

Kender Newsletter



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Friday 16th January 2026



**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.**



**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,

Another good week in school, in lesson observations we are looking at how our Teaching & Learning policy is being implemented. This term we are looking at our teaching approaches and will share our updated information with you at Parents' Evenings in March.

Really pleased that Year Five have started swimming at The Garden Pools in SE1; feedback has been good so far...

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.

From our records there are many payments outstanding:

Reception: 21 (60%) Yr 1: 20 (45%) Yr2: 16 (47%) Yr3: 28 (56%)
Yr4: 31 (56%) Yr5: 25 (67%) Yr6: 36 (69%)

Please continue popping into the school office to pay your 'one off' payment for school trips.

Can I remind you to make time to go and see the updated plans for Besson Street. Tuesday 20th January, between 4pm and 6pm 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 reaccruited 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.

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)

	12/01/26	13/01/26	14/01/26	15/01/26	16/01/26	Average
Rec	91%	94%	89%	84%	86%	89%
Yr 1	89%	91%	92%	91%	80%	89%
Yr 2	97%	100%	100%	97%	91%	97%
Yr 3	88%	90%	93%	90%	86%	89%
Yr 4	95%	98%	96%	91%	93%	94%
Yr 5	100%	95%	95%	97%	97%	97%
Yr 6	94%	96%	96%	94%	85%	93%
Fantastic effort from year 2 this week. Keep it up!!						

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 have 24 days or 34 days in January?



Beyblade Buzz!!

A group of Year 6 children are helping to organise a Beyblade tournament during playtimes next week. This idea has really taken off! Adam and Manolo gave a fantastic presentation in today's assembly, clearly explaining the rules and expectations. The children are incredibly excited and can't wait to show off their skills.

If your children are bringing in their own Beyblades, please encourage them to keep them safe and look after them carefully.

Let it rip!!!

Year 6 School Journey – Parent Meeting

The final parent meeting for the Year 6 school journey will take place on **Monday 26th January at 4pm**, straight after school. During this meeting, I will share important information about the finer details of the trip, including packing, transport arrangements, and what children can and cannot bring with them for the week.

If any Year 6 parents are unable to attend in person, I can make this a hybrid meeting (virtual and in-person). Please let me or Ms George know if this would be helpful. I hope you all have a relaxing weekend, and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mr Vinnicombe
Deputy Headteacher



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