

Kender Newsletter



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Friday 23rd January 2026



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



Thursday 5th February, Disco.



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



Monday 9th February, Year 6 on School Journey.



Monday 16th February, School closed for half-term. School reopens: Monday 23rd February.



Thursday 11th June 2026, International Day of Play

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

A really wet week, yet, another really good week in school. I'm pleased to say we're getting close to having our Kender Publishing House logos agreed...

I went to see the revised plans for **Besson Street**. I am delighted to see this scheme is progressing with a completion date and we are getting ever nearer to work commencing on this site; we've been waiting for 18 years!!! If you did go to see the plans please make comments, I was concerned to see only a small number of of three bedroom properties and will submit some feedback. There will be some Section 106 money that will become available for enhancing the community...we will watch this space...

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

From our monthly budget monitoring, it is clear that there are many parents who have yet to pay the 'one off' **payment for school trips**. You will recall that we have changed the system this year to a one off payment of £50 or £38 for a child who is entitled to Pupil Premium. Please continue popping into the school office to pay your 'one off' payment for school trips.

I was pleased to be invited to attend an **All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG)** on Wednesday. The focus of this group is the provision of **Play** in schools, both through playtimes and via curriculum planning. It was a really inspiring discussing and some helpful contacts were made. There is a debate in parliament on Monday, again with a focus on Play. I will share more information in the future.

Thank you so much to the parents who are helping to support the redevelopment of our **Kender Mud Kitchen's** and playground resources. Your help and support is always very much appreciated.

We do still need items for our Mud Kitchens. Please if you have spare **utensils or pots and pans** we would like to add any spares to our kitchen collection.

I will be on the Faulkner Street gate next, and in school everyday next week.

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

Mr. Barr (Headteacher)

	19/01/26	20/01/26	21/01/26	22/01/26	23/01/26	Average
Rec	84%	85%	86%	86%	82%	85%
Yr 1	89%	86%	90%	93%	86%	89%
Yr 2	100%	99%	94%	85%	84%	93%
Yr 3	93%	98%	90%	85%	88%	93%
Yr 4	96%	92%	96%	96%	93%	95%
Yr 5	100%	95%	92%	97%	95%	96%
Yr 6	94%	96%	96%	94%	91%	94%
	Coldest					

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 go on a submarine or a rollercoaster?



Remembering the New Cross Fire

On Monday, Mr Barr and I accompanied a group of Year 6 children to the memorial service marking the 45th anniversary of the New Cross Fire, held in Fordham Park. We joined several other local primary and secondary schools to remember the 14 victims of this tragic event. Our children represented the school beautifully, and next year I would like our Year 6 children to perform a poem as part of the service.

Final Reminder – Year 6 School Journey Parent Meeting

A final reminder that the last Year 6 school journey parent meeting will take place on **Monday 26th January at 4pm**. It is really important that all parents of children attending the trip come along to this meeting, as I will be sharing key information. I look forward to seeing you there.

This Week's 'Would You Rather...?'

Don't forget to ask your children about the "Would you rather...?" question from assembly (and above) this morning! We had a fun discussion about whether we'd prefer to be on a submarine or a rollercoaster. I've decided I'd rather avoid both—I prefer to keep my feet firmly on the ground!

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 23rd Jan -

PTA/Fok meeting for Disco organisation

Thursday 5th Feb - School Disco

Thursday 26th 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**