

# Kender Newsletter



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Friday 27th February 2026



Thursday 5th March,  
World Book Day.



Wednesday 11th March,  
Class Photos.



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



Wednesday 18th March,  
O2 trip for years  
Reception, 2, 3 4 & 5.



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,

Welcome back to another half-term. I do hope you all managed some rest and family time over the break. The children appear relaxed and ready for learning.

This Wednesday we held an internal moderation of children's writing, which is ahead of a similar exercise with three other schools. It is essential that we look at the standards of writing across all classes at Kender and assess comparisons with other settings. So far, I'm really pleased and impressed with the progress children are making and the range of writing being taught.

There is a weekly reminder on this newsletter that Parent's Evenings will be coming up soon and these will be an opportunity to see the progress your child, or children are making. We will confirm when the signup opens.

At the end of last term there was a very concerning incident where a child took home a party bag which contained nuts. Kender is a nut free school. Please read below as a reminder of our policy towards children's birthdays:

- Children can wear clothes of their choice on their birthday or on a day near to their birthday
- Parents/carers can bring to school a cake for sharing with the child's class, which should be pre-cut and wrapped in a serviette
- Birthday cakes must be nut free...
- Because of this incident, I regret that we can no longer accept party bags

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...

The latest information about the PTA/FoK Bike Bus can be found here:

<https://www.kender.lewisham.sch.uk/page/?title=Friends+Of+Kender+%28PTA%29&pid=102>

I will be on the Faulkner gate next week, and I will be in school Monday to Thursday. Have a relaxing weekend.

Mr. Barr (Headteacher)

	23/02/26	24/02/26	25/02/26	26/02/26	27/02/26	Average
<b>Rec</b>	88%	88%	91%	91%	91%	83%
<b>Yr 1</b>	95%	95%	97%	100%	98%	97%
<b>Yr 2</b>	97%	99%	99%	97%	97%	98%
<b>Yr 3</b>	88%	96%	92%	94%	96%	93%
<b>Yr 4</b>	94%	94%	95%	100%	93%	95%
<b>Yr 5</b>	89%	97%	97%	95%	95%	96%
<b>Yr 6</b>	92%	94%	95%	98%	92%	95%
<b>Come on Kender! Some excellent attendance this week!</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...?**

**Helping tidy up after dinner - good idea or bad idea?**



### **Welcome Back to Kender!**

I hope you all had a relaxing half term. I've been so impressed by how quickly the children have seamlessly slipped back into their learning—they've returned refreshed and with focus, and enthusiasm. Well done and keep working hard!

### **Writing Moderation**

For our staff meeting on Wednesday, the English Team led an internal writing moderation. It was wonderful to see the impact that Writing for Pleasure is having across the school. Children are clearly invested in the topics they are choosing to write about and this is really shining through in the quality of their work.

I particularly enjoyed reading the stunning biographies produced by Year 5—beautifully crafted, detailed, and a joy to read.

### **Welcome to Ms Kyle**

A huge Kender welcome to Ms Kyle, a PGCE student who has joined Year 4. She will be with us until 17th April, and we're delighted to have her as part of the team.

Hope you have a great weekend, and I'll see you all on Monday.

### **Mr Vinnicombe**

Deputy Headteacher



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

**Phone number: 020 76394654**

### **FOK/PTA:**

Pre-order a Mother's/ Caregiver's Day gift on Arbor for your child to decorate.  
Orders available until 10th March.

26th March Bake Sale. Baked goods donations welcome to the office by 12pm.  
No nuts please.

17th April Join the Summer Fair Committee - Have coffee and a treat while sharing your ideas for the Summer Fair.

Fok would like to thank parents and carers for their support. Monies raised by Fok are kindly supporting transport for class trips, the development of play areas and the provision of new yoga mats. Please share your ideas for future spending.

**Keep the date free: Kenderbury: Friday 26th June 2026**