

# Kender Newsletter

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Kender school opened on 8th June 1874.



**Wednesday 25th September:**

European Day of Languages



**4th to 10th October:**  
World Space Week



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



**Saturday 12th October:**  
Open Morning, 9.15am

Friday 20th September (the anniversary Year 1874 to 2024)

**Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,**

What a lovely sunny week!

At the end of last term, an issue was raised via parent feedback sheets. It was noted that the doors on the girls' toilets for children in KS2 were not closing properly. These have now been repaired. It has taken some time because we took the decision to replace plastic legs on the doors/cubicle dividers with metal ones, which are significantly more robust; these took much longer to order as they are less 'standard issue'.

This week I attended the Lewisham Leadership Forum. This happens each term and is an opportunity for Headteachers to discuss current topics and gather information on the latest education thinking and planning. This week Smart Phones were an issue for discussion. I have offered to be part of a group of headteachers, tasked with producing a borough wide policy on children under the age of 14 using Smart Phones. When we met a couple of weeks ago, I referenced schools in Hertfordshire, below is an article that covers their approach:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-69044426>

In a similar vein children at Kender should not be wearing Smart or Gadget watches into school. We provide all the technology that they need and these wrist watches are an unnecessary distraction for them.

Next Wednesday we hold our first meeting of the full Governing Body. Items for discussion will include the School Development plan for 2024/27, with some specific priorities for this academic year. I will share with governors a more detailed overview of the start of term and how the changes around the school budget will inform our planning for the next year and beyond.

Cath Prisk from OPAL(Outdoor Play and Learning) will be in school on Thursday supporting the school staff to take our planning with excellent play provisions to the next level. I look forward to sharing some of our next steps later in one of these newsletters.

The children have been fantastic this week. I've seen some fabulous learning with many proud faces.

Have a lovely weekend; please remember to find time to talk with your children and read their schools books.

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

Mr Barr (Headteacher)

	16/09/24	17/09/24	18/09/24	19/09/24	20/09/24	Average
<b>Yr 6</b>	96%	100%	96%	100%	98%	98%
<b>Yr 5</b>	94%	90%	92%	96%	98%	94%
<b>Yr 1</b>	94%	90%	92%	92%	97%	93%
<b>Yr 2</b>	88%	93%	96%	92%	96%	93%
<b>Yr 3</b>	86%	89%	97%	97%	91%	92%
<b>Yr 4</b>	90%	90%	95%	95%	92%	92%
<b>Rec</b>	90%	90%	88%	88%	88%	
<b>Even more days and year groups over 96% 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 April

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.

Another very busy week at Kender!

Year 6 parents, if you would like help with the secondary school application process or the eAdmissions website, I will be running a number of Secondary Application Workshops during the week beginning Monday 7th October. If you are interested, please fill out the form that was sent home with your child yesterday or speak to the office. Remember the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Year 3 are off to Oxleas Woods on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, to support their nature poems in English and their Science learning on leaves later on in the year. I'm sure they are looking forward to fun filled educational visit with some brilliant learning taking place outside the classroom. I'll look forward to hearing all about it!

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 30th September, 5.00pm**

**Some events this term:**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30-4.30pm - welcome to the new academic year, cake sale**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 3.30-7pm - Movie Night for the kids**