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23rd October 2026

Kender Newsletter

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Friday 23rd October, last day of this half-term.
School re-opens on Monday 2nd November.

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



FoK/PTA

Winter Fair

Saturday 21st November.



Parents' Evening:
Tuesday 24th November.



Individual Photos
Wednesday 25th November.



Parents' Evening:
Thursday 26th November.

	19/10/26	20/10/26	21/10/26	22/10/26	23/10/26	Average
Rec	92%	88%	84%	94%	77%	
Yr 1	**95%**	**97%**	**97%**	**97%**	80%	
Yr 2	90%	89%	94%	93%	82%	
Yr 3	**97%**	**100%**	**99%**	94%	86%	
Yr 4	90%	92%	94%	94%	85%	
Yr 5	94%	93%	90%	94%	88%	
Yr 6	92%	90%	92%	94%	90%	
	Friday, we need to see you all in school like everyday! The rain has put you off!!					

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,
We have reached the end of the first half-term of this school year. Even though we are all ready for a rest, it has been a really good term, with lots to celebrate. In school this year, we are focussing on our new Teaching & Learning policy. Since September we have been thinking about **modelling** and from after half-term this will change to feedback.

To start this focus here is some feedback we have received this week:
Open Morning: 'tour by the Yr6 children…insightful..first hand experience…they love it here and it shows.'
'Introduction I found informative compared to other schools.'

100% ticked the satisfied or better box.

Year Six have been away this week, which provided Yr5 with their big opportunity. I spoke with them all on Monday and reminded them that they would be our Yr6 this week. I am delighted to inform you all that they have stepped up to the challenge. In every respect they have been excellent. We even had a gentlemen praising their respect and courtesy on the train during their trip on Tuesday. Thank you and well done Yr6(5).

School trips: we have kept this payment the same for this year. It is £50 for the year, or £36 if you are entitled to Free School Meals. The payments can be made in two instalments, and Yr6 if you pay for School Journey in full the trips payment is free. **We will set up a payment station at Parents' Evening.**

Parent Governor: nominations have now closed. Juliana Goncalves da Silva will be our new Parent Governor. Jorge Romero will continue as our Co-opted Community Governor. We look forward to welcoming Juliana to our governing board.

Have a lovely half-term break! We'll see you back in school on Monday 2nd November - 8.45 to 9.00am…after the clocks have gone back…

Mr. Barr (Headteacher)

Dates in November:
Open Morning#4: Thursday 12th November
Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 24th & Thursday 26th November

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 4th 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 P.E. can sometimes vary so please ensure your child has their P.E. kit on a Monday and takes it home on a Friday.

Would you rather...?

Would you rather meet the Gruffalo or the Three Bears?

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Ukraine partnership

We're delighted to have set up a new partnership with a school in Ukraine, offering our children the opportunity to connect with their Ukrainian peers on a project that celebrates the joy of reading. Through the British Council's UK-Ukraine School Partnerships programme, which is funded by the UK Government, we've teamed up with **Chortkiv Lyceum No 1** named after Markiyan Shashkevych to collaborate on art and literacy.

Together, we'll explore how reading and art can broaden horizons, build confidence, and enhance mental wellbeing. Children in Year 5 had their first zoom meeting with the our partner school in Ukraine on Wednesday which we have posted on instagram.

Thank you, Ms McCaffrey

Year 6 School Journey Please check out our Instagram account: @KenderSchool

Take a look at the pictures. I would suggest they've had a great time!! Mr Vinnicombe will be back after half term...



If you have any concerns please contact the school office.

Phone number: 020 76394654

FoK/PTA:

Fancy Dress Disco - Thursday 5th November

3.45 to 5pm

Yrs Rec to Yr6

Winter Fair, Saturday 21st November, 11 to 2pm

Parents who want a stall at the Winter Fair for your own business:

- please inform the school office asap, and before half term
- each stall will be £20