

# Kender Newsletter



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Friday 9th January 2026



**Wednesday 14th  
January 2026, our last  
Open Morning before  
the closing date.  
9.15 am.**



**Thursday 15th January,  
Year 5 start swimming  
at the Garden Pool.**



**Tuesday 27th &  
Thursday 29th January,  
Year 4 Parents'  
Evening.**



**Friday 6th February,  
Vicky Foxcroft, MP,  
visiting Kender**



**Monday 9th February,  
Year 6 on  
School Journey.**



**Thursday 11th June 2026,  
International Day of Play**

**Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,**

I hope you all had a restful break, with some quality family time. Happy New Year and welcome to 2026 at Kender. I talked with all the children on Monday, giving them a chance to think back to the many wonderful things we achieved last year, whilst looking forward to what might lie ahead for us in 2026.

One slight change in this newsletter is the addition of a **Voice21** 'would you rather' prompt. There will be a similar prompt on the newsletter each week, serving as an opportunity for you to start a family discussion. There is more information on the school website, as a start please open up this discussion over dinner or breakfast or at a time that suits your family routines. Have fun...

<https://www.kender.lewisham.sch.uk/page/?title=Oracy+%40+Kender&pid=154>

I am pleased to inform you that there will be an opportunity to see the revised plans for the **Besson Street** site. You'll know that this site has lain derelict for over 18 years, with plans having come and gone. Please make time to go a see the updated plans and timeline to completion, Tuesday 20th January, between 4pm and 8pm at The Somerville.

<https://www.kender.lewisham.sch.uk/news/?pid=38&nid=2&storyid=375>

One key element of our school improvement work is to be reaccredited by OPAL - Outdoor Play & Learning. We have been an **OPAL school** since 2015 and play has been such a strong improving force at Kender school. Now we need to move to the next level and access further support and development. To help us we need your views. Children and staff have completed their surveys this week.

Please complete the Parent Survey, which can be found by following this link to our website:

<https://www.kender.lewisham.sch.uk/news/?pid=38&nid=2&storyid=374>

I will be on the Faulkner Street gate next, and in school Monday to Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend and I will look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

**Mr. Barr (Headteacher)**

	05/01/26	06/01/26	07/01/26	08/01/26	09/01/26	Average
<b>Rec</b>	78%	83%	92%	86%	86%	
<b>Yr 1</b>	76%	78%	78%	76%	80%	
<b>Yr 2</b>	88%	<b>97%</b>	<b>97%</b>	94%	91%	
<b>Yr 3</b>	86%	92%	82%	84%	86%	
<b>Yr 4</b>	84%	<b>95%</b>	<b>95%</b>	92%	93%	
<b>Yr 5</b>	88%	92%	89%	94%	<b>97%</b>	
<b>Yr 6</b>	83%	<b>96%</b>	92%	94%	85%	
<b>Coldest week of the year so far...let's have everyone in school next week!!!</b>						

**Term Dates: 2025/26**  
Autumn Term

**INSET day:** Monday 1st  
September

School re-opens: Tuesday  
2nd September

**INSET day:** Monday 22nd  
September

**Autumn Half-term**  
Monday 27th October to  
Friday 31st October.  
School re-opens  
Monday 3rd November

**School closes early to  
children for Christmas  
break, Thursday 18th  
December, at 2.30pm.**

**INSET day:** Friday 19th  
December

**Spring Term**

School re-opens for  
children on Monday 5th  
January 2026

**Half-term**  
Monday 16th February to  
Friday 20th February,

School re-opens for  
children on Monday 23rd  
February 2026

**School closes, 2.30pm on  
Friday 27th March.**

**Summer Term**  
School re-opens for  
children on Monday 13th  
April 2026

**Half-term**  
Monday 25th May to  
Friday 29th May

School re-opens to  
children Monday 1st June  
2026

**Sports Day: Wed 10th June**  
**@Goldsmiths college**  
**green, Yrs 1 to 6**

**International Day of Play:**  
**Thursday 11th June**

School closes to children for  
the summer break, Friday  
17th July, at 2.30pm.

**INSET day:** Monday 20th  
July

**INSET day:** x1 still to  
allocate

**Autumn Term 2026**  
School re-opens to  
children Thursday 3rd  
September 2026

**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**

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

**PE/Sports: The days we have PE, can sometimes vary so please ensure your child has their PE kit on a Monday and takes it home on a Friday.**

**Would you rather...?**

**Would you rather work in a big shop or a little shop?**



### Welcome Back!

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting Spring Term ahead.

### Year 6 School Journey Update

Yesterday, Ms George and I visited the Cuffley Active Learning Centre, which will host our Year 6 school journey in February. The facilities are fantastic, and we're confident the children will make lifelong memories during this experience. We're all really looking forward to it! I'll be holding a final meeting for parents soon - please keep an eye out for the date.

### Supporting Children's Digital Lives

This week, the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, published a helpful guide for parents on managing children's digital lives. It's full of practical tips to help keep children safe online. You can access the guide here:

[What I Wish My Parents or Carers Knew – A Guide for Parents and Carers on Managing Children's Digital Lives](#)

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**

**FOK/PTA:**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan -

PTA/FOK meeting for Disco organisation

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb - School Disco

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Mothers Day/ Easter Bake sale

**We need your help... we need...**

unwanted gifts (e.g. toys, tech)

fancy dress outfits

old pots and pans/ utensils for mud kitchen

There will be a collection box put out by the office.