

Kender Newsletter



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Friday 8th May 2026



Good luck Millwall.



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



Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May, School closed for half-term.

School re-opens: Monday 1st June.



Tuesday 2nd June 2026, Governor Day.



Wednesday 10th June 2026, at Goldsmiths.



Thursday 11th June 2026, International Day of Play

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

A short week in school this week. Very well done to all year groups for maintaining strong attendance this week, despite the longer weekend.

In terms of school attendance, there is a strong link between regular attendance and achievement in school. The more children are in school the better chance they have of making good progress. Please keep sending your children to school...

I am pleased to inform you all that the children in Year Six are ready for their SATs tests. These take place across the whole of next week and are a very important measure for both the children, parents and the school too. I am really pleased with the Year Six Team and how they have supported the children this year. I am confident all of the children will do their very best next week.

In the main office we're ready for next week too. The Local Authority organise monitoring visits to check we are administering all tests as set out in the guidance. We're confident we're on track with these arrangements too.

Thank you for sending the children dressed for play. School Council are looking more widely at school uniform and we will be sending out a Parent Survey at the start of next week (Monday 11th May). The survey will include questions about uniform and how this might evolve at Kender.

Yesterday evening governors met as part of the Standards & Curriculum committee. At the meeting our updated Teaching and Learning policy was approved. This can now be found on the school website. Please find time to read through the documents, we are really pleased with how they have been developed. Please use this link:

<https://www.kender.lewisham.sch.uk/page/?title=Teaching+%26amp%3B+Learning&pid=155>

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

Have a relaxing weekend.

Mr. Barr (Headteacher)

	04/05/26	05/05/26	06/05/26	07/05/26	08/05/26	Average
Rec			92%	82%	88%	87%
Yr 1			98%	96%	100%	98%
Yr 2			96%	99%	100%	98%
Yr 3			94%	96%	92%	94%
Yr 4			96%	91%	97%	95%
Yr 5			96%	97%	97%	97%
Yr 6			98%	94%	94%	95%
Come on Kender! All over 95% next week...! Almost there, come on Rec & Yr3.						

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: Wednesday 21st July 2027

INSET day#5: Thursday 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 hear the rain on the window or the wind in the trees?



Biggest Bike Bus Yet?

We had a small turnout for Fordham Park this morning, but the Bike Bus just kept growing as we picked up more and more riders along the route! It was fantastic to see so many Kender families joining us, especially outside All Saints Church, where we were joined by children scooting and walking too.

Next Friday, we will be meeting at **Bridgehouse Meadow**, and it promises to be a big event as we will be linking with the "A Million Acts of Hope" project, who will be joining us to take photos and film the Bike Bus. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible!

Year 6 SATs Week

We are incredibly proud of the effort being made by our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for their SATs. SATs will take place during the week beginning **Monday 11th May**:

- **Monday 11th May**
English Grammar Paper 1: Questions (45 minutes)
English Grammar Paper 2: Spelling (approximately 15 minutes)
- **Tuesday 12th May**
English Reading Paper (1 hour)
- **Wednesday 13th May**
Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes)
Maths Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes)
- **Thursday 14th May**
Maths Paper 3: Reasoning (40 minutes)

Breakfast Club During SATs Week

To help children feel calm, prepared, and ready for their assessments, we will be running a **free Breakfast Club** for Year 6 children each morning during SATs week from **08:15**.

Children are warmly encouraged to come into school early to enjoy breakfast with their friends in a relaxed and supportive environment before the tests begin.

Have a great weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mr Vinnicombe

Deputy Headteacher



If you have any concerns please contact the school office.

Phone number: 020 76394654

FoK/PTA:

Can you help us make this year's summer fair the best yet?

If you have a skill, a talent or resources that could help us, please come and say hello to Mr Denys, Mrs Kennedy, Ms Lamb, Ms Bell-Hall, Ms Burrell, Faye (parent Yr1 & 4), Mary (parent yr 3&5) or Primrose (parent yr 1 & 4). We need your help!

**Keep the date free: Kenderbury: Friday 26th June 2026
'Kender Goes Wild'**