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17th July 2026

Newsletter 39 Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic year it has been at Kendall! As another academic year draws to a close, there is so much to celebrate that I simply couldn't include it all in one newsletter. Before we finish for the summer, however, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our staff, pupils, parents and the wider school community. Your continued support, generosity and commitment are what make Kendall such a special place to learn and work.

This morning we said goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils during their leavers' assembly. Thank you to all of the parents and family members who joined us to celebrate this important milestone and to wish the children every success as they begin the next chapter of their education in September. They have been a truly exceptional cohort, and it has been a privilege to watch them grow into confident, caring and capable young people. We know they have bright futures ahead of them, and they will always remain an important part of the Kendall family.



Today we also said a fond farewell to Mrs Gayton, who retires after an incredible 17 years at Kendall. During her time here, she has taught in both EYFS and Key Stage 2, eventually teaching every year group across the school. Over the years, she has inspired and supported hundreds of children, leaving a lasting impact on our school community. Mrs Gayton will be greatly missed by pupils, staff and families alike, and we wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

Finally, I would like to thank you once again for your support throughout this term. It has been a privilege to lead the school in Mrs French's absence, and I am incredibly proud of everything our children, staff and families have achieved together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting year in September.

In the meantime, I hope you all have a restful, enjoyable and well-deserved summer break. A quick reminder that the first day of the new term for pupils is **Wednesday 2nd September**.

KS2 SATs Results

This week we received the outcomes for the Year 6 SATs and they were phenomenal. Each and every child should be proud of their achievements. We know they worked very hard for these results.

Subject	Expected Standard	National Average	Higher Standard
Reading	90%	75%	43%
Writing	90%	73%	13%
Maths	93%	75%	33%
Combined	87%	63%	7%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	83%	73%	17%

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/55SYubvk2M59Sj719>

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.



PTA Pop-up Bake Sales

We did it! Amazingly, we managed to raise £37.60 more than last year through our Bake Sales. As a reward, all of the children received an additional 30minutes break time earlier today. Thank you to everyone who baked and bought cakes – we couldn't have done it without you.

Year Group	Date of stall	Money raised so far...
EYFS	Friday 5 th June 2026	£110.50
Yr 1	Thursday 10 th July 2026	£83.40
Yr 2	Friday 3 rd July 2026	£144.50
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:		£739.20

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/>

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 17th July 2026

EYFS enjoyed their Forest School session in the big woodland site last week, taking part in many different activities such as climbing on the dragon tree, swinging on the rope swing and collecting various bugs. A few of the children took a few minutes to enjoy laying in the hammock to relax.



Last week, Year 2 continued to craft their necklace that they started previously, the finished results were very good and the children were really happy with them. Woodland characters were made on the woodland floor using sticks, logs and grass for the hair.



Year 3 spent their last Forest School session enjoying some of their favourite pastimes in the woods, even finding time to create beaded bracelets and bag charms.



Year 6 came enjoyed their time in the woods this week for their last Forest School session here at Kendall, and what a lovely session it was! Many different activities were on offer for the children to enjoy from high ropes to making friendship bracelets. Each of the children also branded themselves a wood slice with the Kendall logo that can be treasured as a fond reminder of their time here at the school. The Forest School team would like to wish all of the children every success for the future. You will be missed here in the forest.



Year 1, Year 4 & Year 5 did not have a Forest School session this week.

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: Gabriel H, Vincent H, Olivia N, Emilia T and Eleanor VZ



Headteacher Cups

Congratulations to the following who were awarded a Headteacher Cup in assembly this week:
Esther B, Peyton E and Mariam K

Mental Maths Awards

Congratulations to all the children who received Mental Maths Awards this week!

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	95.55%	
Year 1	97%	
Year 2	96.35%	
Year 3	98.25%	★
Year 4	98%	
Year 5	94.35%	
Year 6	95%	
Overall Attendance		96.35%

(Week ending 10/07/2026)

Have an amazing summer break.



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

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 1 Trips and Visits and Associated Costs

Year Group	Trip/Visit	Cost per child
EYFS	No Visit	N/A
Year 1	Music Workshop	TBC
Year 2	Local Geography Walk	Free
Year 3	Stone Age Day	£19.43
Year 4	West Stow	TBC
Year 5	Henry Moore Studios & Gardens	£19.50
Year 6	London Aquarium/Houses of Parliament	Free

Academic Year 2026-2027

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= Schooldays

 = School holidays

■ = Bank holidays

 = Weekends

 = Non-Pupil Days



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



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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

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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!

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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.

CONTACT US

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mandy@fun4kidscolchester.co.uk

WEBSITE

<https://fun4kidscolchester.co.uk/>

SCAN HERE

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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