

Kender Newsletter



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Friday 12th June 2026



**Monday 15th June to
Thursday 18th June,
3.30pm to 4pm**



**Tuesday 23rd June 2026,
Reception Sports Day**



**Wednesday 24th June 2026,
Nursery Fun Day**



**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,

I think that was the best **Sports Day** ever!

It was certainly the best Parent Teacher Race ever! Thank you, and praise goes to Mr Brailey for his organisation; Mr Vinnicombe too; Sports Day was amazing! I have said a big well done to the children, who competed with determination, a desire to win, all whilst embodying Kender Values.

Similar thanks to all of you, the parents and carers. So many of you gave up work or re-organised your week to help cheer and support the children. I could see how much the children enjoyed your encouragement. Thank you to everyone who made Sports Day happen. Perfect weather too...we had faith!

On Thursday 11th June it was **International Day of Play**. From feedback the longer play sessions in the morning and afternoon were hits. We'll organise other days like this. Look out for further details...

We have our Book Fair in school from Monday to Thursday next week. Every purchase helps the school.

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. So far we've had 56 responses. I'll be sharing some outcomes with governors this Wednesday.

The World Cup is underway. We appreciate this will be a very exciting event for many children at Kender. Equally, we are aware that lots of the matches are being screened at difficult times in the day. If you know that your family will be watching at some of these times please let us know, in case this impacts your child at school.

Have a relaxing weekend. Next week, I will be in school Tuesday to Thursday.

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.

	08/06/26	09/06/26	10/06/26	11/06/26	12/06/26	Average
Rec	94%	88%	86%	91%	88%	89%
Yr 1	98%	98%	94%	98%	98%	97%
Yr 2	94%	94%	94%	91%	97%	94%
Yr 3	100%	92%	98%	100%	94%	97%
Yr 4	94%	96%	91%	95%	95%	94%
Yr 5	100%	95%	92%	95%	90%	95%
Yr 6	90%	90%	96%	96%	94%	93%
Come on Kender! Yr1 & Yr3 leading the way... 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...?

Which is more important: fairness or freedom?



Sports Day Success

It was so wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves at Sports Day this week. They all took part in the right spirit—showing determination, teamwork and a great sense of fun as they competed and tried their very best. A big thank you to all the parents who came along to support and helped walk children to and from the event—it really made the day even more special. I don't think I've ever seen so many parents take part in the parents' race—what a fantastic moment!

A huge thank you must also go to Coach Perry for organising such a memorable and seamless day.

International Day of Play

Yesterday, we celebrated International Day of Play with assemblies, extended playtimes, and the opportunity for parents to join their children in the playground and on our Play Street (Faulkner Street). It was another truly joyful occasion, filled with laughter and shared experiences of play.

Thank you to Ms Jeffery for her hard work in organising yet another amazing event for our children.

Bike Bus Update

The Bike Bus is still going strong! We had a great turnout this morning and were even joined by Lewisham's Active Travel Champion and two local councillors.

If you would like to join the Bike Bus, we meet every Friday at 08:30 at Bridgehouse Meadow—it would be great to see you there

Have a great weekend, 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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