

# Kender Newsletter



Friday 14th February 2025

**Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,**

I am so proud of the children in Year 5 who went to the Synagogue in east London. I had feedback from the teachers, parents who accompanied the children and the Rabbi. The children were so respectful, insightful with their questions, could show how much they already knew about the Jewish faith and other faiths that they've studied and on the day learnt much about the practice of the Jewish faith. Curriculum visits are a statutory part of the R.E. curriculum and we expect all children to attend. Thank you to those children who represented the Kender value of respect in such a sensitive and thoughtful manner.

Huge thanks and praise to our Orchard Planters, who braved the cold and the rain to plant an orchard for Hatcham Gardens. It was not long ago that we didn't even have a park. Now we have a park with an orchard. Kender community growing in strength with fruit on the way too...

In other news, there are cats needing homes in Besson Street. Please feel free to ask your local councillor or MP to find out when we have new homes of our community on this site. We have emailed and were expected works to begin in January; no sign as yet! Perhaps work will start very soon...

Kender Garden Morning. On **Saturday 1st March** we will be tackling the Kender Garden. Parents please come along. Bring your child or children and help tidy and sort our garden area. It will be lots of fun, and remember, ...more hands make lighter work...

Wow! What a half-term it has been. The children have been just fantastic. It has been cold, on so many days it has been cold. Yet, the children have been in school working really hard. No complaints, just enjoying time making progress with their learning and cherishing each week.

We all now need a rest. There will still be some works taking place in school over the next week. For the children and the staff it is time to rest and recharge. I will look forward to seeing you all on Monday 24th February.

I will be on the Faulkner street gate when we return after the half-term. Have a great week!

**Mr. Barr (Headteacher)**

	10/02/25	11/02/25	12/02/25	13/02/25	14/02/25	Average
<b>Rec</b>	93%	94%	95%	94%	89%	
<b>Yr 1</b>	100%	100%	97%	87%	94%	96%
<b>Yr 2</b>	90%	94%	94%	90%	89%	91%
<b>Yr 3</b>	94%	97%	98%	94%	98%	96%
<b>Yr 4</b>	94%	97%	97%	94%	94%	95%
<b>Yr 5</b>	93%	92%	96%	83%	94%	92%
<b>Yr 6</b>	100%	98%	97%	100%	96%	98%
<b>Come on Kender... Well done Year Six. Leading the way on attendance!!!</b>						



**Monday 24th February 2025:**  
school re-opens after the half-term break.



**Saturday 1st March:**  
Kender Garden Morning



**Wednesday 5th March:**  
Yr4 to Pizza Express



**Thursday 6th March:**  
World Book day



**Tuesday 25th March & Thursday 27th March:**  
Appointments via Arbor



**Friday 28th March:**  
Cycle Training



**Friday 4th April:**  
School closes at 2.30pm.

## 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 Friday 4th April.**

### 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

**INSET day: Monday 2nd June 2025**

School re-opens to children Tuesday 3rd June 2024

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

### Autumn Term 2025

**School re-opens to children Tuesday 2nd September 2025**

## 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.

## A Fantastic End to the Half Term!

What a jam-packed final week it has been!

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of joining Year 5 on their visit to the New London Synagogue in St John's Wood. This trip enriched their R.E. learning on Judaism, deepening their understanding of the Jewish faith. It was wonderful to see the children confidently answer the Rabbi's questions and showcase their knowledge. Educational visits are a vital part of the curriculum and we always encourage all children to attend.

This week, we also marked Anti-Bullying Week with a range of activities promoting kindness and respect. On Odd Socks Day (Tuesday), children celebrated individuality, and in class, they explored the importance of respectful disagreement and how to show respect to others.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 24th February!

**Mr. Vinnicombe**  
Deputy Headteacher



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

**Phone number: 020 76394654**

## Friends of Kender/PTA

**Next meeting: Monday 24th February, 5.30pm,  
via Teams/Zoom**

**School Disco: Thursday 27th February 2025**

**Tickets available via Arbor**