

# KENN C OF E NEWSLETTER

## January 2026

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - NSPCC Number Day - non-uniform Rock Stars

Tues 10<sup>th</sup>, Tues 24<sup>th</sup>, Tues Forest School Year 4 (missed sessions)

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - Class 4 Evacuation Day

Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - last day of term  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Inset training day for staff

Thur 26<sup>th</sup> Feb - R and Yr 6 - National Child Measurement Programme

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - Child Pedestrian Safety Training

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day - book fayre and dressing up

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> March - Yr 4 football comp

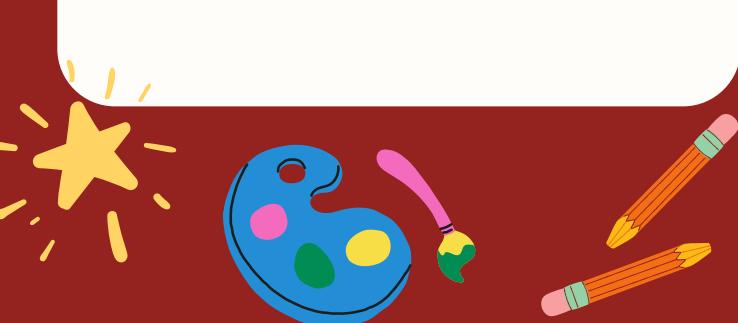
Class 4 Parent Meeting for the Residential (Sept 26) 3:30pm

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March - MED Theatre Visit



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## A Joyful January

A happy January to all of our families at Kenn Church of England Primary School.

Welcome to this half-term's Joyful January newsletter. We have certainly had a wet and windy start to the year, but there is so much to look back on and celebrate.

Our Christmas activities were great fun, and the children were fantastic throughout the festive period. A particular highlight for me was the Talent Show, where so many of our pupils bravely stood up in front of the school — and our very lovely judges from the School Council — to showcase their talents. A special well done to Harry, who took first prize with his unique magic act, which had everyone trying to work out exactly how his card trick worked!

This term, we have also introduced personal reading targets and rewards across the school to further encourage a love of reading. It has been wonderful to see the children so motivated and enthusiastic about reaching their goals and celebrating their progress.

Looking ahead, we are incredibly excited about our upcoming Key Stage 2 production of *The Lion King*. The children are already buzzing with excitement and are eager to begin thinking about what promises to be a truly memorable performance. Please put **Wednesday 22nd July** in your diary — this is the date of the show, which will take place as an early evening event at Teignmouth Community School, where we will be performing in the auditorium.

As always, we love to share the children's voices, and here are a few reflections on school life from our pupils:

"Accelerated Reader is really good for encouraging children to read, especially the word count and having a personal target to work towards. I am reading *The Danger Gang* by Tom Fletcher; people get struck by green lightning and then they have magical powers."

Benjamin, Year 6

"I am so excited for the Lion King — we may see someone from Disney and we will be acting out the story, which will be so much fun."

Essie, Year 4

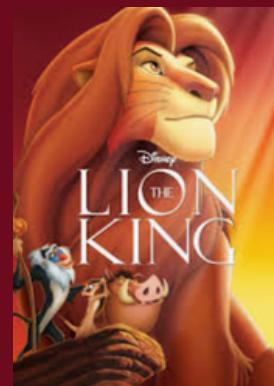
"The PE is really physical at school and Mr Tyrrell is really nice to us when we make mistakes."

Summer and Jasper, Year 4

As we move towards the half-term break and beyond, please take note of the important dates and information included in this newsletter. Thank you, as always, for your continued support — we look forward to all that the coming weeks will bring.

Warm wishes,

Lorraine Curry



# Christmas at Kenn

It is lovely to look back and reflect on what a wonderful Christmas we had here at Kenn. We enjoyed a superb performance at the church, with feats of singing, dancing and readings that helped us think joyfully about the true meaning of Christmas and why this time of year is so special.

The final week was full of excitement, with Talent Show performances and our Christmas dinner, which was truly amazing this year. A huge thank you to the PTA, who organised and ran the two discos for the children — they were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

It really was a wonderful time for us all at school.



## Church Festivities

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the church for our lovely Christmas celebration.



## School Council

The School Council organised and ran a successful cake sale to raise funds for Children's Hospice South West. The children raised an impressive £82.50, bringing us closer to our annual fundraising target of £350.

Well done to all the pupils who helped advertise the event, sell the cakes, and carefully count the donations. A huge thank you to our Kenn parents for supplying such marvellous cakes to sell. It was a fantastic team effort and a great success — thank you to everyone who supported the event.



## Always Club



Well done to our Always Club Winners for the Autumn Term. They were chosen by their teachers for consistently doing the right thing and being the best version of themselves.

