

# Kender Newsletter



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Friday 15th May 2026



**Tuesday 19th May 2026,  
Happy Shoes Day,  
Walk-to-School Week.**



**Monday 25th May to  
Friday 29th May,  
School closed for half-  
term.  
School re-opens:**



**Tuesday 2nd June 2026,  
Governor Day.**



**Monday 8th June 2026,  
swimming for Yr4; Wilson  
class.**



**Wednesday 10th June  
2026, at Goldsmiths.**



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

**Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,**

The children have been enjoying access to Forest School at lunchtimes this week. We have been working on this plan for sometime because children have responded to surveys requesting more time in Forest School. So far it has been a real success and could be something we organise again. There was an incident involving a pigeon in the copse. This was reported by some children who responded very sensibly and some children even enacted a funeral service for this creature. On the same day another pigeon was discovered trapped outside the Year Four classroom; this was saved and released by the premises manager.

Via email, we have sent all **parents/carers a survey** about perspectives of school. Please take time to complete this survey, it is always very helpful for us to see direct responses from parents. We will take the figures and add pertinent data to the School Improvement Plan, which will assist us in shaping our focus over the next couple of years.

Yesterday evening governors met as part of the Wellbeing & Safeguarding committee. At the meeting our updated Behaviour policy was approved, which can now be found on the school website. Also approved: Anti-Bullying Policy, Suspensions and Exclusion Policy and Behaviour Principles. All can now be found on the school website. For a full list a school policies please use this link:

Well done to all children and families this week. Since the Easter break we have been having much improved attendance at school. The figures below show how this has been Improving. We do understand children will be unwell from time-to-time and some of you do need to travel to support families when crises arise. However, we do want children in school everyday and know it's the best place for them.

Congratulations and well done to Mr Denys and the our **Kender Travel Ambassadors**, we have achieved **Gold Standard for TfL Active Travel**. Watch out for Walk to School Week, everyday next week...and **Happy Shoes Day** on Tuesday.

Have a relaxing weekend.  
**Mr. Barr (Headteacher)**

## Keep the date free: Kenderbury/Summer Fair: Friday 26th June 2026 'Kender Goes Wild'

	11/05/26	12/05/26	13/05/26	14/05/26	15/05/26	Average
<b>Rec</b>	95%	95%	91%	97%	94%	94%
<b>Yr 1</b>	100%	96%	94%	96%	91%	95%
<b>Yr 2</b>	97%	97%	98%	91%	91%	95%
<b>Yr 3</b>	98%	96%	95%	96%	94%	96%
<b>Yr 4</b>	88%	91%	92%	93%	90%	91%
<b>Yr 5</b>	95%	87%	95%	97%	92%	93%
<b>Yr 6</b>	99%	97%	97%	96%	100%	98%
<b>Come on Kender! All over 95% next week...!</b>						

### 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 be the boss of a zoo or the boss of a school?



### Year 6 SATs – Well Done!

A massive well done to all of our Year 6 children for completing their SATs assessments this week. We are incredibly proud of them—they have worked so hard all year and approached the week with determination and resilience.

They will now turn their focus to their writing, preparing for the transition to secondary school, and enjoying the many end-of-year celebrations ahead, including their leavers' ball, graduation, and production.

I would also like to thank all of the staff involved. SATs week is a significant undertaking, and everyone worked incredibly hard to ensure it was a smooth and successful experience for our Year 6 children.

### Bike Bus & A Million Acts of Hope

The Bike Bus linked with the "A Million Acts of Hope" project today, which was a really inspiring experience. A big thank you to *Friends of Kender* for continuing to champion the Bike Bus—I have really enjoyed riding alongside the children each week!

Next week, we will be back at **Fordham Park**—see you there.

Have a great weekend.

### 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!

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