

# Kender Newsletter



Kender school opened on 8th June 1874.



**Monday 9th September:**  
Years 1 & 2



**Tuesday 10th September:**  
Years 3 & 4



**Wednesday 11th September:** Years 5 & 6



**Thursday 12th September:** Reception



**Wednesday 9th October:**  
Open Morning, 9.15am

Friday 6th September (the anniversary Year 1874 to 2024)

**Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,**

I'd like to welcome all our families back to Kender after the summer break and also to welcome our new families to Reception at the start of your child's school journey.

For those of you not new to Kender, thank you so much for the kind and supportive messages at the end of last term; these are always so much appreciated by me and all of the staff.

Thank you too to all the parents who responded to their child's report. We had over 60 responses, with over 96% of responses stating that their child had made good or excellent progress; I have shared this data with teachers, who are even more determined to ensure similar progress continues this year.

**Next week**, we hold our meet the teacher meetings. These will change slightly this academic year. The reason for this change is that we have not met with some families for a while and we want to reinforce some of our school expectations, whilst providing some background information for you all.

We think these will be viewed as really helpful meetings.

The first part of the meeting involves you meeting with your child's class teacher in your child's classroom. This meeting will last about fifteen or twenty minutes. All meetings will start by 3.40.

The second part of this meeting is for parents to go to either the small hall or large hall for a presentation by me and a member of the Senior Leadership Team. The presentations will start at 4pm and finish at 4.30. There will be an opportunity for questions.

It is expected that all families attend these meetings. If any family is not represented, we will arrange individual meetings with those parents at a convenient date.

Dates for all meetings are here on this newsletter. I will remind all children of the importance of a parent or carer attending.

Please see the full term dates on this newsletter, these are the key dates for this academic year.

I'll be on the Briant Street gate next week.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Barr (Headteacher)

	02/09/24	03/09/24	04/09/24	05/09/24	06/09/24	Average
<b>Rec</b>					83%	
<b>Yr 1</b>			79%	85%	88%	<b>84%</b>
<b>Yr 2</b>			88%	92%	92%	<b>91%</b>
<b>Yr 3</b>			78%	87%	87%	<b>84%</b>
<b>Yr 4</b>			82%	85%	85%	<b>84%</b>
<b>Yr 5</b>			92%	<b>99%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>Yr 6</b>			86%	86%	91%	<b>88%</b>
<b>All year groups improving. Only Year Five above 97%. Better next week, please...</b>						

## Term Dates: 2024/25

### Autumn Term

**INSET day:** Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September

**School re-open:**  
**Wednesday 4th September**

### Autumn Half-term

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November.

School re-opens

Monday 4th November

**INSET day:** Friday 20th December

School closes early to children for Christmas break, Thursday 19th December, at 2.30pm.

### Spring Term

School re-opens for children on Monday 6th January 2025

### Half-term

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February,

School re-opens for children on Monday 24th February 2024

**School closes, 2.30pm on Thursday 4th April.**

School closed to children for Easter break, Friday 29th March.

### Summer Term

**INSET day:** Tuesday 22nd December

School re-opens for children on Wednesday 23rd April 2025

### Half-term

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

School re-opens to children Monday 2nd June 2024

School closes to children for the summer break, Tuesday 22nd July, at 2.30pm.

**INSET days: we have one more to allocate**

## PE

The days we have P.E. can sometimes vary so please ensure your child has their P.E. kit on a Monday and takes it home on a Friday.

## Reading

Please read at home every day. Your child should bring their reading record and book into school every day. We will change books once a week. We also have daily whole Class focused Guided lessons Reading.

## Homework

As well as reading, homework is assigned each week on Fridays and should be returned to school by Wednesday the following week.

Hi all and welcome back to school!

I hope everyone had a relaxing summer break and I can see that the children are all raring to go and have settled back into school life very well.

A reminder to Year 6 parents to go and see all the secondary schools you are interested in for your child, open days and events are already underway at most secondary schools. Any absences during the school day will be authorised for these visits, just inform the school office. There will be a secondary transfer meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm and the deadline for applying for a secondary school is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you have any questions at all or need any help filling out the online form (<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>) please don't hesitate to ask. There will be an event at the Lewisham Civic Suite from 5 to 8 on 25.09.24, more details next week.

Remember, if your child is starting secondary school next September you will need to fill out a form, even if you already have an older child attending a secondary school.

Have a great weekend, see you on Monday.

Robert Vinnicombe, Deputy Headteacher



**If you have any concerns please contact the school office.**

**Phone number: 020 76394654**

Friends of Kender/PTA

**Next meeting:**

**Monday 16th September, 5.30pm**

**Via Zoom.**