

Kender Newsletter



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Friday 13th February 2026



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.



Friday 27th March,
Last day of term.
School closes at 2.30pm



Thursday 11th June 2026,
International Day of Play

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It has been really good half-term in school. The children have worked very hard and now need a rest. Please, follow us on Instagram, if you do, you will see the amazing time that has been had by them all. It's the first full week of School Journey for quite a few years and already I can see how many more challenges have been provided for the children. There are some excellent photos on Instagram.

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**. 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 February...

Thank you so much to the parents who are helping to support the redevelopment of our Kender **Mud Kitchens** 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.

Our website continues to be updated, there is an article about our engagement with RHS and the installation of our pond. Below is a link to see the same article on another site:

<https://www.educationnaturepark.org.uk/understanding-life-experiences-through-nature-kender-primary-school>

Our latest Play Strategy is on the site and ready for you to read too:

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

Next week is half-term. I hope you all manage some time for rest and time for fun in your families as well. I have asked all staff to get a much rest as possible and be ready for the next term. We are still determined to ensure all children at Kender have an attendance level higher than 90%. With plenty of rest I'm sure everyone will be ready for being in school everyday next half-term.

I will be on the Nursery gate when we return, and I will be in school Tuesday to Friday. Have a lovely half-term break.

Mr. Barr (Headteacher)

| | 09/02/26 | 10/02/26 | 11/02/26 | 12/02/26 | 13/02/26 | Average |
|-------------|---|-------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|
| Rec | 77% | 76% | 91% | 84% | 88% | 83% |
| Yr 1 | 81% | 93% | 95% | 93% | 91% | 91% |
| Yr 2 | 93% | 94% | 94% | 94% | 97% | 94% |
| Yr 3 | 94% | 90% | 94% | 88% | 90% | 91% |
| Yr 4 | 96% | 96% | 94% | 94% | 96% | 95% |
| Yr 5 | 97% | 100% | 97% | 93% | 95% | 96% |
| Yr 6 | 96% | 98% | 94% | 94% | 94% | 95% |
| | Come on Kender! Even better after half-term... | | | | | |

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 do music or do art?



A true poem about...

With wild hair and of deep wonder,
he tore the old laws of physics asunder.
A patent clerk, dreaming of light speed trains
with cosmic secrets locked in his brains.

He saw the universe bend, curve, and sway
where gravity dances in a grand display.
'Time is relative', the gentle sage told
as mysteries of the cosmos began to unfold.

He played his violin to the rhythm of space
with a quiet, kind, and thoughtful face.
Not just $e=mc^2$ and the falling star,
but a call to see who we truly are.

With holy curiosity, he moved the mind,
leaving the limitation of logic behind.
A gentle soul in a chaotic age,
the universe's quiet, brilliant sage.

Mr Vinnicombe is away
this week.

Here is a poem by
Destiny in Year 5.

Come on Kender...
who is it about...?



If you have any concerns please contact the school office.

Phone number: 020 76394654

FOK/PTA:

Next meeting: Friday 27th February @ 9.00am

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.