

# Kender Newsletter



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Friday 30th January 2026



**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 5th March,  
World Book Day.**



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

**Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,**

Another really good week in school.

On Tuesday, I went with our Travel Ambassadors to the TfL building in Stratford. The team were representing Kender at an Active Travel initiative. I was so proud of this group of children who were just amazing! They were creative in their thinking, collegiate, with minimal adult guidance, and produced a great idea for enhancing active travel to school. Please do look at our Instagram account for pictures. This group of children were such a strong advocate for all things Kender. Thanks too to Michael Denys for his development of the group.

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 £36 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.

Earlier in the term, we submitted a bid to run the NELI programme in Nursery and Reception. NELI is a language support programme, designed to support parents with helping their children. The bid would help bring to the school £42k over the next four years. To further scrutinise our bid, we had a visit from informed professionals from The Leathersellers' and Merchant Taylors. The visit was very productive and their comments included:

**Thank you for showing us your school - and with justifiable pride.  
Thanks...wonderful facilities...lovely feel...proud & vibrant place for children to learn!  
A wonderfully warm and inviting vibe for children to learn.**

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 Nursery gate next week, and I will be in school Monday(am only), Tuesday, Thursday and Friday(am only).

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

**Mr. Barr (Headteacher)**

	26/01/26	27/01/26	28/01/26	29/01/26	30/01/26	Average
<b>Rec</b>	94%	86%	89%	87%	86%	Under 90%
<b>Yr 1</b>	93%	86%	88%	95%	95%	91%
<b>Yr 2</b>	94%	79%	88%	88%	85%	Under 90%
<b>Yr 3</b>	84%	82%	85%	87%	86%	Under 90%
<b>Yr 4</b>	91%	93%	93%	91%	91%	92%
<b>Yr 5</b>	91%	92%	99%	97%	97%	95%
<b>Yr 6</b>	89%	90%	94%	92%	92%	91%
<b>Come on Kender! We need you all in school for the first two weeks of February...</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 have super vision or super hearing?**



Welcome to our Goldsmiths PGCE Students

A big Kender welcome to our Goldsmiths PGCE teaching students. Ms Fisher will be joining Year 3 Tsang class, and Ms Townsend will be working with Year 1 Donaldson class. Having teaching students in school is hugely beneficial: they bring up to date pedagogy, enthusiasm, and extra support to the classroom, while gaining invaluable experience. They will be with us for the rest of the academic year, and we are delighted to have them as part of the team.

Year 6 School Journey – Final Preparations

We have now finalised the travel arrangements for our Year 6 school journey. It's not long to go, and the children are getting very excited!

Thank you to those who have already returned permission and medical forms. I still need a few more back, so please complete and return them as soon as possible. If you have any questions—big or small—please don't hesitate to ask.

Look forward to seeing you on Monday. Hope you have a relaxing weekend!

**Mr Vinnicombe - Deputy Headteacher**



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

**Phone number: 020 76394654**

**FOK/PTA:**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb - School Disco (next week)**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Mothers Day/ Easter Bake sale**

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

**unwanted gifts (e.g. toys, tech), especially Lego  
fancy dress outfits**

**old pots and pans/ utensils for mud kitchen**

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