We are looking forward to a cinema visit later this term as their reward. Our Friday postcards and the house point system are working really well, and we are incredibly proud of the children at Kenn, whose positive behaviour is always commented on when we have visitors to the school.

## World Book Day events

We are looking forward to another fun-filled day in March as we celebrate World Book Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character, or alternatively they may bring in a special item from their favourite book if they would prefer not to dress up this year. For example, they could bring a wand if Harry Potter is their favourite story. If possible, please also send their book in on the day.

We will be hosting an Usborne Book Fayre which will launch a sponsored read event which we will be promoting very soon. The more we raise, the more books we will be able to win for the school — very exciting!

In addition to the events on the day, we have also booked a theatre visit to celebrate stories and reading. A huge thank you to the PTA for supporting the cost of this visit for the children. MED Theatre have produced a show in collaboration with Libraries Unlimited that is perfect for touring to schools and local libraries. They would love to share this story with as many young people in Devon and think it would be a lovely way to celebrate World Book Day in March 2026 for schools. We are excited to let you know that they will be visiting Kenn Primary School for a whole school performance on Monday 16th March 2026.

*Locked in the Library* is an original show featuring some well-known book characters that aims to encourage young readers and prove that libraries are a place of fun, exploration, and joy.

*Mia got caught up reading one of her favourite books in the corner of the library, but when she realises it has gotten dark outside, it's too late... she's locked in!*

*Join Mia as she meets lots of interesting characters in her attempt to escape the building, and the possibility of being stuck in the world of books forever.*

<https://amzn.eu/29pnNjU>

# Important Dates



## Residential Parent Consultations NSPCC Number Day

We have some important dates that I would like to particularly highlight.

Parent consultations will take place on **Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th March**.

We are also holding a parent meeting for families of pupils in our current Year 4 and Year 5 cohorts. As the residential visit for this group will take place in September for Class 4, we are keen to share information early and hope you will be able to join us to find out more about this exciting opportunity.

The residential for Class 4 will be at Great Potheridge House, and the dates are **Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th September**. This will be an action-packed visit, and we will be sending further information very soon regarding the final cost, which will be approximately £200 per child. We have worked hard to keep this as cost-effective as possible, including transporting the children to and from the venue using the school minibuses.

We will also be setting up a payment plan on Arbor shortly, allowing families to pay in instalments if that is easier. If any parents have concerns about the cost, please do not hesitate to contact me at school so we can discuss this confidentially.

The parent information meeting will take place at **3:30pm on Monday 9th March**, and we will be joined by Alistair Rice, the trip leader, who will explain the wonderful opportunities the children will enjoy during the visit.

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Our NSPCC Number Day will take place on **Friday 6th February**. Please refer to the earlier email for full details. On this day, children are invited to dress up as rock stars as we challenge ourselves with fun and exciting maths activities throughout the school.



# Number Day 2026

## Number Day

Join us for Number Day 2026! Any school or nursery across the UK can take part in our annual maths fundraising day on Friday 6 February 2026.

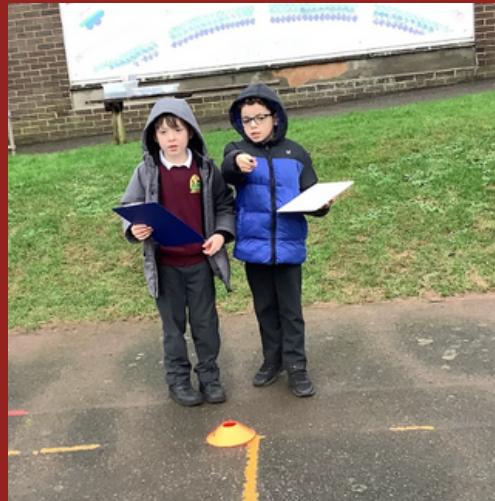
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# PE Impact Day

Pupils across the school enjoyed a PE Impact Day with Mr Jack Baxter. The children developed a wide range of skills, including teamwork, communication, problem-solving and resilience, as they worked together to crack codes using compass directions and clues. It was a brilliant and highly engaging day, and the children gained so much from the experience.

Mason and Henry from Class 4 said they thought the day was “fantastic fun”.



## A Prayer for Courage

Dear God,

**Thank you for being with us every day.**

**Please help us to be brave when things feel hard,  
to try our best even when we are unsure,  
and to help one another with kindness and care.**

**Amen.**



## Attendance Reminder

**Thank you to everyone for your continued support with attendance. At Kenn we are seeing a positive improvement, and we really appreciate the effort families are making to ensure children are in school. Every day counts—being in school regularly helps children to learn more, feel more confident, and build strong friendships.**

**Well done to all the children who achieved 100% attendance last term and were awarded a prize and certificate. We are incredibly proud of them, and we hope that we see even more pupils achieve this or increase their attendance figure for the Spring Term.**