

Kender Newsletter



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Friday 26th June 2026



Friday 3rd July 2026,
Kender Goes Wild



Wednesday 24th June 2026,
Nursery Fun Day



Tuesday 7th July, am:
Reception Sports Day



Thursday 9th July 2026,
Year 6 Graduation &
Performance.

School Reports sent
home, with letter about
class teachers for
2026/27.



Tuesday 14th July 2026:
Summer Exhibition



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

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Next week, it is going to cooler!!!

Thank you all for your support and patience this week. I have thanked and praised staff for their care and calm over the week. The children have been amazing! It has been a very difficult week.

I have written an article on the school website about the Free School Meal Holiday vouchers. These are coming to an end because the national funding scheme has ended. Here is a section from the article:

The FSM voucher scheme, which has provided financial support to eligible families during school holidays, was funded by the Government's Household Support Fund. Although the funding ended on 31 March 2026, Lewisham continued to fund vouchers for the Easter and May half-term holidays.

Unfortunately, Lewisham Council will no longer be able to provide these vouchers. This isn't a council or school decision, the funding that paid for the vouchers has ended nationally.

For more support and assistance over the summer please visit the school website and access the potential support.

<https://www.kender.lewisham.sch.uk/news/?pid=38&nid=2&storyid=387>

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, incase this impacts your child at school. Next week, starts our own World Cup Tournament. We are excited for all the children who wish to take part. We'll keep you updated on the progress of matches...

On Wednesday we held our final meeting of the Governing Body for this academic year. Please check the school website, all updated policies can be found here, which include: Pupil Premium Strategy, Complaints, Mobile Phone Policy and, recently we updated our Behaviour Policy too.

Kenderbury: Let's Go Wild is almost here. We are now looking forward to a cooler Kenderbury (already a very cool event!!!). Your tickets remain valid for next Friday. Tickets are, I think, sold out, but there might be a few returns due to the postponement; we'll keep you posted. Come along next Friday, it is now on Friday 3rd July, to have fun and enjoy being part of our wonderful community. There is still time to buy raffle tickets, offer to help on a stall and bring items for our tombola...

Please check other key dates on this newsletter...and remember the exhibition on Tuesday 14th July. One last reminder: **Nursery closes to all children from Monday**. Those children joining our reception class in September will return to school on Wednesday. Please check messages and reminders.

Have a relaxing and cooler weekend. Enjoy the match on Saturday...

Next week, I will be in school Tuesday, Wednesday pm, Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Barr (Headteacher)

Keep the date free: Kenderbury/Summer Fair: Friday 3rd July 2026
'Kender Goes Wild'

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

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 play a drum or a flute?



Training Update – Martyn's Law

This week, Ms Luxmoore (our fantastic School Business Manager) and I attended training on **Martyn's Law**. As a result, we will be reviewing our **lockdown, evacuation, and invacuation procedures** to ensure they are as robust and up to date as possible. We will share further updates with you in the autumn term—watch this space.

Kenderbury – Friday 3rd July

I cannot wait for **Kender Goes Wild at Kenderbury** on **Friday 3rd July**—and thankfully, it looks like it will be a little cooler! This is always one of the highlights of the year, and it's shaping up to be another fantastic event. Please don't forget to purchase your **raffle tickets** if you haven't already—some brilliant **new prizes** have been added, including:

- 2 tickets to the Cutty Sark
- £50 Mama Dough voucher
- £50 Connie's Pizza voucher
- A family ticket to Tower Bridge
- Two £100 Love2Shop vouchers
- A mini scooter
- A brand new iPad

Wow! I'll definitely be getting some tickets ASAP!

Bike Bus Reminder

Unfortunately, the bike bus was cancelled due to the heat today but the **Bike Bus will be back next Friday**, meeting at **08:30 at Bridgehouse Meadow**. It would be great to see you there!

I hope you have a cool and relaxing weekend and manage to avoid the heat. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Mr Vinnicombe



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!

Next week: Kenderbury: Friday 3rd July 2026
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