to confirm payment.

Kind regards

Stacey Taylor

Principal of the Carol Gale School of Dance

Firstsite Holiday Fun Summer Holiday 2026

Sat 18 Jul - Sat 29 Aug

Activities take place at:
Firstsite
Lewis Gardens, High St
Colchester, Essex
CO1 1JH

How to book

Early bird tickets will be available from 9am Tue 14 Jul.

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!

Book online at
firstsite.uk
or call 01206
713700

Scan the QR
code to book



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

Delivered in partnership with:



Saturday 18th July - Saturday 29th August

Mr Frog's Birthday Bumps

Mr Frog's friends want to give him the birthday bumps, but Mr Frog can't remember his age!

Find his friends and they'll tell you!

Prebook a ticket:
www.bethchatto.co.uk/entrance



Kendall Church of England Primary School Recreation Road Colchester, CO1 2HH
01206 794634 • admin@kendall.essex.sch.uk • www.kendallprimary.co.uk
Headteacher: Mrs. Clare French



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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STAFF

All our staff have significant experience of working with children and undertake professional development training.

All staff members have appropriate Safeguarding training, are DBS checked and paediatric first aid trained. We maintain a staff/child ratio of 1:8 for children under the age of eight, in line with statutory requirements.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Come and Join the Fun!

Fun 4 Kids Holiday Club runs from Highwoods Primary School Tynedale Square, Colchester, CO4 9SN

Are you looking for a fun, safe, and creative space for your children during the holidays? At Fun 4 Kids Holiday Club, there's always a wide range of activities and plenty of opportunities for indoor and outdoor play.

We're open from 7:30am to 6:00pm, offering flexible hours to suit busy families

Contact mandy@fun4kidscolchester.co.uk for more information.

FUN 4 KIDS

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Two photos showing children participating in activities: one with a large colorful parachute and another with children sitting on the ground outdoors.

At Fun 4 Kids, we aim to provide a safe, secure and relaxed environment. We offer a range of activities to reflect the interests of the children in our care. We are Ofsted registered.

Our Club follows the Play work Principles, so the children are free to choose activities and resources as they wish.

There will always be a selection of activities and resources available, including dressing up, home corner, craft, board games, construction, physical play, cookery, outdoor play and reading. In addition, other resources are available for the children to select from our equipment library.



What we provide

- A variety of healthy breakfast and snack options, including fresh fruit & vegetables.
- Fresh drinking water is available at all times.
- Snacks prepared with fresh ingredients, following official guidelines.
- We meet individual dietary needs and parental preferences wherever possible.

Please note the food we provide is not intended as a substitute for a main evening meal. 🍎🍌

Fees

Early Breakfast Club	From £7.78
Late Breakfast Club	From £6.65
After School Club	From £16.68

Registration Fee - £25

OPENING TIMES

School	Breakfast Club	After School Club
Highwoods	7:00am- 9:00am	3:00pm-6:15pm
St John's Green	Not available	3:00pm- 6:00pm
St Michael's	7:30am- 9:00am	3:00pm- 6:00pm
Bishop William Ward	7:30am- 9:00am	3:00pm-6:00pm
Camulos	7:15am- 9:00am	3:00pm- 6:00pm
Dedham	Not available	3:00pm-5:45pm
Kendall	Not available	3:15pm-6:00pm

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