

Kender Newsletter



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Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

This is the last newsletter of the school year. Please make a note of all the key dates for the autumn term and following school year; they are all on the back of this newsletter.

It has been really successful year in school. We still await our SATs results, which have been delayed through 'issues with marking' via the DfE. In terms of Phonics and Multiplication Tables Tests we have made further improvements:

Phonics: 2025 74%; 2026 89%; National is 82%
MTP, average score: 2025 20; 2026 22; National is 22.

We have reviewed our policy in relation to Mobile Phones. By way of background, the government has introduced guidance which encourages all schools to introduce rules which prohibit the use of phones at school, to help children focus on their education, and the friends and staff around them. The guidance may be found at the following link: [Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/mobile-phones-in-schools) The guidance sets out that there will be some limited cases where children should be exempt from the rules for medical reasons, or because they have special educational needs and/or disabilities. This will include situations where, for example, a diabetic child may need to use their phone as a monitoring device, as required by the Equality Act 2010. For parents/carers of children in Year five & Six please be aware of this change. The full policy can be found on the school website:

<https://www.kender.lewisham.sch.uk/news/?pid=38&nid=2&storyid=389>

This week we have sent home a letter with your child's report. The letter sets out some of the key information required for September. Please note the first day of the Autumn term in Thursday 3rd September. I have put the letter on the school website.

Key dates for next week:

Tuesday 14th July: school exhibition, straight after school from 3.30.

Wednesday 15th July: own clothes day, Meet the Teacher, class Parties
Friday 17th July: own clothes day, Yr6 leavers assembly, school closes at 2.30pm

Also, next week is set to be another really hot week, please keep sending children to school with sunscreen already applied. They have water bottles and we will ensure there is time allowed for extra drinks of water. And a good night of sleep always helps. We encourage children to wear loose clothing, their PE kits are ideal. We will keep you posted if the weather is set to rise in temperatures. At the moment temperatures are not set to rise above 30° on any day next week, so we expect school to be fully open on each day.

Kender Instagram account: please follow us to keep track of things happening in school.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuing support, encouragement, good spirit and general care for all things Kender. We do all now need a rest! The children and staff have been amazing this year and must spend time away from school to properly re-charge before starting back to school in September. I do hope you all manage some form of break or holiday however you spend it.

In the meantime, everyone at Kender wishes the very best for Ms Bell-Hall and her summer wedding. We look forward to welcoming her back to Kender as Mrs Morris.

Enjoy your weekend, and the big match!

Mr. Barr (Headteacher)



Tuesday 14th July 2026:
Summer Exhibition



Wednesday 15th July 2026:
Meet the Teacher



Wednesday 15th July 2026:
Class Parties



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



Thursday 3rd September
2026,
New school years starts.



September will be...

Spanish
September

With Spanish week on
Monday 21st September.

School closes to children for the summer break, Friday 17th July, at 2.30pm.

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 1.30pm.

INSET day#2 Monday 3rd January 2027

School re-opens to children Tuesday 5th 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 1.30pm.

INSET day#3 Monday 12th April 2027

School re-opens to children Tuesday 13th April 2027

Half-term

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

School re-opens to children Monday 7th June 2027

School closes to children for the Summer break, Tuesday 20th July, at 1.30pm.

INSET day#4: Wednesday 21st July 2027

INSET day#5: Thursday 22nd July 2027

Autumn Term 2027

INSET day#1: Wednesday 1st September

School re-opens to children Thursday 2nd September 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 a referee or a commentator?



Year 6 Production and Graduation

Wow! What an incredible performance Year 6 gave in their production of *Matilda* yesterday evening. They were all absolutely amazing and we are so proud of their superb performing skills. It was a wonderful evening, very well attended by families and friends, and a fitting celebration of all that the children have achieved during their time at Kender.

The evening also included the presentation of graduation certificates, as well as some special awards recognising outstanding progress and commitment to our Kender Values. It really was a fantastic occasion and one that I know the children will remember for years to come.

As we come to the end of another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a fantastic summer. I hope it is restful, relaxing, and filled with happy memories.

I would also like to thank our amazing staff for all of their hard work, dedication, and commitment this year. It has been a really successful year for Kender, and that is down to the efforts of the entire school community.

I look forward to seeing everyone back in the new academic year. Before then, I might see some of you on the **last Bike Bus of the year next week!**

Have a great weekend and a wonderful summer.

Mr Vinnicombe

Deputy Headteacher



If you have any concerns please contact the school office.

Phone number: 020 76394654

FoK/PTA:

First Monday in September.

Monday 7th September at 4.30pm.

The year gone & the year ahead for FoK/PTA.