

Kender Newsletter



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Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It has been a great start to the learning week. Really impressed with how well the children have settled in their new classes.

Thank you to the mums and Dads who attended the Meet the Headteacher meetings. To further aid good communication, each week we will keep listing key events for the month ahead. Please add dates to your diaries.

September:

Nursery re-opens: Monday 14th September

Clubs: all clubs start week beginning Monday 14th September

Secondary Transfer & School Journey: Monday 14th September, 5pm

Car Free Day/Play Street Day: Friday 18th September

Spanish Week: Monday 21st September

Open Morning#1: Thursday 24th September, 09.15

Spanish Week: Monday 21st September

Spanish Week: starts on Monday 21st September with events happening across the week, please check the school website: <https://www.kender.lewisham.sch.uk/news/?pid=38&nid=2>

Monday 21 September – Flamenco Fiesta: KS2 Dance Workshops; Years 3 to 6; we are asking all children to donate £3 towards the cost of this workshop.

Tuesday 22 – Thursday 24 September – Spanish Activities. Friday 25 September – Access to Health Community Event.

Allergies

Some of you may be aware that the law regarding the management of allergies and anaphylaxis in schools changed recently. **As a result, with effect from Monday 14 September 2026, we will be unable to accept any food at all for party bags.** This is in order to ensure that children with allergies both diagnosed and undiagnosed can be kept safe and that we comply with the law.

This is also a reminder that packed lunches must not contain nuts.

Many thanks

Mr. Barr (Headteacher)



Monday 14th September
2026:

Nursery re-opens



**Wednesday 16th
September 2026:
School Exhibition**



September will be...

Spanish
September

With Spanish week on
Monday 21st September.



Friday 23rd October, last day of this half-term.

All of Yr6 should have their Secondary Transfer forms completed and submitted today.

	07/09/26	08/09/26	09/09/26	10/09/26	11/09/26	Average
Rec	97%	95%	98%	91%	87%	94%
Yr 1	80%	91%	84%	74%	74%	83%
Yr 2	94%	96%	94%	94%	95%	95%
Yr 3	86%	94%	97%	97%	94%	95%
Yr 4	89%	92%	88%	90%	86%	89%
Yr 5	91%	93%	95%	98%	98%	94%
Yr 6	96%	97%	95%	95%	89%	95%
	Keep it going Kender...! Great to see so many of you in school.					

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.**

Spring Term 2026

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.**

Summer Term 2026

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...?

Be a bad winner or a good loser?



A Few Reminders

A reminder to our **Year 6 families** that the **Secondary Transfer and School Journey Meeting** will take place on **Monday 14th September at 5:00pm**. This is an important meeting where we will share key information about the secondary transfer process and next year's residential trip.

Phonics Meeting for Reception and Year 1 Parents

Miss Lamb, our Phonics Lead, will be holding a **phonics meeting for Reception and Year 1 parents** on **Tuesday 15th September**, straight after school. This will be a great opportunity to find out more about how phonics is taught at Kender and how you can support your child's reading at home.

Bike Bus Update

We had a really big Bike Bus this morning, and it truly is one of the highlights of my week! It has been fantastic to see so many families joining us and travelling to school together.

Please do come along next week. We will be meeting at **Bridgehouse Meadow at 8:30am on Friday**, and we will be joined by **Dr Will Norman, London's Walking and Cycling Commissioner**. Let's make it the biggest and best Bike Bus yet!

Have a great weekend. See you all on Monday!

Mr Vinnicombe

Deputy Headteacher



If you have any concerns please contact the school office.

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FoK/PTA:

Let's get together soon...watch this space...