

Kender Newsletter



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Friday 5th June 2026



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



Wednesday 10th June
2026, at Goldsmiths.



Thursday 11th June 2026,
International Day of Play



Friday 26th June 2026,
Kender Goes Wild



Thursday 9th July 2026,
Year 6 Graduation &
Performance



Friday 17th July 2026,
End of term, school closes
at 2.30pm

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome back to what is the last half-term of this academic year. There are many, many exciting things ahead and we're hoping to make this a fantastic final term of the year. We start next week with two events: Sports Day and International Day of Play.

Please join us for **Sports Day** at Goldsmiths. Everything starts at 10am, and you're all welcome to be there. Fingers crossed for good weather...

On Thursday 11th June it is **International Day of Play**. All children can come to school: Dressed for Play. From 8 o'clock in the morning the playground will be open for children and parents to come along and play (parents you will need to stay with your child or children until 8.45).

From 3pm, parents can pop into school to watch a film about PLAY.

From 3.30 the playground will be open for families to play together. Afterwards, our **Play Street** will be open until 4.30 for children and families to enjoy more time playing together. Parents/carers you will need to stay with your children and supervise them while on the Play Street.

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. So far we've had 19 responses.

Congratulations and well done to Mr Denys and our **Kender Travel Ambassadors: Gold Award.**

Have a relaxing weekend. I will be in school Monday to Thursday and attending the Lewisham Education Conference on Friday.

Mr. Barr (Headteacher)

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

Raffle tickets on sale! £1 per ticket, top prize an iPad.

	01/06/26	02/06/26	03/06/26	04/06/26	05/06/26	Average
Rec	90%	88%	94%	89%	94%	91%
Yr 1	87%	85%	90%	90%	93%	89%
Yr 2	90%	97%	94%	94%	91%	93%
Yr 3	100%	96%	94%	97%	94%	96%
Yr 4	91%	93%	93%	96%	93%	93%
Yr 5	100%	100%	100%	97%	97%	99%
Yr 6	90%	91%	99%	100%	94%	95%
Come on Kender! Excellent Year 5! All over 95% next 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: 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...?

Mirrors - good idea or bad idea?



Governors' Day

On Tuesday, we welcomed our governors into school for **Governors' Day**. We began with a school walk, spending time in classrooms with a particular focus on **challenge**. We also looked together at our new **Teaching and Learning Policy**, supporting documents, and one-page summaries of effective teaching. Thank you to all our amazing governors for the time, commitment, and hard work they put into making Kender such a fantastic school.

Bike & Wheel Bus Update

It was once again a real pleasure to ride along with the Bike Bus this morning — a real highlight of my week. As we move into next half term, the Bike Bus will continue with a few small changes to make it even more inclusive. We'll now be running **one shorter route**, meeting at **Bridgehouse Meadow**, and rebranding as the **Bike and Wheel Bus** to welcome scooters, walkers and joggers alongside bikes. Everyone is welcome, and we travel at a gentle pace. Next week is **National Bike Week**, and we're hoping for a big turnout for a "mega" **Bike & Wheel Bus on Friday 12th June**. It would be great to see you there.

Sports Day – Wednesday 10th June

A reminder that **Sports Day** will take place next week on **Wednesday 10th June** at **Goldsmiths' College Green**. All parents are very welcome to come along and walk with your child's class. Sports Day is always a real highlight in the school calendar, and I'm very much looking forward to it—even if the weather is looking a little unpredictable! Please remember to send children in with **packed lunches, water bottles, hats and sun cream**, or alternatively a **light rain jacket**, just in case.

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:

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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