

Kender Newsletter



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Friday 17th April 2026



**Monday 20th April,
Bikeability for Year Five;
all week.**



**Thursday 23rd April,
St Georges Day.**



**Thursday 30th April,
Swimming for Year Five.**



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



**Monday 11th May to
Thursday 14th May,
SATs week for Year Six.**



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

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome back! We've had a full week in school and the children have settled quickly back to their routines and are already making progress with their learning. I have had several visits from children wanting to show me the progress being made in their books. Always a highlight of my week.

I do hope you all had an opportunity to rest and spend time with families and friends over the Easter break. We have a long summer Term ahead with many exciting opportunities for all year groups. Please keep reading this newsletter and access the school website to keep up-to-date with everything that's planned.

On the back of the newsletter, and on the website too, I have added the **term dates** up to April 2027.

Next week, on Wednesday it is Earth Day and there will be a special menu on offer in the canteen. On Thursday 23rd April is St George's Day. Children can wear red or white to help celebrate this day.

Also on Wednesday the Mental Health Support Team will be in school delivering a **workshop for parents**. The theme of the workshop is: supporting children and young people with fears, worries and anxiety. Come to the main entrance, it starts at 9.00am and ends at 10.00. Please check the website for further details

<https://www.kender.lewisham.sch.uk/news/?pid=38&nid=2&storyid=384>

Over the holiday we have received our OPAL Platinum and OPAL Honours awards. I am delighted to inform you all that Kender is one of only 12 schools in the United Kingdom having achieved the honours award.

I will be on the Nursery gate next week, and I will be in school all week.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Mr. Barr (Headteacher)

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

	13/04/26	14/04/26	15/04/26	16/04/26	17/04/26	Average
Rec	88%	91%	91%	85%	89%	89%
Yr 1	86%	89%	97%	100%	94%	93%
Yr 2	91%	91%	93%	94%	93%	92%
Yr 3	94%	92%	98%	94%	94%	94%
Yr 4	96%	96%	95%	96%	97%	96%
Yr 5	92%	81%	92%	81%	93%	88%
Yr 6	90%	96%	96%	94%	97%	95%
Come on Kender! Some excellent attendance this week!						

Summer Term, 2025/26

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#4: Tuesday 5th May

INSET day#5: Monday 20th July

Autumn Term 2026

INSET day#1: Wednesday 2nd September

School re-opens to children Thursday 3rd September 2026

Half-term

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

School re-opens to children Monday 2nd November 2026

School closes to children for the Christmas break, Friday 18th December, at 2.30pm.

School re-opens to children Monday 4th January 2027

Half-term

Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

School re-opens to children Monday 22nd February 2027

School closes to children for the Easter break, Thursday 25th March, at 2.30pm.

School re-opens to children Monday 12th April 2027

INSET day#2 & #3: still to confirm

INSET day#4: Monday 21st July 2027

INSET day#5: Tuesday 22nd July 2027

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 visit the moon or the bottom of the ocean?



A Fantastic Start Back to School

The children have settled back into school amazingly well—it's been wonderful to see them working so hard, as if they haven't been away at all. Year 5 have been on two educational visits this week, and I know they greatly enjoyed visiting both the synagogue and the Tower of London. They returned buzzing from both trips, which really highlights how important educational visits are in bringing learning to life.

New Cross Bike Bus

It was a real joy to ride along as part of the New Cross Bike Bus this morning. It was fantastic to see so many children and adults cycling to school together. Our PTA, *Friends of Kender*, have done an amazing job organising this event—not just for Kender, but for two other local schools as well.

If you're interested in joining the next Bike Bus, it will take place **next Friday**, meeting at **Fordham Park at 08:30**. It would be great to see you there!

Have a great weekend. See you on Monday.

Mr Vinnicombe



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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