

Kender Newsletter



Kender school opened on 8th June 1874.



November 2024:

Walk to school month



Monday 18th November:

Writing Residency week, including Governor day, Wednesday 20th November



Tuesday 26th November & Thursday 28th November



Thursday 12th December:
KS1 & 2 Christmas celebration: All Saints church



Friday 20th December:

INSET day, school closes at 2.30pm on Thursday 19th December.

Friday 15th November (the anniversary Year 1874 to 2024)

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It has been another really good week in school. I taught lessons on population growth in Year six to both classes, whose engagement and learning were both excellent. More of the same next week please Kender...

On Tuesday, we had visitors in school as part of a Quality of Education review. This is conducted by school leaders with the support of external school improvement partners. I am delighted to inform you that the review was really successful and we have some great feedback with some next steps for us to keep improving the school for the children. I will share the full report with governors next week.

Please remember it is **walk to school month**. A small increase in daily steps walked can support children in becoming more active. I've increased mine; last week I was averaging 5,600 steps per day and this week it has increased to 6,749. How are you doing with your steps?

At the end of this month we hold our **Autumn Term Parents' Evenings**. These will take place on Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th November. You will be able to book appointments via Arbor from next week. Please sign up, we want to see all parents attending these meetings. In conjunction with the meetings there will be other things happening in school:

Book Fair, Parent Survey, Olive Dining tasting.

For parents whose first language is not English we can arrange for translators at the meetings. Do please let us know in advance if you would like a translator. If any parent needs help booking a slot the office team are always happy to help.

Wow! Lovely day in school celebrating Children in Need. We have boxes for each year group for children and families to donate items for our **Christmas Hamper Raffle**. We already have many many items donated, and we'll have amazing hampers by the end of term. We'd love more though, items could include:

tins or packets of food, small toiletries, unwanted, yet new gifts, books, small toys.

Next week, the team from **Writing for Pleasure** will be in school; they will be meeting all teachers to support with the development of our provision in writing. Governors will be in school on Wednesday for the autumn term **Governor Day**.

Have a great weekend! Staying fine all weekend, opportunities to get out for an autumn walk and increase those steps...

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

Mr Barr (Headteacher)

	11/11/24	12/11/24	13/11/24	14/11/24	15/11/24	Average
Rec	94%	96%	93%	94%	88%	
Yr 1	94%	97%	95%	97%	97%	96%
Yr 2	100%	96%	100%	98%	96%	98%
Yr 3	100%	98%	100%	96%	98%	98%
Yr 4	97%	95%	92%	92%	95%	94%
Yr 5	92%	96%	100%	100%	100%	98%
Yr 6	97%	94%	99%	100%	100%	98%
Keep it going Kender...! Great to see so many of you in school.						

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.

An amazing week at Kender! The children were all smiles for those school photos on Wednesday!

Next week we are incredibly lucky to welcome Ross Young and Felicity Ferguson from Writing for Pleasure to our school for our writing residency week. Ross and Felicity will be working with us to help develop our teaching of writing. This is an amazing opportunity for our teachers and children alike.

A reminder to Year 6 parents that we still have revision guides for sale. Three SATs revision guides for £10, the recommended retail price is £15. If you are interested, please see the school office.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Kender to coincide with parents evening meetings from the week beginning the 25th November. Come and explore the amazing books on offer. The school does receive 10% of all sales back in books for the school.

I hope you all have a relaxing weekend. See you on Monday!

Mr Vinnicombe
Deputy Headteacher



If you have any concerns please contact the school office.

Phone number: 020 76394654

Friends of Kender/PTA

Kender raffle starts from now...please bring in packets, tins of food, toiletries & small, new but unwanted gifts...

Thursday 12th December, 3.30-7pm - Movie Night for the kids

Help build a mud kitchen; watch this space...!