

# Kender Newsletter



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Friday 20th March 2026



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



**Monday 13th April,**  
School re-opens for  
children



**Parents' Evenings for**  
Years 4 & 6,  
Tuesday 14th &  
Thursday 16th April.



**Year Five trips:**  
Tuesday 14th April, Synagogue  
Thursday 16th April, Tower of London



**Tuesday 5th May,**  
INSET Day.  
School closed.



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

**Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,**

This is the last newsletter of the Spring term. The next newsletter will be on Friday 17th April. Please note all newsletters can be found on the school website and from April onwards each newsletter will include dates for the next academic year, 2026 to 2027.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our community the very best of wishes for Eid and hope all families celebrating today have a wonderful time with families and friends.

Thank you all for your support and help this term. It has been another really successful term with so much for us to be proud. Not least our reassessment as an OPAL Platinum school. We have been working with OPAL to deliver 'exemplary play' since 2015. This is our third Platinum award and means we qualify for the OPAL Honours award: '**elite status earned through sustained brilliance**'. Thank you to everyone in the Play Team, especially Mr Denys and Ms Jeffery.

Thank you also to all the mums, dads and carers who came along to Parents' Evenings. I was so pleased to speak with so many of you, with plenty of positive feedback on the children's learning.

Please note, Parents' Evening for Year 4 & Year 6 will take place on Tuesday 14th & Thursday 16th April - appointment times will be set up in the last week of this term.

Our two school website can be found at these addresses:

[kender.lewisham.sch.uk](http://kender.lewisham.sch.uk) and [kendernursery.lewisham.sch.uk](http://kendernursery.lewisham.sch.uk)

We still have some parents who have yet to pay the 'one off' **payment for school trips**. Next week, please pop into the school office to pay your 'one off' payment for school trips. We still have 151 payments that should be made, with the following short in each year group:

**Rec 16, Yr1 16, Yr2 14, Yr3 25, Yr4 25, Yr5 20 and Yr6 35**

I will be on the Faulkner street gate next week, and I will be in school Monday to Thursday.

Have a relaxing weekend and enjoy your Easter break when it arrives.

**Mr. Barr (Headteacher)**

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

	16/03/26	17/03/26	18/03/26	19/03/26	20/03/26	Average
<b>Rec</b>	94%	88%	94%	90%	56.9%	87%
<b>Yr 1</b>	95%	97%	98%	93%	70%	93%
<b>Yr 2</b>	88%	94%	91%	91%	68%	89%
<b>Yr 3</b>	94%	90%	96%	96%	66%	91%
<b>Yr 4</b>	100%	100%	100%	98%	69%	96%
<b>Yr 5</b>	93%	95%	97%	97%	70%	93%
<b>Yr 6</b>	97%	94%	96%	94%	75%	8
<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:** Tuesday 5th  
May

**INSET day:** Monday 20th  
July

**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...?**

**Hearing the same story lots of times – good idea / bad idea?**



### School Choir Concert at Guy's Chapel

I had the pleasure of accompanying our wonderful school choir to Guy's Chapel for a special concert this week. Two schools came together to perform, and we were also treated to classical performances by two professional musicians—all in a truly magical setting.

We even had the opportunity to enjoy a short tour of the King's College campus, which the children found fascinating. Our choir did us incredibly proud: they sang their hearts out and represented Kender immaculately.



### Easter Bake Sale – Thursday 26th March

On **Thursday 26th March**, Friends of Kender will be hosting an **Easter Bake Sale**. Yum! Please remember to bring some change at collection so your children can enjoy these delicious treats.

The PTA have also arranged for **Dr Bike** to be stationed in our Play Street (Faulkner Street). If you would like your child's bike checked over or tuned up, they will be more than happy to help – especially with our first Bike Bus fast approaching (Fri 17th April)!



Hope you have a relaxing weekend. See you on Monday!

**Mr Vinnicombe**

**Deputy Headteacher**

**Eid Mubarak to all the families celebrating today. 🌙🌟**



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

**FOK/PTA:**

**Phone number: 020 76394654**

**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.

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