

Kender Newsletter



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Friday 6th February 2026



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.



Wednesday 11th March,
Class Photos.



Tuesday 17th & Thursday
19th March,
Parents' Evenings.



Thursday 11th June 2026,
International Day of Play

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Another really good week in school. Thank you to everyone who helped with the discos last night. A lot of fun was had by all the children!

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. Let's have all payments made by the end of this half-term...

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.

This week our governors met as part of the **Wellbeing & Safeguarding Committee**. This committee looks at a range of aspects that support children's well-being in school, which include school attendance, rates of suspensions and incidents of bullying. Also discussed was the revision to the school's **Play Strategy**; once a few minor changes have been made this will be added to the school website. We are doing a lot of work around play and are considering a wider focus as part of our annual summer project. By way of interest you may wish to watch this **Ted Talk**:

<https://youtu.be/sQBrA3z77pc?si=2GG3vcfeaNykGvrf>

Next week, we reach the halfway point in the school year. I will be sending home letters to all children who have an attendance rate of under 90%. We are determined to challenge us all to ensure all children at Kender have an attendance level higher than 90%.

Much improved school attendance this week. Please do not let the weather put you off bringing your child, or children to school. It is the best place for them as there is always so much learning squeezed into every day!

I will be on the Faulkner Street gate next week, and I will be in school everyday. Have a lovely weekend and I will look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mr. Barr (Headteacher)

	02/02/26	03/02/26	04/02/26	05/02/26	06/02/26	Average
Rec	89%	88%	93%	100%	86%	91%
Yr 1	88%	91%	97%	97%	91%	93%
Yr 2	100%	100%	97%	91%	88%	95%
Yr 3	94%	96%	94%	97%	96%	95%
Yr 4	94%	95%	96%	97%	96%	96%
Yr 5	100%	95%	95%	92%	92%	95%
Yr 6	90%	94%	89%	90%	96%	92%
Come on Kender! Much better this week!!!						

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 build a den or a pretend boat?



Local Cycling Vigil

There will be a vigil this evening for a local cyclist who tragically died following a collision on New Cross Road on Tuesday 20th January. Irene was an experienced cyclist and a cycle mechanic. The vigil will begin at **18:30 on St James Street, at the junction with New Cross Road**. This news is incredibly sad, and as a keen cyclist myself—who travels along that stretch of road every weekday—it feels particularly poignant. Our thoughts are with Irene's family, friends, and the local cycling community.

Managing School Rolls in London

Here is a link to a news story on our website regarding the challenges of managing school rolls and maintaining educational standards across London. Pupil numbers are falling city-wide, and this is an issue affecting every school. The report outlines several recommendations on how the government could mitigate this growing challenge, including steps that are relevant to our own school community.

<https://www.kender.lewisham.sch.uk/news/?pid=38&nid=2&storyid=376>

Year 6 School Journey Next Week!

Year 6 are heading off on their school journey next week, and excitement levels are very high! We're all looking forward to a brilliant week away, and we'll be back on Friday with plenty of stories and anecdotes to share.

Have a great weekend. I'll see you on Monday—with my bags packed!

Mr Vinnicombe

Deputy Headteacher



If you have any concerns please contact the school office.

Phone number: 020 76394654

FOK/PTA:

What a great disco!

No sign of the dancing ghost too...thank you all!

Thursday 26th 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.